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		Inside the White House, officials employ a daily dance of trying to ease, gently nudge and flatter Trump into shilling his workdays. Make no mistake (and lots of people do): Trump believes as fervently in tariffs and his approach as he does in any topic he's ever pursued. His team has all bought in on the idea of using more tariffs. But the details of how to employ them, and when, vary widely.			
Behind the Curtain: The art of persuading Trump	Trump Bullshit		https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/trump-tariffs-advisers-white-house	2024/04/28	
Trump's (Second) First 100 Days	Trump Bullshit	Summary	https://www.axios.com/visuals/trump-presidency-100-days-timeline	2024/04/28	
		Aspiring members of a new MAGA module club, Executive Branch, are offering to pay double the listed membership fee of \$500,000 to get off the waiting list, a source close to the club tells Axios.			
MAGA's coming clubhouse: Executive Branch	Eat the rich	The club — with Donald Trump Jr. as a lead investor, and membership tightly screened for loyalty to President Trump — will be a sumptuous retreat for rubbing shoulders with cabinet members and West Wing officials, with no danger of running into reporters or Democrats.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/magas-coming-clubhouse-executive	2024/04/28	corruption, pay to play, oligarchy
		A hearing Tuesday in federal court in Washington could determine the fate of the embattled Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.			
		Demanting the agency puts the stability of the financial system at stake, former officials and consumer advocates say.			
The CFPB's life is on the line (again)	Government- CFPB	The CFPB is responsible for key pieces of the mortgage-lending process, which ensure the smooth functioning of the housing market.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/trump-doge-cfb-court	2024/04/28	
		Without the agency, Americans will have less protection from financial fraud.			
		The flow of container ships from China to the U.S. is likely to "come to a stop" in the next few weeks, by the middle of May, Slot says, thanks to the punitive tariffs President Trump placed on Chinese imports.			
How tariffs can cause a recession	Economy- Tariffs	By the end of May, trucking demand will have come to a halt, he writes, with layoffs in both trucking and retail coming in late May or early June.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/trump-tariffs-recession-china	2024/04/28	
		A recession then follows. "Expect well-run generational retailers to file for bankruptcy," he writes.			
		The Trump administration said it's reversing course on a plan to end funding for a decades-long study of women's health after outcry from the research community.			
		The Women's Health Initiative was threatened by funding cuts to clinical studies aimed at reducing cancer rates or studying hormone therapy in menopause. Despite the reprieve, researchers remain fearful about its future.			
Women's Health Initiative gets reprieve from HHS cuts	Government- HHS	"We have offering of our participants that say their mothers told them that this was the most important thing they ever did in their lives," Stelzberg said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/women-s-health-initiative-trump-cuts	2024/04/28	
		Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s push to collect troves of personal medical data to find the cause of autism has researchers and patient advocates questioning whether his plan to cast a wide net makes it easier to pick and choose information that supports certain theories — including the debunked idea that vaccines cause autism.			
RFK Jr. autism data project stokes alarm over motives	Health- Privacy	Gathering huge amounts of data will make it easier to generate "phony evidence for RFK's predetermined conclusion" that vaccines cause autism, the Autism Self Advocacy Network said in a statement about the research initiative.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/rfk-autism-data-ph-alarm	2024/04/28	
		Trump administration officials on Sunday defended the administration's aggressive crackdown on undocumented immigrants after immigration advocacy groups reported U.S. citizen children had been deported.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/rfk-autism-data-ph-alarm	2024/04/28	
		National Immigration Project said on Friday the New Orleans ICE Field Office "deported at least two families, including two mothers and their minor children — three of whom are U.S. citizen children aged 2, 4, and 7."			
Trump officials defend deportations involving U.S. citizen children	US Citizens	One of the mothers is pregnant and one child with "a rare form of metastatic cancer was deported without medication or the ability to consult with their treating physicians — despite ICE being notified in advance of the child's urgent medical needs," per the NPRH.L.G.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/27/trump-deportations-us-citizen-child	2024/04/28	
		Exports of key commodities are plunging, particularly soybean and pork sales to China, threatening tens of billions of dollars in farm income.			
Trump ready to bail out farmers amid trade war squeeze, Rollins says	Economy- bailout	"First of all, the prayer is that that doesn't need to happen — but secondly, if it does, for the short term, just as in Trump 1, we are preparing for that," Rollins told CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/27/farm-tariffs-bailout-trump-china	2024/04/28	
		As these podcasts boomed, prominent Democrats shied away because of the hosts' controversial, sometimes offensive, comments that could upset the base of the party.			
Democrats eyeing 2028 court the "manosphere"	Elections 2028	Buttigieg acknowledged that dynamic to the hosts of "FLACRANT," telling them that, sometimes unfairly, there's a "contagion of cancel culture" associated with sitting down with some hosts.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/27/democrats-2028-manosphere-podcu	2024/04/28	Cesppool, manosphere
		"To me, it's worth some risk in order to reach everybody," he said.			
What has DOGE done in Trump's first 100 days?	Fuck that guy	Buttigieg later wrote in a note on Substack that "one thing that is clear from the last election is that my side of the aisle must examine not only what we have to say, but how and where we say it."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/28/nx-15377445/doge-musk-trump-100	2024/04/28	
		Musk's idea of DOGE using a chairman to govern spending has 14 repeated snags.			
		An initial savings goal of \$2 billion was lowered to \$1 billion before being downgraded again recently to \$150 billion — less than a tenth of Musk's original promise. Even that number may be difficult to reach, given DOGE's history of inaccurate and overstated claims combined with Trump's desire to shield spending on Social Security and Medicare, which are major drivers of the federal budget.			
		Many of DOGE's initiatives have been reversed or delayed after legal setbacks and backlash in the court of public opinion. Since Jan. 20, dozens of federal lawsuits have challenged DOGE's activities or mentioned its actions, according to NPR's review of district court dockets across the U.S.			
		The Drug Enforcement Administration says a raid carried out with other law enforcement agencies in Colorado Springs on Sunday led to the capture of more than 100 immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally.			
		Attorney General Pam Bondi said that the club was "frequented by Tds and MS-13 terrorists." That is likely a reference to Tren de Aragua, the Venezuelan gang that has been a target of Trump administration deportations in the U.S.			
The DEA says 114 immigrants in the U.S. illegally were arrested at a Colorado nightclub	Borders and immigration	NPR could not immediately verify the legal status of those arrested, and whether there's any evidence of gang membership.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/27/nx-15378668/the-dea-says-114-immig	2024/04/28	
		The Supreme Court hears arguments Monday in a case testing the reach of federal laws that promise special help for children with disabilities in public schools.			
		Ultimately, Thorpe's parents sued in federal court to secure her rights to a full school day of learning, and the school district provided her with comprehensive schooling. Her parents also asked for compensatory damages that are not available under the IDEA — but are available under the other two disability-rights laws.			
Supreme Court to hear school disability discrimination case	Supreme Court	The lower courts are split on the question of what parents must prove in order to qualify for those compensatory damages. In many parts of the country, including the federal appeals court that covers Minnesota, parents must clear a very high bar to qualify, making it nighr unto impossible for parents to prevail.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/28/nx-15374373/supreme-court-minnes	2024/04/28	
		That's partly what makes this case so important, says Thorpe's father, Aaron Thorpe.			
Florida authorities declare a 'mass casualty' in deadly boat crash near Clearwater	Tragic	One person has died and several were injured Sunday when a boat crashed into a ferry off the Memorial Causeway Bridge and then fled the scene, authorities said.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/28/nx-15378460/florida-deadly-boat-crash	2024/04/28	
A man is charged with murder after SUV rams a crowd in Vancouver's 'Starkest day'	Tragic	A man has been charged with murder after an SUV drove into a crowd of people at a Filipino festival on Saturday in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, police said.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/27/nx-15378572/vancouver-street-festiv	2024/04/28	
U.S. judge says 2-year-old apparently deported to Honduras, with no meaningful process	US Citizens	Eleven people were killed and more than two dozen were injured.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/28/nx-15377077/honduras-deported-girl	2024/04/28	
		A Trump-appointed federal judge in Louisiana said that a 2-year-old American citizen appears to have been deported "with no meaningful process." This comes as the Trump administration has faced growing criticism for its hurried proceedings to remove as many noncitizens from the country as quickly as possible.			
Homes destroyed and 1,600 detained in Kashmir as India cracks down following attacks	International- India	Indian authorities have detained at least 1,500 people in India-administered Kashmir after a militant attack killed 26 people last week, a top police officer told NPR. Several homes linked to alleged militants were also destroyed.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/27/nx-15378630/india-kashmir-pakistan	2024/04/28	tragic
		India accused Pakistan of having a connection to the attack — the worst aimed at Indian civilians in more than a decade — claiming that the group that claimed responsibility was backed by the Pakistani military. That ratcheted up tensions between the two nuclear-armed countries, who both control parts of Kashmir, but claim ownership over the whole region.			
Iran port explosion death toll up to at least 49, as president visits the injured	International- Iran	The visit by President Masoud Pezeshkian came as the toll from Saturday's blast at the Shahid Rajaei port outside of Bandar Abbas in southern Iran's Hormozgan province rose to 40 with about 1,000 others injured.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/28/nx-15377075/iran-port-explosion-doe	2024/04/28	tragic
		While Iran's military sought to deny the delivery of ammonium perchlorate from China, new videos emerged showing an apocalyptic scene at the still-smoldering port. A crater that appeared meters (yards) deep sat surrounded by burning smoke so dangerous that authorities closed schools and businesses in the area.			
Government says — for now — it will restore international students' status	Borders and immigration	In a major reversal, the federal government is restoring the records of hundreds, and possibly thousands, of international students whose entries in a crucial database the government had abruptly terminated in recent weeks, a move that had complicated their ability to stay in the country.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/25/nx-15377610/government-says-for-nr	2024/04/28	
Tornadoes threaten central US, along with damaging winds and hail	Environment- Severe Weather	A severe weather outbreak is possible on Monday, April 28, forecasters warned, the first day of what could be a multiple-day siege of stormy weather over the central, eastern and southern states.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tornadoes-threaten-central-us-along-090	2024/04/28	
		After several years of blockbuster growth in the remodeling and design business, the White House's erratic rollout of tariffs aimed at reshaping global trade is already taking a toll. The industry has already swallowed price increases and made supply-chain shifts where possible, professionals say, and higher prices will now hit consumers, likely slowing growth in a part of the economy that's made up of lots of small, even mom-and-pop, businesses.			
From tile to toilets, home renovation costs will climb as new tariffs take effect	Economy- Tariffs	"Over the past three weeks, I've had three projects say, 'Hey, we're going to pause on things,'" said Kevin Twitty, a Portland, Oregon-based designer who works all over the country. "It's not necessarily just because of tariffs. It's all the other things that the tariffs are affecting, like people's stock portfolios, their potential rates at work, their bonuses that they might be paid out throughout the year."	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/tile-toilets-home-renovation-costs-090	2024/04/28	
		While the Swiss president was in Washington last week to lobby U.S. officials over President Donald Trump's threatened 31% tariff on Swiss goods, the Swiss foreign minister was in Beijing, expressing his nation's willingness to strengthen cooperation with China and upgrade a free trade agreement.			
With China and the US at intense economic odds, nations are being forced to choose sides	International Relations	As Trump's trade war locks the world's two largest economies on a collision course, America's unrevved allies and partners are cozying up with China to hedge their bets. It comes as Trump's trade push upends a decade of American foreign policy — including his own from his first term — toward rallying the rest of the world to join the United States against China. And it threatens to hand Beijing more leverage in any eventual dialogue with the U.S. administration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/china-us-intense-economic-odds-04028	2024/04/28	
		The "Sell America" trade that gripped markets this month has left a potentially lasting dent in investors' willingness to hold the US government's longest-maturity debt, a mainstay of its deficit-financing toolkit.			
Treasury Market's 'New World Order' Brings Fear of Long Bond	Economy- NWO	For bond managers at BlackRock Inc., Blackstone Global Investment Management and Vanguard Group Inc., the problem is that as President Donald Trump approaches his 100th day in office, he has generated a growing list of unknowns, forcing traders to focus on a broad array of issues beyond just the likely path of interest rates.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/treasury-market-world-order-brings-19	2024/04/28	
		What was first sold to the American people as a cost-cutting mission to "eliminate waste" and save taxpayer money, Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency has morphed into seeking immigration data, experts and campaigners say.			
		Since then, DOGE has overseen some of the 280,000 layoffs across 27 government agencies and pursued immigration-related data across departments, including Housing and Urban Development, the Internal Revenue Service and the Social Security Administration.			
		Its latest data mining conquest is the Justice Department, where DOGE officials have accessed a sensitive system containing detailed information about immigrants' interactions with the U.S. government.			
Musk's team started by searching for cost-savings in federal government. Today they are DOGE the immigrant hunters	Fuck that guy	"The initial mission, as stated, was to cut waste and eliminate fraud and abuse," Lisa Gilbert, co-president of consumer rights group Public Citizen, which is involved in several lawsuits against the Trump administration, told The Independent. "And very quickly it became clear that that was not their goal."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-team-started-searching-cost-13065	2024/04/28	
		A battle between aides in Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's Pentagon did end when the entangled parties were ousted from the Pentagon, according to a Saturday report in The Guardian.			
		Several reports have suggested that it was actually the aides' "knife fight" power struggle with Hegseth's chief of staff, Joe Kasper, that led to the trio's dismissal. Kasper, who faced accusations of inappropriate workplace behavior, also left the Pentagon this week.			
Ex-Hegseth Aides' Mud-Slinging Ramps Up With Cocaine Allegation	Political Cesppool	But the conflict may have only just begun.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ex-hegseth-aides-mud-slinging-2000075	2024/04/28	
		The Guardian reported that Carroll is considering filing a defamation suit against Kasper, and he has made calls to ask people close to Kasper about a tip that he used cocaine in a previous job.			

		Public health research should benefit all Americans, and this requires that some research focus specifically on minority populations. That's because not everyone receives the same care or attention in this country. For example, racial and ethnic minorities and LGBTQ+ youth bear a disproportionate burden of adversities and negative health outcomes. A factor that might increase risk for violence for heterosexual teens may not be the same as what might increase risk for violence for LGBTQ+ teens. Similarly, resources available to one racial/ethnic group experiencing violent victimization might be different from what resources are available to other racial/ethnic groups experiencing violence.		
The Trump Administration Just Made Catastrophic Cuts That Will Affect You Or Someone You Know	Trump Bullshit	The lifetime cost per victim of sexual violence is estimated to be over \$122,000 per victim (including medical costs, lost work productivity, etc.). By terminating funding for sexual assault research, not only will sexual assaults likely go up, but so will costs to the American public. Communities, homes, schools, universities, places of employment and military units will also likely become less safe, and lives will be lost as sexual assault is a predictor of suicide, among many other devastating short- and long-term outcomes.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-just-made-catastrophic-cuts-173476786.html	2024/04/28
Tulsi Gabbard Tries to Blame Signalgate on Biden	Political Cesspool	"It's just practical," Gabbard said of the White House's continued use of the app. "We have to be able to communicate, and that is the most secure way to communicate. Obviously, carefully, limited, but we have to have options." National Security Advisor Mike Waltz appeared on Sunday Morning Futures with host Maria Bartiromo, who asked about the possibility of reaching a peace deal in Ukraine even as the Pentagon is in disarray, with five members of senior leadership resigning amid a fierce power struggle between aides to embattled Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. "Can you do this in what appears to be a chaotic, weakened Defense Department?" Bartiromo asked.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tulsi-gabbard-tries-blame-signalgate-162-173476786.html	2024/04/28
Even Fox News Is Grilling the White House about Pete Hegseth's 'chaotic, weakened' Pentagon	Political Cesspool	"He's been firing people who we thought were his allies. What is the state of affairs at the Defense Department right now?" Waltz defended the administration's actions, saying that "100 days ago, we were more worried about DEI and climate change nonsense."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/even-fox-news-grilling-white-house-000140924.html	2024/04/28
US Judge Temporarily Stops West Texas Immigrant Deportations under Alien Enemies Act	Borders and immigration	"Now we're focused on lethality and winning. That's been, in just over three months, the change," he said. A federal judge in west Texas joined other courts in temporarily blocking the deportations of Venezuelan immigrants under an 18th-century wartime law known as the Alien Enemies Act.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-judge-temporarily-stops-west-texas-immigrant-deportations-under-alien-enemies-act-173476786.html	2024/04/28
Elon Musk Is Shutting Down The Government Loan Office That Gave Him The Money To Grow Tesla	Fuck that guy	There isn't a bank on the face of the Earth that would have given Musk that much money for an unproven product from an upstart company in a then-non-existent market, which is exactly why the Loan Programs Office exists in the first place. High-risk projects, like an unproven EV startup or nuclear energy sector investments tend to be shot down by major banking offices, as they won't see large returns for the bank until well after the next shareholder meeting. These are obviously beneficial projects for the Department of Energy, however, so the LPO was created to push the American energy revolution forward. Not only is the LPO highly efficient, it actually is a major source of income for the DOE, so why is it coming under fire from DOGE?	https://audio.yahoo.com/elon-musk-shutting-down-government-182500.html	2024/04/28
The FBI mistakenly raided their Atlanta home. Now the Supreme Court will hear their lawsuit	Supreme Court	On Tuesday, an attorney for Martin will go before the U.S. Supreme Court to ask the justices to reinstate her 2019 lawsuit against the U.S. government accusing the agents of assault and battery, false arrest and other violations. A federal judge in Atlanta dismissed the suit in 2022 and the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that decision last year. The Supreme Court agreed in January to take up the matter. The key issue before the justices is under what circumstances people can sue the federal government in an effort to hold law enforcement accountable. Martin's attorneys say Congress clearly allowed for those lawsuits in 1974, after a pair of law enforcement raids on wrong houses of congressmen, and that they should have little reason for families like her.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fbi-mistakenly-raided-atlanta-home-0412-173476786.html	2024/04/28
Wife of US Coast Guard member arrested over expired visa after security check for military housing	Borders and immigration	The wife of an active-duty Coast Guardsman was arrested earlier this week by federal immigration authorities inside the family residential section of the U.S. Naval Air Station at Key West, Florida, after she was flagged in a routine security check, officials said Saturday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wife-us-coast-guard-member-arrested-over-expired-visa-221556181.html	2024/04/28
FBI director posts photo of arrested Wisconsin judge's sex with, possibly violating DOJ policy	Constitutional Crisis	HSI eventually took the spouse into custody, and the official said they believe she is still being detained. Officials did not provide the name of the country she is from. FBI Director Kash Patel posted a photo on X Friday night of the Wisconsin judge who was arrested for allegedly obstructing immigration agents while she was handcuffed, being escorted to a vehicle by officials.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fbi-director-posts-photo-arrested-212857.html	2024/04/28
Trump Claims He's Made 200 Deals on Tariffs, His Cabinet Members Can't Name One	Trump Bullshit	According to the Confidentiality and Media Contacts Policy listed on the Justice Department's website, DOJ personnel "should not voluntarily disclose a photograph of a defendant unless it serves a law enforcement function or unless the photograph is already part of the public record in the case."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-claims-made-200-deals-1722758.html	2024/04/28
Far-right fight groups endorse 'youth clubs' targeting US young men and boys	Cesspool	President Trump bragged that he had made "200 deals" on trade and tariffs in a recent interview, but when pressed for details, two members of his cabinet could not name a single country that has agreed to one of Trump's alleged deals. A national network of American neofascist fight clubs is endorsing youth-oriented offshoots aimed at grooming the next generation of racist activists.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/28/far-right-youth-clubs	2024/04/28
Trump tariffs prompt slump in shipments to US ports	Economy-Tariffs	So-called "active clubs" have proliferated across the US and are a combination of fitness and mixed martial arts groups that often espouse neo-Nazi and fascist ideologies, openly taking their historical cues from the Third Reich's obsession with machismo and European soccer hooliganism. Active clubs have emerged as perhaps the most dangerous form of far-right political organizing today. With links to other militant organizations, including Patriot Front, they encourage a seemingly mainstream version of masculinity, layered with ideologies promoting a US race war and using the popularity of the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) as a gateway to recruiting.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/apr/28/trump-tariffs-shipm	2024/04/28
Spain and Portugal hit by massive power outage, causing blackouts	Infrastructure	Donald Trump's increasingly erratic trade war has triggered a slump in shipments to the US's most important ports, and the growing risk of a recession in the world's largest economy. In the latest sign of the US president's tariff policies rattling the economy, figures show the number of vessels scheduled to arrive at the Port of Los Angeles next week is down by almost a third on the same period a year earlier.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/28/spain-portugal-power-outage	2024/04/28
Volunteers rush to send abortion pills to US women in need as 'war between the states' looms	Reproductive Rights	Each of the volunteers - five women and one man - have a unique role in the assembly line. One volunteer drops slim, orange boxes of mifepristone, the first drug typically used in a medication abortion, into the envelopes, while another volunteer adds green-capped bottles of the second drug, misoprostol. A few volunteers add brochures on topics such as how to use abortion pills or what to do if a woman suspects she has an ectopic pregnancy. Finally, one volunteer drops small purple cards into each envelope. They all bear the same handwritten message: "We wish you the best." The cards are signed with a swooping heart and a nondescript name: "the Map," or the Massachusetts Medication Abortion Access Project.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/28/abortion-clinic-pills	2024/04/28
Loss of FEMA program spells disaster for hundreds of communities and their projects	Government-FEMA	Mount Pleasant was about to receive \$4 million when the Federal Emergency Management Agency terminated the program. Officials say their plans - years in the making - and those of hundreds of communities nationwide supported by the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program have been upended.	https://apnews.com/article/fema-bri-grants-climate-resilience-clubea9d	2024/04/28
'100-year timeframe': how Project 2025 is guiding Trump's attack on government	Project 2025	This is a generational set of infrastructure projects that would set us up for the next hundred years and it just - up - went away," said Erin Burris, assistant town manager for Mount Pleasant, 25 miles (40 kilometers) east of Charlotte.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/28/trump-project-2025	2024/04/28
House Democrat unveils articles of impeachment against Trump	Impeach Trump	FEMA's elimination this month of the BRIC program revoked upwards of \$3.6 billion in funding earmarked for communities like Mount Pleasant. Though President Donald Trump has openly questioned whether to shutter FEMA completely, local officials said they were blindsided by the move to end BRIC, established during the Republican president's first term.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/articles-of-impeachment-trump-ahli	2024/04/29
Trump lashes out against 'fake polls' as his approval ratings sink	Trump Bullshit	There's a reason Project 2025 came out so long. "They're looking at things from the New Deal and saying, 'This is where the government went wrong, and we need to fix these things. We need to change them permanently and reframe what the government does and what its relationship with every American is.'"	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/trump-approval-ratings-slams-polls	2024/04/29
What to know about the U.S. citizen children removed with their mothers	US Citizens	Context: As Doughty stressed, it is "illegal and unconstitutional" to deport a U.S. citizen.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/us-citizen-children-deported-ice-ho	2024/04/29
Children increasingly bear brunt of Trump's deportation push	Borders and immigration	According to court filings, the girls' father was only able to speak to their mother for around a minute over the phone before an ICE officer allegedly hung up the call as the father was giving her their attorneys' phone number.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/us-citizen-children-deported-ice-ho	2024/04/29
UN group fires back over Trump's deep-sea mining plan	Environment-Mining	When an attorney representing the father spoke with an ICE official, the official allegedly refused to honor a request to release the child to her custodian and said if the father came to retrieve her, he would also be taken into custody.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/un-sea-trump-deep-sea-mining	2024/04/29
Extra-murky economic data is dropping this week	Economy	US citizens cannot be deported, and unaccompanied minors are considered vulnerable to human trafficking, exploitation and abuse.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/28/economy-gdp-jobs-trump	2024/04/29
DOGE employees gain accounts on classified networks, holding nuclear secrets	Fuck that department	"The United States has, in many of its darkest periods in history, denied people's basic citizenship and has removed people who either were citizens or should be citizens," Todd Schulte, president of FWD.us, an immigration and criminal justice advocacy organization, told Axios.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/28/us-41-5373684/doqe-energy-department	2024/04/29
The White House threatens sanctuary cities in another, EO, but courts are skeptical	Borders and immigration	ICE next week told 700 federal citizens from the U.S. from 2015 to 2020, according to a 2021 report from the Government Accountability Office.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/28/us-41-5373614/white-house-threatens-s	2024/04/29

		Russian President Vladimir Putin has declared a three-day ceasefire in Ukraine next week to honor the 80th anniversary of the Soviet Union's victory over Nazi Germany in World War II. A statement posted on the Kremlin website said Putin has ordered a halt in Russian military activity, for "humanitarian reasons," starting May 8 at midnight and lasting three days for Victory Day, a solemn holiday marked by both Russia and Ukraine.		
Putin wants a 3-day ceasefire for WWII anniversary next month, Ukraine says why wait?	International-Russia	Ukraine's foreign minister, Andrii Sybilia, responded repeating Kyiv's readiness to immediately adhere to a monthlong ceasefire, instead of a brief truce just to mark V-Day.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/23/nx-1-5372942/ukraine-ukraine-ceasefire	2024/04/29
Wisconsin judge arrested by FBI 'stood up' for her community, state attorneys say	Constitutional Crisis	The arrest of Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Hannah Dugan by the FBI could have a chilling effect and keep immigrants away from court appearances out of fear they may be arrested, a Wisconsin state lawmaker warns. The FBI arrested Dugan last week and charged her with obstruction and concealing an individual to prevent an arrest.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/23/nx-1-5377356/hannah-dugan-judge-fbi	2024/04/29
Canada's election: All you need to know	International-Canada	Dugan is accused in a criminal complaint of ushering Eduardo Flores-Ruiz, who faced a misdemeanor battery charge and was living in the U.S. without legal status, through the jury door out of her courtroom to evade federal agents who wanted to arrest him with an administrative warrant.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/23/nx-1-5371555/canada-election-camey	2024/04/29
DHL reverses course and resumes shipping packages valued over \$800 to U.S. consumers	Economy-Shipping	The once-commanding 25-point lead in the polls for the Conservatives disintegrated by mid-March. Now, when Canadian's go to the polls on Monday, it's anticipated that the Liberal Party will clinch a fourth term in office.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/23/nx-1-5373560/dhl-global-shipments-re	2024/04/29
NATO chief calls for more defense spending from Europe and Canada	International-NATO	The global shipping company DHL says it has resumed shipping packages valued over \$800 in value to individual U.S. consumers, just one week after saying it was halting such shipments due to new U.S. customs rules. In a post on its website, DHL said the policy reversal that took effect Monday came in response to discussions with the Trump administration over recent logistical challenges in international shipping.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/23/nx-1-5377250/nato-us-talks-mark-nuff	2024/04/29
DOGE Was Bad, Schedule F Will Be Worse	Government-Jobs	Rutte: For two reasons I think it'll be successful. First of all, I believe who will decide that the European side of NATO and the Canadian side of NATO will ramp up spending, which is crucial because of the Russian threat, and because of the Chinese buildup of its military. Also, it is far to spend more on that side of NATO because it equalizes with what the U.S. is spending. Rightly, the U.S. has complained. Particularly, President Trump has been very clear on this, that he expects Europeans and Canada to pay more, to step up in terms of their overall defense spending, and that is going to happen. Then there is an issue around the whole of NATO, including the U.S., that we do not produce enough in terms of defense industrial products, ammunition, Navy ships, tanks, fighter jets, long range missiles, air defenses and what have you. We will take decisions in June to make sure that we will stay ahead of the Russians and the Chinese. That is important, too, to keep ourselves safe.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-bad-schedule-f-worse-120000302-z	2024/04/29
Mugshot posters of immigrant arrests line the driveway of White House	Embarrassing	In the waning days of the first Trump administration, the White House announced a plan to convert an estimated 50,000 government employees to a status similar to political appointees—meaning that they would become "at will" hires who serve purely at the president's pleasure. Schedule F, as this plan was known, was never implemented then and was revoked immediately under Joe Biden's presidency. But now the policy is back, formally resurrected by executive order on April 18. If his new look Schedule F survives the inevitable court challenges, it will mark a major step forward in a MAGA quest laid out by J. D. Vance in 2021 to "fire every single mid-level bureaucrat, every civil servant in the administrative state," and "replace them with our people."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mugshot-posters-immigrant-arrests-line-1	2024/04/29
Former Memphis officers to face second trial in beating death of Tyre Nichols	ACAB	The Trump administration is promoting its immigration crackdown amid a slew of courtroom challenges as it approaches 100 days in office by placing dozens of immigrant mugshots along the White House driveway.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/former-memphis-officers-face-second-tri	2024/04/29
Trump: 'I run the country and the world'	Trump Bulhiti	Three former Tennessee police officers will face an out-of-town jury when their trial in state court starts Monday on second-degree murder charges in the beating death of Tyre Nichols after a 2023 traffic stop in Memphis.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-run-country-world-152835216.html	2024/04/29
Trump: Town hall 'disruptors' should be 'immediately ejected'	Protest	Opening statements are expected to begin in the trial of former Memphis Police Department officers Talerius Bean, Demetrius Haley and Justin Smith, who have pleaded not guilty and already face the prospect of years behind bars after they were convicted of federal charges last year.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-town-hall-disruptors-immediat	2024/04/29
Lawyers for Deported U.S. Citizens Kids Say Moms Were 'Coerced' Into Taking Them	US Citizens	"The first time, I had two things to do — run the country and survive. I had all these crowded gags," Trump said in the interview published Monday. "And the second time, I run the country and the world."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lawyers-deported-u-citizen-kids-12000008	2024/04/29
They're Donald Trump's Most Loyal Voters, I Didn't Understand Why. After a Weekend in the Woods With Them, That Changed.	Cespool	President Trump urged Republicans on Sunday to damp down on protesters at town halls, saying they should be "immediately ejected" from the room, and GOP lawmakers hosting the events "should not treat them nicely".	https://www.yahoo.com/news/theyre-donald-trump-most-loyal-voters-224609	2024/04/29
Asnd Pentagon Aide Says Hegseth Spends Half His Time Investigating Leaks	Political-Cespool	In a post on Truth Social, Trump accused "Radical Left Democrats" of "paying a fortune to have people injected into the Town Halls" of GOP members of Congress.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/asnd-pentagon-aide-says-hegseth-12010	2024/04/29
Elon Musk Using Private Data to Build List of People to Deport	Fuck that guy	Legal counsel for the two Louisiana families tells Rolling Stone that both mothers say they were not given the option of keeping their U.S. citizen children in the country. They say the mothers were told their children were being deported alongside them, despite their citizenship status and even though both families had lawful custodians willing to take custody of the children.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-using-private-data-20119908	2024/04/29
"60 Minutes" Rattles Viewers with Stunning Closing Segment, Implies That Trump Administration Is Pressuring Their Coverage	Trump Bulhiti	Erin Hebert, a senior associate at the Ware Immigration law firm in the New Orleans area, is representing the mother of the seven-year-old girl and the four-year-old boy, the latter of whom is in active treatment for metastatic cancer. (The boy is the second U.S. citizen child with cancer that Trump has deported so far in his second term.) Over the weekend, Hebert was in contact with the mother, who is now in Honduras with her two kids. The children's father remains in the U.S.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/60-minutes-rattles-viewers-stunning-1741	2024/04/29
Hope Florida: A timeline of how a DeSantis-backed state charity was accused of wrongdoing	Political-Cespool	"She was told she was being deported with her children and she asked, 'Why my children?'" says Hebert. "They refused to answer her. They gave her no options, no ability to make arrangements. She never signed anything. She never gave them permission. She never indicated that she wanted them to come with her."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hope-florida-timeline-desantis-backed-04	2024/04/29
Secret Trump Memo Tells ICE to Break into Homes Without Warrants	Borders and immigration	Among progressive men, the prevailing ethos seems to be that discussions of our worst flaws are best reserved for the psychologist's office. This idea is no longer tenable—and not just because telling a man he must relegate discussion of his true self to the doctor's office looks a lot like telling a boy he must hide his feelings to receive love. The retreat made it perfectly clear how many men hunger for relationships with other men who will love them as they really are. You don't have to be a Jungian to believe that men's unmet hunger for love from other men is going to come out somewhere. If they have to go to nightingale apps to get it, they will.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/secret-trump-memo-tells-ice-161738428	2024/04/29
Chaos unleashed by Musk's Doge is starting to wage – what does that mean?	Fuck that department	President Donald Trump's defense secretary has reportedly become increasingly isolated and paranoid as news of Pentagon plans leaked, including details of military plans for the Panama Canal, the removal of a U.S. carrier in the Red Sea, the decision to pause intelligence gathering related to Ukraine, and Elon Musk's visit to discuss China.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chaos-unleashed-musk-doge-starting-11f	2024/04/29
Trump Admin Cancels Programs to Protect Children From Toxic Chemicals	Trump Bulhiti	According to sources who spoke to Wired and CNN, Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) is planning to harvest all kinds of sensitive data as it builds out a centralized database of immigrants targeted for deportation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-admin-cancels-programs-protect-1	2024/04/29
Shooting at North Carolina university leaves 1 dead, 6 injured	Guns- Mass shooting	Sources who spoke to both outlets said DOGE is planning to use software from Palantir, The's data mining company that has long worked with the government, to compile information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Social Security, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).	https://www.yahoo.com/news/shooting-north-carolina-university-leaves-1	2024/04/29
Trump wanted to break us', says Carney as Liberals triumph in Canadian election	International-Canada	Following the surprise resignation of 60 Minutes executive producer Bill Owens, the news magazine's Sunday night broadcast ended with a segment implying that President Donald Trump and his administration have had an inappropriate influence on the show.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/20/canada-election-result	2024/04/29

		Greene said to expect "significant restructuring efforts" at Peace Corps headquarters, according to the email seen by the Guardian. Starting on 28 April and going through 6 May, direct hire and expert staff are being offered a second deferred resignation program, what Elon Musk's Doge has referred to as a "fork in the road" buyout. Greene referred to this offer as "DRP 2.0". Peace Corps staffers were told to cooperate with Doge and "if data from the system is requested, confirm what is required to meet their needs (data, format, etc)". Staff were additionally told that "under all circumstances, ensure that clear records are kept on what is requested and provided".		
Peace Corps to undergo 'significant' cuts after Doge review	Fuck that department	Elon Musk and his companies face at least \$2.37bn in legal exposure from federal investigations, litigation and regulatory oversight, according to a new report from Senate Democrats. The report attempts to put a number to Musk's many conflicts of interest through his work with his so-called "department of government efficiency" (Doge), warning that he may seek to use his influence to avoid legal liability. Although the report gives a total estimated amount, it also states that the \$2bn-plus figure does not include how much Musk could avoid from investigations that the Trump administration declines to launch. It also excludes the potential contracts, such as communications deals with his Starlink satellite internet service, that Musk's companies could gain because of his role in the administration.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/28/peace-corps-doge-review	2024/04/29
Elon Musk's Doge conflicts of interest worth \$2.37bn, Senate report says	Fuck that guy	"While the \$2.37 billion figure represents a credible, conservative estimate, it drastically understates the true benefit Mr Musk may gain from legal risk avoidance alone as a result of his position in government," the report states. For conservative, traditionalist or self-described "orthodox" Catholics, fresh from 12 uneasy years under Francis, this intergrum will be the last chance in a long time to try to reset a church that they believe has drifted too far left. To some, that means pushing for a church that clearly affirms polarizing but longtime Catholic teachings on sexuality, marriage and abortion. Others, many of them associated with the priorities of Donald Trump and his supporters, would go further, and press for a church that is explicitly, politically rightwing – or at least less hostile to the Maga movement's stances on immigration, social welfare and the environment. Steve Bannon, perhaps the most public and inflammatory voice of rightwing Catholic discontent, has said he intends to organize a "show of force of traditionalist" with confrontational "wall-to-wall" media coverage. Most policymaking, however, will take the form of quieter wing-and-dealing.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/apr/28/elon-musk-doge	2024/04/29
'Maga Catholics' are gaining ground in the US. Now, their sight is set on the Vatican	Political Cesspool	The Trump administration's slashes to the Department of Health and Human Services is threatening Meals on Wheels, the popular program dedicated to combating senior hunger and isolation. Despite decades of bipartisan support, Meals on Wheels now faces attacks from Republicans whose budget blueprint paves the way for deep cuts to nutrition and other social safety-net programs as a way to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy. It's a move anti-hunger advocates and policy experts warn could have disastrous ramifications for the millions of older Americans who rely on the program to eat each day. "It's not hyperbolic to say that we're going to be leaving people hungry and that this literally has life and death implications," said Nicole Jewett, the chief of advocacy and campaigns at Caring Across Generations, a non-profit that advocates for ageing Americans, disabled people and their caregivers. This is not just about advocates for ageing Americans. These programs are necessities in the lives of seniors all over this country."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/28/maga-catholics-vat	2024/04/29
Trump administration's budget cuts endanger Meals on Wheels: 'Life and death implications'	Political Cesspool	"I am the candidate of peace," Donald Trump declared on the campaign trail last November. Three months into his presidency, not only is the war in Ukraine continuing and the war in Gaza restarted, but in Yemen, the number of civilian casualties caused by US bombing is rapidly and deliberately escalating.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/apr/28/meals-on-wheels	2024/04/29
Trump promised peace but brings rapid increase in civilian casualties to Yemen	Political Cesspool		https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/28/us-escalation-yemen-gaza	2024/04/29
Over 200 lawsuits, 142 executive orders, and 24 days, softline: Trump's first 100 days by the numbers	Trump Bullshit	Summary Over the next 99 days, Trump would sign yet more orders, proclamations and memoranda to toss out anything associated with the Biden administration, eliminate the independence of federal agencies that Congress had designed to be insulated from the vagaries of presidential whims, and make revenge against his perceived political enemies official government policy – all while upending the global economy and sending America's stock and bond markets on a roller-coaster that could crash catastrophically and bring a recession, or worse, to America as well as the world.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-100-days/	2024/04/29
Flood the zone: Trump's shock and awe game plan to revolutionize America – and keep his enemies on the back foot	Trump Bullshit	In an interview with the PBS show Frontline the following year, Bannon elaborated on the strategy by explaining how to "flood the zone" properly means to take so many simultaneous actions that Trump's opponents can't keep up. Myrtle Beach is recovering after a mass shooting left one dead and 11 people hurt over the weekend. Shortly before midnight Saturday, police in the popular South Carolina resort town spotted a disturbance with multiple people along Ocean Boulevard. The road is a popular gathering spot for tourists along the beachfront featuring many shops and restaurants.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-flood-the-zone/	2024/04/29
Ocean Boulevard gunfire: What we know about the Myrtle Beach mass shooting that left one dead	Guns- Mass shooting	The wrongful removal of Kimer Adegbo Garcia to a prison in El Salvador has been a legal, political and moral calamity for the Trump White House. As the administration scrambles to defend its decision and losses in court and declining poll numbers, one figure seems to have more responsibility than anyone else for this mess: Trump adviser Stephen Miller. The reprehensible removal of Adegbo Garcia is the natural result of Miller's attempt to impose his draconian and seemingly unrealistic deportation goals as readily as possible, even when it means disregarding or misrepresenting court orders. DOJ lawyers defending the deportation in court have been made to look foolish. As Adegbo Garcia languishes in a brutal foreign prison, and the U.S. government runs roughshod over his constitutional rights, the American people have become increasingly disgruntled.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/myrtle-beach-shooting/	2024/04/29
Opinion The calamitous influence of Stephen Miller, has become impossible to ignore	Political Cesspool		https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-calambos-us-influence-stephen-miller-120000000.html	2024/04/29
OHIO PUTS POLICE BODYCAM FOOTAGE BEHIND A PAYWALL	ACAB	OHIO GOV MIKE DEWINE signed into law on Thursday changes to the state's public records statute that allow law enforcement agencies to charge hundreds of dollars for body camera footage. Though such videos are central to watchdog reporting and police oversight, Ohio opted to join a handful of states that have made it easier for cops to put a steep price tag on transparency. The provision, which was part of HB 315, means police could charge for the "estimated cost" of processing the video — and you would have to pay before the footage is released. Governments could charge up to \$75 an hour for work, with a fee cap of \$750 per request. President Biden leaves office this month after appointing 235 lawyers to the bench — more than a quarter of all active federal judges. He named the first Black woman to the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. He appointed more women of color to federal appeals courts than all previous presidents combined. And he picked a dozen openly LGBTQB judges — and the first four Muslim Americans — to serve on the federal bench.	https://theirequest.com/2025/01/03/ohio-puts-police-body-camera-footage-behind-a-paywall/	2025/01/06
How Ohio police justify charging hundreds of dollars for bodycam video	ACAB		https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/politics/ohio-politics/how-ohio-gov-justifies-bodycam-video-charges/	2025/01/06
Biden made diversifying the federal bench a top priority, here's a look at his legacy	Biden Admin.	The Supreme Court — dominated by a conservative supermajority — takes only a tiny fraction of cases each term. That means the lower courts will have the final say on many important controversies. "I'm just going to wait till after the election, make sure I don't have to partake in a real insurrection if Trump loses, and ... then I'll decide what I'm doing after," he said about his thinking before November's presidential election. Now that Trump has won, Fellows is counting on the president-elect to pardon him and other January 6 defendants. "With Trump in office, yeah, I'm starting to plan [what I'll do my life's work]," Fellows said.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/03/nx-1-5239860-biden-judicial-legacy	2025/01/06
'We have our country back': convicted January 6 rioters anticipate Trump pardons	Cesspool-January Six	Civil rights advocates across the US have long fought to free people from their criminal records, with campaigns to expunge old cases and keep people's past arrests private when they apply for jobs and housing. The efforts are critical, as more than 70 million Americans have prior convictions or arrests — roughly one in three adults. But the policies haven't addressed one of the most damaging ways past runs with police can derail people's lives: old media coverage. Some newsrooms are working to fill that gap.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/05/january-6-capitol-rioters	2025/01/06
US newspapers are deleting old crime stories, offering subjects a 'clean slate'	Crime	A handful of local newspapers across the US have in recent years launched programs to review their archives and consider requests to remove names or delete old stories to protect the privacy of subjects involved in minor crimes.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/04/newspaper-crime-at	2025/01/06
30-year mortgage rate hits 6-month high	Economy-Housing	The rate on the 30-year mortgage is hovering close to 7%, a nearly 6-month high, per data from Freddie Mac on Thursday. Historically, bat migration has been a bit of a black box. While scientists have learned lots about how bats migrate, the handful of bat species that make long-distance journeys have been tougher to study. So Humme and his colleagues had to design one. They created specialized tags weighing just over a gram that measured how the animal is moving, as well as temperature. Unlike some other tags, which measure animal movements but must be retrieved by scientists to download the data, these new tags broadcast their information to a wireless network, similar to how a cell phone does. That allows the researchers to triangulate their position and follow the bats' journey. "We found that a lot of bats are actually migrating before storms come through," says Humme. In the spring, storms are typically preceded by warm fronts that generate strong winds that usually blow in the right direction for migration. That translates into significant energy savings for the bats, Humme says, which can migrate nearly 1000 miles.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/30-year-mortgage-rate-30-year-fixed-11002360.html	2025/01/06
Bats catch a lift from storm winds on long-distance migrations	Environment-Animals	Global coal demand is proving very persistent. The International Energy Agency's latest outlook is more pessimistic than the 2023 and 2022 versions on the most CO2-heavy fuel. The mammoth scale of AI-driven data center power needs is really coming into focus. Big banks are recalibrating, too. In recent days and weeks, a number of Wall Street giants like Morgan Stanley and Citigroup left the UN-affiliated Net-Zero Banking Alliance. "While the supply of clean energy is growing faster than it ever has in history, it is not yet fast enough to curtail the growth in fossil fuel demand, let alone displace existing fossil fuel consumption," their recent 2025 outlook states. California is entering the fourth month of what is typically the rainy season, but in the Southland, the landscape is beginning to show signs of drought. The last time Los Angeles recorded rainfall over a tenth of an inch — the threshold that officials typically consider helpful for thirsty plants and the reduction of wildfire risk — was May 5, when downtown received just 0.13 inches of rain.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/04/nx-1-5248252-bats-catch-a-lift-from-a-storm/	2025/01/06
2025 climate reality check: Trump threatens coal demand, and AI	Environment-Climate crisis	Located at the corner of 12th and Madison streets, one of Hoboken's newest playgrounds, known as ResilienCity Park, has for the past 15 months been helping to mitigate the effects of flooding in Hoboken by doubling as a storage area for roughly 2m gallons of stormwater runoff. City officials say it is the largest resiliency park in the state. The park, which sits on five acres barely a mile and a half from the Lincoln Tunnel into Manhattan, features swing sets, slides, a basketball court and an athletic field — and, underneath it all, a below-ground tank capable of holding hundreds of thousands of gallons of stormwater that city officials say would have otherwise spilled on to the streets or streamed into the basements of Hoboken homes and businesses. Building climate-resilient — or climate-smart — playgrounds is part of a growing movement among municipalities and environmental advocacy groups in the US. While precise figures for the numbers of play areas around the country that have been reconfigured as climate-friendly spaces are elusive, the Trust for Public Land, a nonprofit conservation group, estimates it has helped fund the construction of more than 300 such play spaces in communities around the country, including Philadelphia, New York and Los Angeles.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/03/global-energy-transition-targets-foss	2025/01/06
With negligible rain in 8 months, Southern California awakes toward drought	Environment-Drought		https://www.yahoo.com/news/low-storms-8-months-southern-11002360.html	2025/01/06
'A place for kids to play and a place to store water': the stormwater capture zone that is also a playground	Environment-water	Rating sea levels driven by the climate crisis will overwhelm many of the world's biggest oil ports, analysts indicate. Scientists said the threat was ironic as fossil fuel burning causes global heating. They said reducing emissions by moving to renewable energy would halt global heating and deliver more reliable energy. Thirteen of the ports with the highest supertanker traffic will be seriously damaged by just 1 metre of sea level rise, the analysis found. The researchers said two low-lying ports in Saudi Arabia — Ras Tanura and Yanbu — were particularly vulnerable. Both are operated by Aramco, the Saudi state oil firm, and 98% of the country's oil exports leave via these ports.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jan/03/hoboken-new-jersey	2025/01/06
'Ironic': climate-driven sea level rise will overwhelm major oil ports, study shows	Environment-water		https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jan/04/climate-driven-sea-level-rise	2025/01/06
Winter storm to usher in severe Arctic outbreak across U.S.	Environment-weather	An Arctic outbreak partially tied to the polar vortex encircling the far north is set to bring some of the coldest air in years to locations east of the Rocky Mountains during the next two to three weeks. With temperature anomalies of 15°F to 25°F below average for this time of year, the cold will be noteworthy more for its duration than its intensity, however.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/04/winter-storm-hits-us-arctic-outbreak/	2025/01/06

		At least 8 inches of snow is expected in Indiana and central Kansas, while dangerous sleet or freezing rain is forecast between eastern Kansas and the Ozarks toward the Ohio Valley, according to forecasters. Meanwhile, the Central Appalachians will face freezing rain and ice, posing a risk of power outages and hazardous travel.			
		Here's how many Americans are under winter storm alerts Saturday afternoon:			
		Winter storm warning: Over 32,458,000 people, including a stretch from Kansas to Virginia.			
		Winter weather advisory: Over 14,616,000 people across parts of Montana, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and more.			
Heaviest snowfall in over a decade? Mega winter storm hits down on millions	Environment- winter weather	Winter storm watch: Over 11,744,000 people, mostly in Mid-Atlantic states including Maryland and Delaware.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/major-winter-storm-bring-blizzard-090245	2025/01/06	
No Jan. 6 disruptions are expected as Trump's win boosts Republican faith in elections - for now	Government	"The most dangerous January 6 event is not January 6, 2025. It's January 6, 2029, and beyond," said David Weinberg of Protect Democracy, which defends against what it terms authoritarian threats to the country. "It creates an enormous problem when only one side of the aisle stands down when 1 billion is elected."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/no-jan-6-disruptions-expected-12385401	2025/01/06	
Antibiotic emergency 'could claim 40 million lives in next 25 years'	Health- Antibiotics	She told the Observer that there is a real danger that routine procedures – from surgery to childbirth – could carry widespread life-threatening risks because of the spread of bacteria that possess antimicrobial resistance (AMR). "About a million people die every year because of the spread of microbial resistance, and that figure will rise over the next 25 years," she said. "It is really scary."	https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/jan/05/antibiotic-emergency	2025/01/06	
California declares a state of emergency as a new, severe bird flu case was discovered. What it means for the rest of the country	Health- Bird flu	On the same day that the first severe case of the avian virus in the U.S. was disclosed in Louisiana halfway across the country, California Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency designed to expedite the state's response to further outbreaks of H5N1, commonly known as bird flu.			
		The disclosure of a severe case of H5N1 renewed calls by experts for a dramatic increase in testing and reporting in the U.S. For months, researchers have warned that the bird flu outbreak was going to become a national issue, and they've worried that the virus could mutate in ways that eventually make human-to-human transmission possible.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/california-declares-state-emergency-seve	2025/01/06	
		Former commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Scott Gottlieb and Luciano Bello, a former director for medical and biodefense preparedness policy at the National Security Council, wrote a Friday op-ed in the Washington Post outlining growing concerns for the White House's approach to eliminating bird flu mutations.			
		"President-elect Donald Trump's transition team would be wise to prepare for quick action after he takes office," the two wrote.			
		"Only in the past month has the Biden administration undertaken widespread testing of bulk stocks of raw milk to detect which dairy herds are infected, so farmers can take steps to quarantine sick cows and prevent further transmission on farms and into dairy products," they stated.			
Ex-FDA chief says Biden 'mishandling' bird flu, urges swift action from Trump	Health- Bird flu	"A program to compensate dairy farms upon finding infected cattle wasn't launched until this past summer — a crucial step to ensure that livestock owners aren't saddled with financial hardship as they identify compromised herds."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ex-fda-chief-says-biden-211924379	2025/01/06	
Alcohol stocks sink after cancer alarm bell	Health- Cancer	Publicly traded stocks for beer, wine and spirits companies sank Friday following the U.S. Surgeon General's call for the U.S. to adopt cancer warning labels on alcoholic beverages.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/03/alcohol-stocks-cancer-surgeon-gen	2025/01/06	
Covid and flu rates rise across the US, according to the CDC	Health- Covid	The amount of acute respiratory illness causing Americans to seek healthcare is at a high level, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/jan/04/covid-flu-rates-rise-a	2025/01/06	
		The holidays came with a side of flu for many Americans, with 40 states reporting high or very high levels of illness last week, according to the latest government health data.			
		Last week's flu activity was particularly intense in the South, Southwest and western U.S. The states reporting lesser amounts of suffering were mostly in the northern Great Plains and in New England.			
Sick season is in full force. What the latest CDC figures show	Health- Covid	So far this season, the CDC estimates, there have been at least 5.3 million flu illnesses, 63,000 hospitalizations, and 2-700 deaths — including at least 11 children.	https://apnews.com/article/flu-season-holiday-cdc-0abb791c72a854	2025/01/06	
		Researchers analyzed 33 studies examining the movements of nearly 100,000 adults using smartphones, pedometers and other fitness trackers. Those who clocked more daily steps were less likely to report depressive symptoms or be diagnosed with the condition than those who walked less.			
Getting your steps in can reduce depression, research finds	Health- Depression	"It's promising evidence that even small amounts of movement can add up to support better mental health," said Kismet Choi, a clinical psychologist and assistant professor at Harvard Medical School, who was not involved with the meta-analysis.	https://www.npr.org/projects/shotline/health-news/2025/01/05/nx-1-5247	2025/01/06	
		Many are concerned about HMPV, formally known as the human metapneumovirus, after reports of a new virus outbreak in China. Various social media posts warn that Chinese hospitals are being swarmed with patients who have contracted HMPV and other viruses, many of whom are experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms. Discovered in 2001 in the Netherlands, HMPV is a seasonal virus that typically causes lung infections.			
What is HMPV? New Virus Outbreak in China Explained	Health- HMPV	As noted by the American Lung Association, HMPV is a leading cause of acute respiratory infection and, similar to influenza, is spread by close contact with an infected individual. It causes symptoms close to the common cold that typically last two to five days. Children, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems are most at risk of developing further complications like pneumonia.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hmpv-virus-outbreak-china-explained-22	2025/01/06	
		There's a growing body of research that suggests economic programs that give money to very poor people can have major health benefits. Now, a new study — out on Friday in Nature Medicine — proves this approach can work when it comes to the world's deadliest infectious disease: tuberculosis, which killed more than 1.25 million people in 2023.			
		The study is impressive in its locale. Researchers combined two Brazilian datasets — one from the Ministry of Health and one that tracks social programs for the poorest half of the population — existing then to zero in on 54 million people in Brazil living in poverty. In this group, 44% of them received cash each month from a government program while 56% did not. The families that received the cash were significantly less likely to contract TB. Among the extremely poor in this category, TB cases and deaths dropped by more than 50% and in the Indigenous population the drop was even more dramatic: more than 60%.	https://www.npr.org/projects/shots-and-scene/2025/01/03/nx-1-524601	2025/01/06	
		The results show that a whopping 66% of 12th graders reported no use of alcohol, marijuana, cigarettes or e-cigarettes in the past 30 days. This is the highest abstinence rate recorded since the survey began tracking it in 2017.			
US teen drug, alcohol and tobacco use continues to decline	Health- Teens	Among 10th graders, 80% reported abstaining, marking another record. For 8th graders, 90% reported no recent use, maintaining the same level as in the previous survey.	https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/jan/05/teen-drug-alcohol-us	2025/01/06	
		Hundreds of South Koreans, bundled up against freezing temperatures and snow, rallied overnight into Sunday near the residence of impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol, calling for his ouster and arrest, as authorities prepared to renew their efforts to detain him over his short-lived martial law decrees.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/05/yx-1-41103/south-korean-protesters-de	2025/01/06	
South Korean protesters brave cold to demand Yoon's ouster as detention deadlines loom	International- South Korea	Federal employees could be required to return to the office five days per week as a way to reduce its workforce under President-elect Donald Trump's administration - but economists say that it could also cost the government productivity and jobs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-ramaswamy-want-federal-18	2025/01/06	
Musk and Ramaswamy want to force federal workers back to the office. Economists aren't convinced	Political- Censorship	The House voted mostly along party lines Friday to adopt a rules package that protects newly reelected Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) from a potential ouster.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-ramaswamy-want-federal-18	2025/01/06	
House approves new rules protecting Mike Johnson from ouster	Politics- House	The new rules make it so that a vote on removing the speaker can only be brought if at least nine Republican members what is called a "motion to vacate."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/2025/01/03/mike-johnson-motion-to-vacate-new	2025/01/06	
2 autopsies for Black man found hanging in Alabama produce different conclusions	Racism	A state autopsy has ruled that a Black man found hanging in an abandoned Alabama home in late February died by suicide — a conclusion that contradicts a private autopsy commissioned by his family, which found no definitive evidence he died by suicide.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/2-autopsies-black-man-found-191817130	2025/01/06	
US Supreme Court's Thomas will not be referred to Justice Department	Supreme Court- Ethics	A judicial policymaking body on Thursday rejected a request by Democratic lawmakers to refer conservative U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas to the Department of Justice to examine claims that he failed to disclose gifts and travel provided by a wealthy benefactor.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-supreme-courts-thomas-not-23112606	2025/01/06	
		Mangione's popularity among some people online is complicated, and I won't try to untangle it here (read this or this for some smart analysis). But you've probably already observed some of this online: There are a lot of people posting about Mangione and running afoul of content guidelines that they'd never usually run up against — rules designed for posts praising ISIS or Mexican drug cartels, for instance.			
		The result is some confusion and frustration among users.			
Pro-Luigi Mangione content is filling up social platforms — and it's a challenge to moderate it	Technology- Moderation	Content moderation is an art, not a science, and there's a spectrum of differences between a statement like "Luigi was justified" and a meme about his looks or an ironic fan edit video.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pro-luigi-mangione-content-filling-100702	2025/01/06	
		A federal appeals court struck down the Federal Communications Commission's net neutrality rules, ending a 20-year push to regulate internet service providers like a public utility.			
		A U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati on Thursday ruled that the FCC did not have legal authority to reinstate the landmark net neutrality rules.			
Net neutrality is struck, ending a long battle to regulate ISPs like public utilities	Technology- Net Neutrality	It's a largely partisan issue that has found Democrats on the side of so-called net neutrality in an effort to hold ISPs more accountable for providing fast, safe and reliable internet for all. The decision deals a blow to the Biden Administration, which prioritized implementing net neutrality rules.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/03/nx-1-5247846/net-neutrality-fcc-struck	2025/01/06	
		According to the Financial Times, AI bots are compiling information about unsuspecting email users by analyzing their "social media activity to determine what topics they may be most likely to respond to."			
Gmail, Outlook and Apple users urged to watch out for this new email scam: Cybersecurity experts sound alarm	Technology- Scams	Scam emails are subsequently sent to the users that appear as if they're composed by family and friends. Because of the personal nature of the emails, the recipient is unable to identify that it is actually nefarious.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gmail-outlook-apple-users-urged-154318	2025/01/06	
		Chinese state-sponsored hackers broke into the US Treasury Department's systems earlier this month and were able to access employee workstations and some unclassified documents, American officials have said.			
		The Treasury Department deemed the breach a "major incident" after disclosing it via a letter notifying lawmakers to the incident.			
US Treasury says it was hacked by China in 'major incident'	Technology- Security	The US agency said it had been working with the FBI and other agencies to investigate the impact of the hack.	https://www.bbc.com/news/tech-science-202502676	2025/01/06	
The soldier who died in Cybertruck explosion wrote it was intended as a 'wake-up call'	Terrorism- Las Vegas	This was not a terrorist attack. It was a wakeup call: Americans only pay attention to spectacles and violence. What better way to get my point across than a stunt with fireworks and explosives.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/03/nx-1-5247805/las-vegas-cybertruck-ex	2025/01/06	
		Livestronger wrote in a letter found by authorities who released only excerpts of it.			
		Bright yellow vehicle-resistant blockades have been newly installed on sidewalks on and surrounding Bourbon Street. NBC reports the city has had them since 2017.			
		In a now-view video clip, NYPD Chief Anne Kirkpatrick acknowledges that the blockades, called archers, were in storage in New Orleans, and she didn't know about them previously.			
		As multiple media outlets ask similar questions, the New York Times published an article headlined "Could Better Security Have Stopped the New Orleans Terror Attack?" on Thursday. It details what it calls a "confidential security report" from 2019 that outlined how Bourbon Street was vulnerable to a vehicle attack like the one that took place this week.			
New Orleans leaders face questions over preventability of terror attack	Terrorism- NOLA	Plus, experts say vehicle attacks are becoming more common because they're incredibly simple and extremely difficult to prevent, Axios' Avery Lotz reports.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/03/new-orleans-attack	2025/01/06	
		Schiff told NBC News: "Meet the Press" that the terrorist attack "underscores" why it's important to have an FBI director "that has experience, has judgment, that has character, that will prioritize defending the country against the violence we saw in New Orleans or the violence we saw on Jan. 6."			
Sen. Adam Schiff says the New Orleans attack shows Kash Patel shouldn't lead the FBI	Terrorism- NOLA	Schiff added that the Senate should not confirm "someone whose top priority is political vendettas, who believes in Deep State conspiracy thinking, not someone who is as unqualified as Kash Patel."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/sen-adam-schiff-says-orleans-180326224	2025/01/06	
		New York launched a controversial scheme Sunday to charge drivers entering parts of the city, a first in the United States, putting local authorities on a collision course with President-elect Donald Trump.			
NYC starts driver congestion charging despite opposition	Traffic	State governor Kathy Hochul announced in November that drivers entering areas of Manhattan south of Central Park would pay a daytime toll of \$9 from midnight January 4.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nyc-starts-driver-congestion-charging-05	2025/01/06	
		The man tapped to be President-elect Trump's top White House economist published a detailed critique of President Biden's industrial policies last February. It offers a sense of the strategies for reindustrializing the U.S. economy sought by those with the president-elect's ear.			
		Stephen Miran, Trump's designee to chair the Council of Economic Advisors, argued that industrial policy should focus on supply-side reforms that make it easier for companies to invest in factories, and be driven by demand from the defense industry.			
How Trump might rewrite Bidenomics	Trump Admin	He is critical of heavy subsidies for electric cars and labor, environmental, and other regulations that, in Miran's view, make the U.S. too inhospitable to manufacturing.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/03/trump-biden-economics-ev	2025/01/06	
		The first days of 2025 are a very indication, it will be a difficult opening to his presidency. A driver plowed a truck into a crowd of revelers in New Orleans, killing more than a dozen people in what federal authorities are describing as a "premeditated" act of terrorism. Hours later, authorities were investigating the detonation of a Tesla Cybertruck in front of the Trump International Hotel in Las Vegas. And all came after the government said Chinese state-sponsored hackers breached the Treasury Department in a "major" cybersecurity incident, adding fuel to the fire started by an ongoing breach of U.S. telecom systems by Chinese hackers.			
Trump is days away from having to confront the kinds of crises he's long been railing against	Trump Admin		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-keeps-blaming-left-america-12000	2025/01/06	

Trump to be sentenced before Inauguration Day but faces no jail time	Trump Bulshit	The New York judge overseeing President-elect Trump's hush money case upheld the historic criminal conviction and scheduled sentencing for Jan. 10, court documents show. ... Trump's spokesperson, Steven Cheung, said in a statement that Friday's order "is a direct violation of the Supreme Court's immunity decision and other longstanding jurisprudence."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/03/trump-hush-money-sentence-new-y	2025/01/06	
Scoop: Apple CEO Tim Cook donates \$1 million to Trump inauguration	Trump Bulshit	Apple CEO Tim Cook will personally donate \$1 million to President-elect Trump's inaugural committee, sources with knowledge of the donation tell Axios. Other CEOs and companies have made seven-figure inauguration contributions in their efforts to build bridges to the incoming administration. The Democrats are all 'giddy' about our magnificent American Flag potentially being at half mast" during my inauguration, Trump said in a post on Truth Social, incorrectly using the term that refers to flags being flown halfway up the mast on a ship, not a flag pole. "They think it's so great, and are so happy about it because, in actuality, they don't love our Country, they only think about themselves." "Look at what they've done to our once GREAT America over the past four years - it's a total mess!" Trump said. "In any event, because of the death of President Jimmy Carter, the Flag may, for the first time ever during an inauguration of a future President, be at half mast. Nobody wants to see this, and no American can be happy about it. Let's see how it plays out."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/03/tim-cook-apple-donate-1-million-tru	2025/01/06	
Donald Trump fumes over flag flying at half-staff to honor Jimmy Carter during inauguration	Trump Bulshit	President-elect Donald Trump has reportedly been reassured by a top Republican that his controversial pick for Defense Secretary, Pete Hegseth, has enough backing from the GOP to be confirmed by the Senate. The democracy that Trump tried to desecrate will enshrine his return to power.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-fumes-over-flag-19501460	2025/01/06	
Pete Hegseth has enough votes to become nation's Secretary of Defense, top Republican tells Trump	Trump Cesspool	Trump, with a storm of misinformation, has convinced millions of Americans of his lie about the 2020 election being stolen. Republicans have rebranded the January 6 rioters as "bounties," persecuted victims and heroes, despite the hundreds of convictions handed down by courts. Trump has promised to pardon those found guilty over the attack. He launched his 2024 campaign with a recording of the National Anthem by the "36 choir," sung by prisoners jailed for their role in the riot. And he rebranded January 6, 2021, a "beautiful day" and a "day of love." ... This could hardly be more misleading. The truth of January 6 was told in shocking details by witnesses and law enforcement officers to a congressional select committee when the House was still under Democratic control. "It was carnage. It was chaos," said Caroline Edwards, a Capitol Police officer whose testimony was interspersed with footage of her being knocked unconscious by Trump's supporters and who described slipping on the spilled blood of her colleagues. "I am not combat trained, and on that day it was just hours of hand-to-hand combat." Edwards said in June 2022. Former Capitol Police officers present during the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection said President-elect Trump's commitment to pardon rioters is "a betrayal." Dunn said that forgiving insurrectionists for their violent actions shows a lack of accountability from the commander-in-chief. "They broke the law, violated police officers, attacked us, and then went back and said we did it in the name of Donald Trump," Dunn said. "And then Donald Trump is going to pardon them and say 'It's okay, all is forgiven.'" President-elect Trump announced on Friday that he is appointing Morgan Ortugue, who served as State Department spokesperson in his first term, as deputy special presidential envoy for Middle East peace. The appointment came with a rebuke. Trump noted that Ortugue came highly recommended but had criticized him in the past. "Early on Morgan fought me for three years, but hopefully has learned her lesson," Trump wrote.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pete-hegseth-enough-votes-become-043	2025/01/06	
Four years after his supporters invaded the US Capitol, Trump is more powerful than ever	Trump Cesspool	Now a team of over 100 researchers from the Universities of Birmingham and Oxford have determined that the mysterious fampus found at Dovers Farm Quarry in Oxfordshire were in fact dinosaur tracks dating back to the Middle Jurassic period, around 166 million years ago. At the intersection of health and edginess, traditionalism and hipsterism, global culture and the American stomach, the pickle in 2024 found itself caught in a maelstrom of words like "viral" and "trending" just as its food-as-fetish-object cousins — bacon and ranch dressing, notably — experienced in years past. Prepared Foods, an industry newsletter, said it outright in September: "The pickle obsession is at an all-time high." A Los Angeles man said he recently missed his flight home after getting trapped on his way to the airport in a Waymo that wouldn't stop making circles in a parking lot. The customer service representative told Johns to open his Waymo app and that she would try to pull the cover, but seemed to struggle with getting the vehicle to stop. Drone activity over the state of New Jersey sure gave us a December to remember even if the official explanation is pretty disappointing. According to officials, they're just regular drones that people aren't used to seeing at night mixed with regular aircraft such as private planes and helicopters. Matthew Livesberger, the man who shot himself before blowing up a Tesla Cybertruck in front of a in Las Vegas, disagreed with that narrative, sending an email to a retired Army intelligence officer claiming they're advanced military drones with "gravitic propulsion systems," Newsweek reports.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/four-years-supporters-invaded-us-05004	2025/01/06	
Farmer Capitol Police officers call Trump's vows to pardon Jan. 6 rioters 'a betrayal'	Trump Cesspool	A new federal bill will block credit agencies from including medical debt in their reports on individuals, the Biden administration announced on Tuesday. Shrinking mahogany trees Maggie nests with anti-bird spikes Brittle stars that like beer bottles Snails with paler shells to counter city heat Swallows with shorter wings to avoid cars Elephants losing their tusks to beat poachers	https://www.yahoo.com/news/former-capitol-police-officers-call-171729	2025/01/06	
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Jurassic footprints are discovered on a 'dinosaur highway' in southern England	Weird World	Now a team of over 100 researchers from the Universities of Birmingham and Oxford have determined that the mysterious fampus found at Dovers Farm Quarry in Oxfordshire were in fact dinosaur tracks dating back to the Middle Jurassic period, around 166 million years ago. At the intersection of health and edginess, traditionalism and hipsterism, global culture and the American stomach, the pickle in 2024 found itself caught in a maelstrom of words like "viral" and "trending" just as its food-as-fetish-object cousins — bacon and ranch dressing, notably — experienced in years past. Prepared Foods, an industry newsletter, said it outright in September: "The pickle obsession is at an all-time high." A Los Angeles man said he recently missed his flight home after getting trapped on his way to the airport in a Waymo that wouldn't stop making circles in a parking lot. The customer service representative told Johns to open his Waymo app and that she would try to pull the cover, but seemed to struggle with getting the vehicle to stop. Drone activity over the state of New Jersey sure gave us a December to remember even if the official explanation is pretty disappointing. According to officials, they're just regular drones that people aren't used to seeing at night mixed with regular aircraft such as private planes and helicopters. Matthew Livesberger, the man who shot himself before blowing up a Tesla Cybertruck in front of a in Las Vegas, disagreed with that narrative, sending an email to a retired Army intelligence officer claiming they're advanced military drones with "gravitic propulsion systems," Newsweek reports.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/04/mn-41-5248283/jurassic-footprints-dino	2025/01/06	
The sill of a lifetime? Is a nation that's enduring its own sour patch, the pickle dominated 2024	Weird World	Now a team of over 100 researchers from the Universities of Birmingham and Oxford have determined that the mysterious fampus found at Dovers Farm Quarry in Oxfordshire were in fact dinosaur tracks dating back to the Middle Jurassic period, around 166 million years ago. At the intersection of health and edginess, traditionalism and hipsterism, global culture and the American stomach, the pickle in 2024 found itself caught in a maelstrom of words like "viral" and "trending" just as its food-as-fetish-object cousins — bacon and ranch dressing, notably — experienced in years past. Prepared Foods, an industry newsletter, said it outright in September: "The pickle obsession is at an all-time high." A Los Angeles man said he recently missed his flight home after getting trapped on his way to the airport in a Waymo that wouldn't stop making circles in a parking lot. The customer service representative told Johns to open his Waymo app and that she would try to pull the cover, but seemed to struggle with getting the vehicle to stop. Drone activity over the state of New Jersey sure gave us a December to remember even if the official explanation is pretty disappointing. According to officials, they're just regular drones that people aren't used to seeing at night mixed with regular aircraft such as private planes and helicopters. Matthew Livesberger, the man who shot himself before blowing up a Tesla Cybertruck in front of a in Las Vegas, disagreed with that narrative, sending an email to a retired Army intelligence officer claiming they're advanced military drones with "gravitic propulsion systems," Newsweek reports.	https://apnews.com/article/pickle-trends-2024-dill-food-snack-44e8539f	2025/01/06	
Los Angeles man trapped in circling Waymo on way to airport says he missed his flight home	Weird World	Now a team of over 100 researchers from the Universities of Birmingham and Oxford have determined that the mysterious fampus found at Dovers Farm Quarry in Oxfordshire were in fact dinosaur tracks dating back to the Middle Jurassic period, around 166 million years ago. At the intersection of health and edginess, traditionalism and hipsterism, global culture and the American stomach, the pickle in 2024 found itself caught in a maelstrom of words like "viral" and "trending" just as its food-as-fetish-object cousins — bacon and ranch dressing, notably — experienced in years past. Prepared Foods, an industry newsletter, said it outright in September: "The pickle obsession is at an all-time high." A Los Angeles man said he recently missed his flight home after getting trapped on his way to the airport in a Waymo that wouldn't stop making circles in a parking lot. The customer service representative told Johns to open his Waymo app and that she would try to pull the cover, but seemed to struggle with getting the vehicle to stop. Drone activity over the state of New Jersey sure gave us a December to remember even if the official explanation is pretty disappointing. According to officials, they're just regular drones that people aren't used to seeing at night mixed with regular aircraft such as private planes and helicopters. Matthew Livesberger, the man who shot himself before blowing up a Tesla Cybertruck in front of a in Las Vegas, disagreed with that narrative, sending an email to a retired Army intelligence officer claiming they're advanced military drones with "gravitic propulsion systems," Newsweek reports.	https://www.yahoo.com/tech/los-angeles-man-trapped-circling-1746502	2025/01/06	
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Shrinking trees and tuskless elephants: the strange ways species are adapting to humans	Environment-adaptation	Shrinking mahogany trees Maggie nests with anti-bird spikes Brittle stars that like beer bottles Snails with paler shells to counter city heat Swallows with shorter wings to avoid cars Elephants losing their tusks to beat poachers	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jan/06/evolution-specie	2025/01/07	
32 dolphins have died since an oil spill near southern Russia, experts say	Environment-Animals	Thirty-two dolphins have died since oil spilled out of two storm-stricken tankers three weeks ago in the Kerch Strait, which separates the Russia-occupied Crimean Peninsula from Russia's southern Krasnodar region, an animal rescue group said Sunday. A magnitude 6.8 earthquake rocked the northern foothills of the Himalayas near one of Tibet's holiest cities on Tuesday, Chinese authorities said, killing at least 95 people and shaking buildings in neighbouring Nepal, Bhutan and India.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/06/mn-41-5250301/dolphins-dead-oil-spill	2025/01/07	
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Biden makes an 11th-hour move to block coastal oil drilling	Environment-Fossil fuels	President Biden is using a decades-old law to block drilling for oil in more than 625 million acres of U.S. ocean — the largest region a president has ever protected using this authority. It's a move designed to help cement his climate legacy, and one the incoming Trump administration is expected to challenge. Computer models continue to show a winter storm impacting the Southeast into the weekend. The FOX 5 Storm Team feels confident that north Georgia will see a mixed bag of precipitation, including snow, sleet, freezing rain, and, for some, a cold rain rain. By early Tuesday, wind chill temperatures could dip into the teens to low-20's (as low as minus 10.5 C) from Texas across the Gulf Coast, according to the National Weather Service. A low-pressure system is then expected to form as soon as Wednesday near south Texas, bringing the potential of snow to parts of the state that include Dallas, as well as to Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. By the end of the nearly 30-minute session, Harris' demeanor was hard to read. She called out the totals: 112 electoral votes for Trump, and her own 220. The Republicans in Congress cheered Trump's win, while Democrats remained silent. I found something unsettling in their quiet acquiescence. It seemed less like a demonstration of higher principles and more like an act of submission. The political party that had helped stage and enable an insurrection didn't learn any lessons; the one that didn't had no real response left in the chamber.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/06/mn-41-5248765/biden-dishore-drilling-o	2025/01/07	
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I Watched the Capitol Riot Unfold Right in Front of Me. What I Saw This Year Is Haunting.	Government-January Six	When I left the Capitol grounds four years ago, I never imagined that Trump would be welcomed back in that way. But it's clear that half the country wants him there, and believes the system can still work. The next four years will put that to the test. Trump has already made comments about how his supporters will never need to vote again. Time will tell how far he'll take that. The calm of today may be remembered as a brief reprieve before four years of chaos, or it may be remembered as the day America stood by, refusing to see what its new president has promised. Neither outcome seems just. A Louisiana resident has died after being hospitalized for a severe case of H5N1 bird flu, the state's health department said Monday. This marks the first bird flu-related human death in the U.S. Louisiana's health department has not identified any additional cases of the illness or evidence of human transmission, the department said in a news release. As it spread around the world, tens of millions of chickens and turkeys were euthanized and thousands of birds have been killed or sickened, as well as land-based mammals and marine mammals. Around the world, bird flu has killed about half of the people known to have been infected. For now, the risk to people remains low, but the longer it lingers, researchers become more concerned about the possible mutations that could make it easier to transmit among humans and have a greater impact on human health. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau resigned from his position as the leader of the Liberal Party on Monday. The world's leading democracies are facing growing instability. Look to Germany, where Chancellor Olaf Scholz lost a confidence vote in parliament, or the unprecedented government collapse in France. His resignation came as polls indicated that the Liberal Party was set to be trounced by the opposition Conservative Party in the upcoming election, expected in or before October, Reuters reported. Once the rising star of global progressive politics, Trudeau saw his approval ratings drop to a new low of only 33% late last year. The same poll revealed widespread frustration with economic malaise. Like many leaders in the west, Trudeau suffered under record inflation and high food prices. A domestic housing crisis, which saw house prices in some areas jumping by 30%-40% in recent years, has deepened resentment with the government. The head of Moldova's breakaway region Transnistria has urged residents to burn firewood for heating and warned that blackouts cannot be avoided, after Moscow stopped supplying gas via Ukraine. Vladimir Krasnoselskiy, the president of the Russian-backed separatist silver on Moldova's eastern bank, said in a message on Telegram on Friday that "1,500 multi-story apartment buildings have no heating and hot water. Almost 72,000 private households have no gas. One hundred and fifty gas boiler houses have been shut down."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/watched-capitol-riot-unfold-front-0016046	2025/01/07	
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Civil rights group's lawsuit using Ku Klux Klan Act is last hope of holding Trump accountability for Jan. 6	January Six	The lawsuit filed by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law alleges that Trump and other defendants, including the white nationalist group Proud Boys, violated the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871. "There is a provision that prohibits a conspiracy to violate civil rights. You don't have to be wearing the hood in order to do that," Hewitt told theGrio. He added, "If you have multiple parties who are in communication to deprive people of their civil rights, to stop processes like execution of functions, like counting of ballots — that's what the type of law is tailor-made for."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/civil-rights-group-lawsuit-using-14424081	2025/01/07	
Rudy Giuliani held in contempt of court over Georgia defamation case	Political Cesspool	A federal judge on Monday declared Rudy Giuliani in contempt of court for failing to respond to information requests in a defamation case brought by two Georgia election workers. The outlets reported. Instead, Vice President Kamala Harris, fresh off her election defeat, entered the room to polite applause from both sides. She walked past a beaming Marjorie Taylor Greene, the congresswoman from Georgia and perhaps the biggest supporter of the mob that attacked this building four years ago. Laughing throughout, Taylor Greene expressed the happiest person in the room. The attack was unique in American history, but familiar to countries around the world where democracy is faltering or nonexistent. In those places warlords don suits, history is rewritten, crimes are forgotten and buried and everyone has to adjust to the new reality. Only seven members of the House are under age 35. That's in contrast to 13 members of the House being 80 or over. That list does not include Ray Granger, a Texas lawmaker whose term ended last month. In December, it was reported that Granger had been living in an assisted-living facility for several months.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/06/rudy-giuliani-contempt-of-court-geor	2025/01/07	
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		Despite that can on gay troops ended more than a decade ago, a surprisingly small fraction of the tens of thousands of vets affected have accessed benefits they are due. The Pentagon has now agreed to settle a class action lawsuit that may change that for about 35,000 veterans.		
		The Pentagon announced a proactive review of discharges under "don't ask, don't tell" — the 1993 Clinton administration policy that banned troops from being open about their sexuality — last October, but this proposed settlement agreed to Monday will speed up that process considerably if approved by California's Northern District Court. Instead of individual applications, the settlement will allow veterans to have their records reviewed in large groups, delivering access to VA benefits and Honorable Discharge papers as early as this summer.		
Pentagon agrees to settle historic lawsuit with LGBTQ+ veterans over discharge status	Rainbow news	How many transgender teens in the U.S. are receiving medical care related to gender transitions? According to a peer-reviewed research letter published Monday in JAMA Pediatrics, the answer is very, very few.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/06/us/politics/pentagon-lawsuit-lgbtq.html	2025/01/07
		The care at issue includes puberty blockers and cross-sex hormone therapy — medications that help transgender teens develop characteristics that align with their gender identity. Use of these treatments is supported by major American medical groups including the American Academy of Pediatrics.		
		"The total number of youth who had any diagnosis of gender dysphoria was less than 18,000," Hughes explains. "Among those folks, there were less than 1,000 [youth] that accessed puberty blockers and more than 2,000 that had even access to hormones."		
A very, very small number of teens receive gender-affirming care, study finds	Rainbow news	In other words, the study found that less than 0.1% of teenagers with private insurance in the U.S. are transgender and receive gender-related medicines.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/06/us/politics/pentagon-lawsuit-lgbtq.html	2025/01/07
		In the months after the US supreme court overturned Roe v Wade, permanent contraception in the form of tubal sterilizations and vasectomies surged among young adults living in states likely to ban abortion, new research released on Monday found.		
		Compared to May 2022, when the opinion overturning Roe leaked, August 2022 saw 95% more vasectomies and 70% more tubal sterilizations performed on people between the ages of 19 and 26, according to the study, which was conducted by researchers at the George Washington University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Michigan.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/06/permanent-contraception	2025/01/07
Permanent contraception surged after Roe v Wade overturned, study finds	Reproductive rights	The Justice Department on Friday urged the Supreme Court to reject President-elect Donald Trump's request to delay the implementation of a law that would effectively ban TikTok in the U.S. or force its sale by its Chinese parent company by Jan. 10.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/president-elect-donald-trump-seeks-block-immigrant-release-060	2025/01/07
	Technology-Social media	The effort to include border, energy and tax policies in a single bill is a shift from where Senate Republican leader John Thune has been, but it also represents an evolution in how Trump's team has begun to use the legislative landscape over the last several weeks. A source familiar with this change told CNN it had become clear with the spending bill debacle and a narrow speaker's race that there will be very little room to maneuver two separate bills — one on the border and energy and one regarding tax policies.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/president-elect-donald-trump-seeks-block-immigrant-release-060	2025/01/07
Johnson tells Republicans Trump wants one big policy bill as party charts course on agenda	Trump Admin	Four years after President-elect Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol, Congress on Monday peacefully certified his 2024 victory with Vice President Harris overseeing her own loss.	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/congress-electoral-college-certify-2025	2025/01/07
Congress certifies Trump's 2024 victory four years after Capitol riot	Trump Admin	President-elect Donald Trump and his former co-defendants in the Florida classified documents case launched an effort Monday to block the release of a final report by special counsel Jack Smith that also addresses the election interference case.	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/congress-electoral-college-certify-2025	2025/01/07
Trump seeks to block 'imminent' release of special counsel Jack Smith's report	Trump Bulwark	Against a backdrop of deep dissenting Eastman's efforts, Trump is understood to have told party attendees, "I'm a big fan of John Eastman. I know, he was right. He happened to be there. That's why they changed the law and nobody wants to talk about that."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-seeks-block-immigrant-release-060	2025/01/07
		Correspondent Vaughn Hilyard replied, "Let's be very clear, there's no coincidence that this event in which he welcomed not only John Eastman, but Michael Flynn, and Jeffrey Clark—the man [who] urged the DoJ to put off all statements about the 2020 election—and they were up onstage. Rudy Giuliani was onstage, and Peter Navarro, who spent time for not complying with the subpoena from the Jan. 6 committee, and they were watching a film that was a documentary about John Eastman."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-seeks-block-immigrant-release-060	2025/01/07
'This Is Sickening': Trump Slammed for Jan. 6 Take at Secret Mar.-a-Lago Bash	Trump Bulwark	The far right has two wings. One is openly white supremacist, and is vocally opposed to groups like people of color, Jews, Muslims, and LGBTQ+ people. The other is more moderate in its beliefs; the people of color—theyself are increasing part of Trump's base—are welcome, as are Jews. Both wings overlap in their hatred of "communism" (also a catch-all term for anything to the left of them), embrace of conspiracy theories, contempt for democracy, and desire for traditional social hierarchies.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-seeks-block-immigrant-release-060	2025/01/07
		One exception is the armed militia movement, which is having a mild revival. Hurt by a massive Facebook deplatforming in 2020, Teaa Owen recently observed these groups "have been quietly reorganizing, ramping up recruitment and rhetoric" in recent months. Some groups hope to help Trump's deplatforming scheme.		
Donald Trump Is Building a New Army of Foot Soldiers	Trump Cesspool	Conversely, open white supremacists are doing quite well. Active Clubs—white supremacist MMA training gyms—are in full flourish, and have even expanded overseas. While they've had limited public activism, observers worry they could soon transform into a fully-fledged fighting force.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-building-army-foot-soldiers-1100007	2025/01/07
		The historic effort by Justice Department prosecutors and FBI agents to investigate the deadly Trump-inspired storming of the Capitol has led to more than 1,270 arrests in nearly 40 states, including the largest criminal probe in American history. New arrests are slowly still trickling in, four years later, including recent cases against a member of the Proud Boys and a voter who tried to stab police with a flagpole.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-building-army-foot-soldiers-1100007	2025/01/07
'Deck chairs on the Titanic': How Trump already upended DOJ's ongoing efforts to arrest and prosecute January 6 rioters	Trump Cesspool	But the political reality has already tanked morale inside the Justice Department division that handles these cases — and is hampering efforts to secure guilty pleas in about 300 pending cases, as defendants balk at negotiations, according to a federal law enforcement official involved in the sprawling investigation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-building-army-foot-soldiers-1100007	2025/01/07
Proud Boys leader serving 22 years for Jan. 6 conviction asks Trump for a pardon	Trump Cesspool	Enrique Tarrio, the former Proud Boys chairman who is serving 22 years in federal prison after he was convicted of seditious conspiracy in relation to the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack, is asking President-elect Donald Trump for a presidential pardon.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-building-army-foot-soldiers-1100007	2025/01/07
		What makes MAHA's grievances particularly complicated — and fascinating — is that they're not entirely wrong. Autism spectrum disorders, ADHD, anxiety, childhood obesity and chronic fatigue — just some of the health problems the movement cites — are all on the rise. The problem is the unholy marriage between conspiracy and reality. Take, for example, how the increased ADHD and anxiety diagnoses can be attributed, at least in part, to a greater understanding of mental health issues and an easing stigma around mental health.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-building-army-foot-soldiers-1100007	2025/01/07
		At first MAHA might seem like a strange MAGA colt. Trump is, after all, famously skeptical with an affinity for fast-food burgers and dessert stations. It makes sense, though, when you consider what is at the heart of both the MAHA and MAGA movements: individualism.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-building-army-foot-soldiers-1100007	2025/01/07
Opinion The Make America Healthy Movement is a threat to public health	Trump Cesspool	MAHA — from the movement's mistrust of childhood vaccines to its influencers' exhortations to "do your own research" — shows just how far American culture has gone to undervalue true community. My family, my needs, my children and my beliefs — the movement insists — are more important than anyone else's — and the so-called elites telling us we have a responsibility to the community to vaccinate our kids are engaging in tyranny.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-building-army-foot-soldiers-1100007	2025/01/07
'Pretty awesome': Illinois man finds decades-old Christmas gift inside wall of childhood home	Weird World	In the MAHA mind, it's all about you — science and the public good be damned.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-building-army-foot-soldiers-1100007	2025/01/07
		Tin King, a Lombard resident and the owner of TKING Construction Services, was performing a small remodel on the bathroom of his parents' home when he found a hidden treasure tucked away behind the drywall — a decades-old Christmas gift.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-building-army-foot-soldiers-1100007	2025/01/07
		A monkey in a pink tutu that slipped out of a Missouri home was captured just before a winter storm slammed the state.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-building-army-foot-soldiers-1100007	2025/01/07
Primate's ballerina: errant monkey in a tutu leads Missouri police a merry dance	Weird World	The Jefferson county sheriff's office described the apprehension of the primate in a Facebook post as "bananas."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-building-army-foot-soldiers-1100007	2025/01/07
		The spider monkey was spotted on Friday afternoon at the intersection of two highways near the town of Otis, just to the south of the St. Louis area. The monkey had been staying at a nearby home when it managed to open a door and get outside.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/07/monkey-tutu-missou	2025/01/07
		That's not what current and former employees have alleged. Democratic Senator Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, the chairman of the hearing, told Calhoun that a dozen whistleblowers had reported a host of retaliatory measures to the subcommittee, including reassignment, exclusion from key meetings, verbal assault, even physical threats.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/boeing-co-day-calhoun-admits-something-went-wrong-after-worker-who-logged-a-safety-issue-aud-46-manager-calls-in-two-days	2025/01/08
Boeing CEO Dave Calhoun admits 'something went wrong' after a worker who logged a safety issue aud 46 manager calls in two days	Boeing	Boeing manager and whistleblower John Barnett, who died in March of an apparent suicide, received 21 phone calls from his supervisor in a single day, and 19 on another day, after Barnett raised concerns about missing parts. According to Blumenthal, when Barnett confronted the supervisor about the calls, the supervisor told him he would "push him until he broke."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/boeing-co-day-calhoun-admits-something-went-wrong-after-worker-who-logged-a-safety-issue-aud-46-manager-calls-in-two-days	2025/01/08
House passes immigration crackdown as first act of 2025	Borders and immigration	The 119th House passed its first bill of 2025 Tuesday: The Laken Riley Act, which would require the release of undocumented immigrants arrested for certain non-violent crimes such as theft.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/07/house-passes-laken-riley-act-2025	2025/01/08
		Not all companies will pay a record penalty to settle allegations that they illegally coordinated between a merger between them was complete in 2021 and 2022, the federal government announced Tuesday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/07/house-passes-laken-riley-act-2025	2025/01/08
Oil companies pay record \$6.6M settlement after FTC alleges illegal coordination	Economy-FTC	The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) said XCL Resources Holdings, Verdun Oil Company II and EP Energy LLC (EP) will pay a record \$6.6 million in the civil case.	https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/507196-oil-companies-p	2025/01/08
		The No 10 spot this year went to the University of North Texas health science center in Fort Worth for allegedly neglecting to notify next of kin before selling body parts of deceased people.		
		The ninth spot was given to the outdated practice of baby tongue-lice cutting, which continues to be falsely touted as a cure for several ailments, from sleep apnea to nursing trouble, according to the New York Times.		
		Shady billing practices from Zynex Medical, a company specializing in nerve-stimulation devices used for pain management, took the No 8 slot.		
		The seventh spot was given to the case of Sara England and her infant son, Amari Vica. After the three-month-old experienced severe respiratory distress two months after open-heart surgery, doctors at Natavid medical center in Salinas, California, chose to have him transferred via air ambulance to a medical center in San Francisco. He recovered and Cigna later deemed the service "not medically necessary." The family was given a \$97,599 bill.		
		At No 6 was Medicare's mass billing for urinary catheters. As many as 450,000 beneficiaries had bills for catheters submitted on their behalf in 2023, representing an 80% increase over previous years. At seven suppliers were responsible for \$2bn of these suspicious charges.		
		Taking No 5 spot was Memorial medical center (a former non-profit turned for-profit) in Las Cruces, New Mexico, for allegations of refusing cancer treatment to patients or demanding upfront payments, even from those with insurance.		
		ProPublica's unconvincing of a once-celebrated oncologist's pattern of malpractice and trails of suspicious deaths came in at No 4. Dr Thomas C Weaver of Helena, Montana, reportedly subjected one patient to unnecessary cancer treatments for more than a decade, amid a myriad of other shocking revelations.		
		Lumakras, a cancer drug from Amgen that was granted accelerated FDA approval at a daily dose of 800mg, despite findings that a 2400mg dose offered similar efficacy with reduced toxicity and risk of side effects, grabbed the third spot.		
		At No 2 was the behemoth that is UnitedHealth and how it's become the fourth-largest business in the nation. Doctors for United have reported pressure to reduce time spent with patients, and make patients seem as sick as possible through aggressive medical coding tactics.		
		In a highly competitive year, the top spot went to Steward Health Care, whose CEO, Ralph de la Torre, is accused of prioritizing private-equity profits over patient care. His financial scheming led to bankruptcy, leaving hospitals in shambles, employees laid off and communities with less health care access.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/07/annual-awards-heal	2025/01/08
Annual 'winners' for most egregious US healthcare profiteering announced	Economy-health care	The U.S. Justice Department is suing several large landlords for allegedly coordinating to keep Americans' rents high by using both an algorithm to help set rents and privately sharing sensitive information with their competitors to boost profits.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-justice-department-acuses-six-major-landlords-of-scheming-to-keep-rents-high	2025/01/08
US Justice Department accuses six major landlords of scheming to keep rents high	Economy-housing	A record 24 million people have signed up for insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act, former President Barack Obama's landmark health legislation, as the program awaits an uncertain future under a Republican-controlled White House and Congress.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-justice-department-acuses-six-major-landlords-of-scheming-to-keep-rents-high	2025/01/08
'Obamacare' hits record enrollment but an uncertain future looms	Economy-health care	Never have so many people enrolled in health care coverage through the government marketplace, a point of pride for many Democrats but a red flag to some Republicans.	https://newsy.com/articles/obamacare-aca-health-care-coverage-hits-record	2025/01/08

Trump DOJ officials may have tried to influence 2020 election through media leaks, IG report	Election interference	Senior Justice Department officials serving under Donald Trump's first administration may have violated federal law in the run-up to the 2020 presidential election by pushing for pandemic-related investigations that targeted states with Democratic governors, and then leaking private information about those investigations to friendly media outlets in a potential attempt to influence the election, according to a previously-unpublished report from the Justice Department's internal watchdog.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/interior-watchdog-bound-doj-officials-trump/	2025/01/08	
Wild weather brings winds and fire to the West, snow to the South	Environment-Climate crisis	The National Weather Service has declared a rare "particularly dangerous situation" from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow. This for people living in Anaheim, Irvine, Santa Ana, Corona, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga and Riverside. Winds are predicted to be in excess of 60 mph in some areas and forecasters say "any fires that develop will spread VERY rapidly!" Meanwhile, a developing storm is expected to bring more wintry weather across the country, threatening the normally warm areas of New Mexico, Texas and other areas in the South with snow and freezing rain starting Wednesday. Residents living in the Dallas-Fort Worth area could see 3 to 6 inches of snow by Thursday, according to the National Weather Service. For that metro, which received just 1.5 inches of snow from 2023-2024, it's being considered a major storm. Further south, the NWS said, light snow, ice and sleet is possible, likely causing dangerous road conditions and impacting travel and schools. Alco Inc. announced Monday that it planned to wind down its citrus operations after the current crop is harvested later this year. About 3,400 citrus acres (1,376 hectares) will be managed by third-party caretakers for another season through 2026. The Fort Myers-based company owns 53,371 acres (21,588.5 hectares) across eight counties in Florida and 48,700 acres (19,708 hectares) of oil, gas and mineral rights in the state. About a quarter of its land holdings will now be slated for potentially developing commercial or residential projects in the near and long term future, the company said in a news release. The company said its citrus production had declined by 73% over the past decade. The impact of Hurricanes Irma in 2017, Ian in 2022 and Milton in 2024 on trees already weakened from years of citrus greening disease "has led Alco to conclude that growing citrus is no longer economically viable for us in Florida," said John Kieran, Alco's president and CEO.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/07/mx-st-5251300/weather-leaves-snow-as	2025/01/08	
Major Florida grower to end citrus operations after years of hurricanes and tree disease	Environment-Climate crisis	More than 4,000 acres of land are burning in Southern California from three wildfires, forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate. "This time of year traditionally has not been fire season, but now we disabuse any notion that there is a season," California Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a video posted to X. "It's year-round in the state of California." More than 200,000 customers in Los Angeles and Ventura counties were without power early Wednesday morning, according to power outage us. Firefighting authorities will typically turn off power lines, as a downed line can cause sparks that escalate to flames.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/major-florida-grower-end-citrus-1648304	2025/01/08	
What to know about the wildfires spreading through Southern California	Environment-wildfires	The plunging polar vortex brought subfreezing temperatures Tuesday to some of the southernmost points of the U.S., threatening to dump snow on parts of Texas and Oklahoma in coming days and contributing to a power outage in Virginia's capital that made the water unsafe to drink.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/08/mx-st-5252970/california-wildfires-los-a	2025/01/08	
The polar vortex brings its bitter cold to the Southern US	Environment-Weather	Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), the top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, is urging the Department of Justice (DOJ) to rescind a number of internal opinions dealing with a president's military powers while asking for clarification on domestic use of America's forces. "I request that the Department of Justice publicly release opinions and manuals pertaining to the domestic use of the U.S. military. For decades, DOJ has issued guidance on the circumstances in which the President may deploy the military within the United States, as well as what servicemembers may do when so deployed," he wrote, noting that some of those documents have not been made public. "The American people have a right to know how the Executive Branch interprets the President's constitutional and statutory authority to use the military domestically. The need for transparency regarding these legal interpretations is particularly urgent today given the risk of domestic military deployment to suppress protests or carry out mass deportations."	https://apnews.com/article/wind-chills-los-angeles-ohlahoma-arkansas-	2025/01/08	
Durbin asks DOJ to clarify scope of president's military power ahead of Trump inauguration	Government-DOJ	The Jan. 20 swearing-in caps a two-week stretch of national special security events — occasions of the highest national significance that get a boost in federal funding and are led by the U.S. Secret Service. The others include the electoral count on Monday and former President Jimmy Carter's state funeral on Thursday. There's also a major rally planned for President-elect Donald Trump on Jan. 15 at Capital One Arena.	https://thehill.com/home/news/sepate5072742-durbin-justice-departme	2025/01/08	
Trump's inauguration coincides with an unprecedented string of high-stakes security events in DC	Government-security	In an update to its hate speech policy on Tuesday, spotted first by The Independent, the app's parent company Meta deleted numerous clauses banning specific derogatory statements about protected groups, while adding detailed exceptions for anti-trans speech. Core is the clause saying you cannot compare women to "household objects or property." Also removed is a prohibition on claiming that there is "no such thing" as a trans or gay person. Previously you could not say that a protected group spreads or is responsible for Covid-19, but the new changes removed that line, which seems to allow for anti-Chinese rhetoric. Added in to the policy are new clauses apparently designed to explicitly allow common anti-trans arguments, such as advocating for trans people to be banned from public bathrooms, school sports, or certain jobs. "We do allow allegations of mental illness or abnormality when based on gender or sexual orientation," reads one exception. The same section previously said that users couldn't call protected groups "freaks" or "abnormal."	https://apnews.com/article/trump-inauguration-security-a3df8ed878f6	2025/01/08	
Facebook lifts restrictions on calling women 'property' and transgender people 'freaks'	Hatred	Emergency room visits with influenza are now "very high" nationwide, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday, in this week's update on the winter respiratory virus season. Some of the highest levels of influenza are now in Western states, several of which have already topped the peaks recorded during the worst of last winter's flu season. In Oregon, the CDC's data show 8.4% of emergency room visits involved flu at the end of December. This is now more than three times higher than the peak reached last season. COVID-19, flu, RSV and walking pneumonia continue to spread across the state, Weber said, but some viruses are circulating faster than others. There has also been an uptick in cases of norovirus (or "winter vomiting disease"), since it's more common in the winter, Weber said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/facebook-lifts-restrictions-calling-women-	2025/01/08	
Flu emergency room visits now "very high" nationwide, CDC says	Health-Flu	Respiratory season is here, says Dr. Brendan Jackson, an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "It is getting to be in full swing now with a lot of people getting sick, a lot of people missing work, missing school, just feeling lousy in general." "The flu, in particular, is at high or very high levels all around the country, according to the CDC." "We're buried with influenza. Things are very, very busy and intense," says Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease researcher at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. "The emergency room is full of people who are coughing and sneezing. We've had people waiting on gurneys — those stretchers — waiting for admission. We are really full." France has warned Donald Trump against threatening the "sovereign borders" of the European Union after the US president-elect refused to rule out military action to take control of Greenland, an autonomous territory of EU member Denmark. "I'm not going to comment to that," Trump said, when asked if he would rule out the use of the military. "It might be that you'll have to do something. The Panama Canal is vital to our country." He added, "We're looking at several national security purposes."	https://www.cbsnews.com/news/influenza-flu-season-emergency-room-	2025/01/08	
A 'quad-demic' hit NC this winter, and now a 5th virus is spreading. How to stay safe	Health-winter ick	President-elect Donald Trump told residents of Greenland that "we're going to treat you well" as his oldest son visited the mineral-rich Danish territory that's home to a large U.S. military base, heightening speculation that the incoming U.S. administration could seek to acquire it. In a statement, Greenland's government said Donald Trump Jr.'s visit was taking place "as a private individual" and not as an official visit, and Greenlandic representatives would not meet with him. Crowds of people wrapped up against the bitter January cold clutch signs emblazoned with the slogan "Stop the Steal," wave US flags, and don red MAGA-like hats. But this scene is 11,000 kilometers (7,000 miles) away from Washington, DC, in the South Korean capital Seoul, where throngs of die-hard conservative supporters of the suspended President Yoon Suk Yeol have gathered outside his home to protect the embattled leader from arrest. Yoon successfully resisted an attempt to detain him on Friday after an hours-long standoff with authorities over his dramatic but short-lived declaration of martial law in December that plunged the country into political chaos. Senate Republicans are pushing to hold a confirmation hearing for Tulsi Gabbard before President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration, but Democrats are resisting setting a date for next week as the Intelligence Committee has not yet received key paperwork on the nomination, including an FBI background check, according to two sources familiar with the matter.	https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/state/north-carolina/article238	2025/01/08	
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'Stop the Steal' in South Korea? Why MAGA-like hats and slogans are part of President Yoon's impeachment drama	International-South Korea	So we asked an array of thinkers — futurists, scientists, foreign policy analysts and others — to lay out some of the possible "Black Swan" events that could await us in the new year. What are the unpredictable, unlikely episodes that aren't yet on the radar but would completely upend American life as we know it? The founders of social media giants like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok didn't expect to end up in what the industry came to call the "content moderation" business — and what many critics, and now Zuckerberg himself, denounce as "censorship." Policing online speech costs a fortune to do right. It's impossible to make everyone happy. You're bound to make mistakes. And users' wishes keep changing. The whole effort is a distraction from what's always been Facebook/Meta's top priority — boosting engagement to sell more ads. Along with the company's other new content policies, Meta has now updated its Community Guidelines on "hateful conduct" specifically to allow "allegations of mental illness or abnormality when based on gender or sexual orientation." A variety of other changes in its rules appear to significantly loosen the knot around what many users will consider hate speech.	https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/07/asia/south-korea-stop-the-steal-yoon/	2025/01/08	
Senate GOP pushes for Gabbard hearing before inauguration, but Democrats resist setting date for next week	Political cesspool	The founders of social media giants like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok didn't expect to end up in what the industry came to call the "content moderation" business — and what many critics, and now Zuckerberg himself, denounce as "censorship." Policing online speech costs a fortune to do right. It's impossible to make everyone happy. You're bound to make mistakes. And users' wishes keep changing. The whole effort is a distraction from what's always been Facebook/Meta's top priority — boosting engagement to sell more ads. Along with the company's other new content policies, Meta has now updated its Community Guidelines on "hateful conduct" specifically to allow "allegations of mental illness or abnormality when based on gender or sexual orientation." A variety of other changes in its rules appear to significantly loosen the knot around what many users will consider hate speech.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-gop-pushes-gabbard-hearing-224	2025/01/08	
The Incredible, World-Altering 'Black Swan' Events That Could Upend Life in 2025	Predictions	President-elect Donald Trump declared in a proposal out of left field on Tuesday that his administration will rename the Gulf of Mexico the "Gulf of America" in his latest attack on Mexico. "We're going to change because we do most of the work there and it's ours," Trump said. "It's appropriate, and Mexico has to stop allowing millions of people to pour into our country." Trump said in a wide-ranging news conference. Trump slammed an action President Joe Biden took Monday that banned offshore drilling across 625 million acres of U.S. ocean, promising to "reverse it immediately" and instead "drill, baby, drill" — the official slogan of his platform's energy policy. He said energy costs will be brought down "to a very low level," which he said would decrease costs across the board. ... Trump really wants the Panama Canal. And Greenland. And Canada. Trump again bashed the Department of Justice, which he has contended for years is part of a "deep state" unitary targeting him through "lawfare." He called Jack Smith, the special counsel who had conducted two investigations into Trump, "a deranged individual" and a "nutjob" who will "execute everybody." Trump promised that if the Israeli hostages being held by Hamas are not returned by the time he retakes the Oval Office, "all hell will break loose in the Middle East." "It will not be good for Hamas, and it will not be good, frankly, for anyone," Trump said. ... Trump ramped up his attacks on an old foe — windmills — saying he would "try and have a policy where no windmills are being built."	https://www.politico.com/news/2025/01/07/trump-press-conference-are	2025/01/08	
Greenland, oil and 'all hell' in the Middle East: Takeaways from Trump's Mar-a-Lago press conference	Trump Bullshit	During a free-wheeling news conference at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, Trump was asked by a reporter if he could assure the public that he would not use military coercion against Panama or Greenland, a goal he has flouted in recent weeks. "No, I can't assure you on either of those two, but I can say this, we need them for economic security," Trump said. He said later that he would not use military force against Canada, only "economic force."	https://www.abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-claims-hell-rename-gulf-mexico/	2025/01/08	
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		Despite disavowing Project 2025 on the campaign trail and the people involved with creating it, Donald Trump has now tapped numerous people tied to the project for key roles in his administration as he prepares to advance some of its main goals. Trump nominated Russell Vought, an architect of the project and the founder of the Center for Renewing America, as the director of the US office of management and budget, the same role Vought had in Trump's first administration.		
Trump's appointments signal which Project 2025 goals he might advance first	Trump Bushlit	Vought wrote a chapter for the project that talks about how the president can consolidate power and use the budget process to make agencies fall in line with his agenda. Both he and Trump tall against the so-called "deep state" and federal civil servants who staff much of the government. There is no doubt the resistance to Donald Trump feels muted second time around. The word "fascist" has disappeared from political discourse as quickly as it appeared. The meeker tone gives the impression that Trump 2.0 will be more conventional, moderate and palatable than the first version. In fact the opposite is true. There is an epic disconnect between this normalisation and the absurdly abnormal future facing America and the world. The 78-year-old's shambling hour-long press conference at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida on Tuesday suggests we aren't seen rotten yet. Suddenly the "America first" president who vowed peace through strength is sounding more like warmonger predecessors such as George W Bush. Such expansionism is music to the ears of Russian leader Vladimir Putin, whose invasion of Ukraine is based on the logic that borders are no longer fixed and territory belongs to the strongest. There is another possible motive. Trump, a former reality TV star who craves attention and is obsessed with ratings, may be feeling the pressure of second album syndrome. He knows the resistance is dampened, cable news ratings are down and many are feeling Trump fatigue with little appetite for a sequel.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/08/trump-project-2025	2025/01/08
The normalizers are exuding calm – but Trump 2.0 is anything but normal	Trump Bushlit	President-elect Donald Trump's transition team is falling short of its goal to have 2,000 political appointees on board by Inauguration Day, a new report reveals. Trump's allies have also warned that appointees must be "fully aligned" with the president-elect, indicating shows of loyalty may play a role in the hiring process. The Daily Beast reported that such loyalty tests may be holding up appointments too. Sen. Elizabeth Warren is pressing Pete Hegseth, President-elect Donald Trump's pick for defense secretary, to answer additional questions about his past actions and statements before next Tuesday's confirmation hearing. In a letter to Hegseth sent Monday, the Massachusetts Democrat asked the former Fox News host and Army veteran to respond no later than Friday to questions on allegations of past drinking, sexual assault and mismanagement of veterans organization finances – all of which he denies. She also wants to know about statements he's made concerning minorities, women and LGBTQ people serving in the military.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/07/trump-extremism-th	2025/01/08
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Extremism in US military is 'sleeping danger' says author of Pentagon report	Ceaspool-Military	The decorated combat veteran who led the Biden administration's efforts to counter extremist activity in the US military has warned there could be further domestic attacks by individuals with current or past military ties if the Pentagon fails to take the threat seriously. In an interview with the Guardian, Garrison said the defense department needed to tackle the dual challenges of radicalisation among military veterans, as displayed in New Orleans, and distress among serving soldiers, as shown by the Las Vegas suicide bomber. "I am worried that we will see more of this type of action taking place, that it will become more bombastic and stronger, and that more people will be injured or killed," he said.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/09/military-extremism-1	2025/01/09
Exclusive: Young Americans sympathize more with CEO shooting suspect than victim	Eat the rich	A new poll of college students found that half view the suspect in UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson's recent killing extremely or somewhat favorably, and nearly half believe the crime was justified.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/09/uhc-mangione-approval-poll-gen-z/	2025/01/09
Investors get pickier with AI-fueled health deals	Economy-Healthcare	Investors may have flocked to health care AI companies in recent years, but funding has leveled off and backers are becoming more selective and emphasizing clinical validation and solid business models," a new PitchBook report concludes. Shareholders of UnitedHealth Group (UHG) are calling on the company's board of directors to release a report on how its policy of limiting or delaying access to health care may be impacting the company's brand and the economy overall.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/09/investors-get-pickier-with-ai-fueled-health-deals/	2025/01/09
UnitedHealth shareholders demand review of policies that delayed or denied health care access	Economy-Healthcare	In a supporting statement, the shareholders said UHG policies that cause "delayed or avoided medical care" threaten both the company brand name as well as its investors' portfolio by increasing consumer debt, jeopardizing health of policyholders and thereby reducing workforce productivity, straining government resources, and raising increased taxes." Beyond the immediate danger posed by wildfires spreading through Los Angeles County is the smoke that poses a worrisome threat to the health of millions in the area. "Wildfires don't just burn what's wild, [they] also burn marmade structures," AM El-Hasan, a pediatric asthma doctor in Orange County, California and a spokesperson for the American Lung Association, told Axios. "Not only does that give off ash and all these particles, but you also have chemicals being given off." What else: Health clinics around the county have been announcing closures. Kaiser Permanente closed nine outpatient clinics and UCLA Health announced the closure of at least a dozen outpatient clinics including its Alhambra Cancer Care on Wednesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/unitedhealth-shareholders-demand-review-of-policies-that-delayed-or-denied-health-care-access-1400000182	2025/01/09
L.A. infernos pose added health dangers	Environment-Health	Children are suffering and dying from diseases that emerging scientific research has linked to chemical exposures, findings that require urgent revamping of laws around the world, according to a new paper published on Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM).	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/09/la-wildfire-smoke-poses-health-dangers/	2025/01/09
Health experts rally for 'call to arms' to protect children from toxic chemicals	Environment-Health	The paper points to data showing global inventories of roughly 350,000 synthetic chemicals, chemical mixtures and plastics, most of which are derived from fossil fuels. Production has expanded 50-fold since 1950, and is currently increasing by about 3% a year – projected to triple by 2050, the paper states. Rapidly spreading wildfires tearing through Los Angeles County into Thursday have destroyed roughly 2,000 structures and forced tens of thousands of people to evacuate their homes. Two of the biggest blazes remained zero percent contained in dry conditions amid high winds that were beginning to weaken over Wednesday evening, though fresh spot fires ignited and a new blaze in the Hollywood Hills prompted more mandatory evacuation orders. The two largest wildfires, the Palisades and Eaton fires, are each estimated to have razed at least 1,000 structures each. If confirmed, these would rank among the most destructive wildfires in L.A. history, per Cal Fire. At least five people died in the Eaton Fire, in northeast L.A. County, which has destroyed an estimated 1,000 structures, officials said at a Wednesday evening briefing. L.A. County Fire Chief Anthony Monroe said at a Wednesday briefing there were a "high number of significant injuries to residents who did not evacuate" from the Palisades Fire. Hydrants ran dry overnight Tuesday in Pacific Palisades, California, because of the enormous demand for water to battle the destructive wildfire there and low water pressure.	https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/jan/08/health-experts-children-chemicals/	2025/01/09
Fires ravage L.A. area: 5 deaths reported and tens of thousands evacuated	Environment-wildfires	"We pushed the system to the extreme," she said during a Wednesday news conference. "Four times the normal demand was seen for 15 hours straight."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/09/palisades-fire-los-angeles-residents-1400000182	2025/01/09
Fire hydrants can dry in Pacific Palisades as a major wildfire raged	Environment-wildfires	Things shut down for multiple days if there's any kind of ice on the road, he said. "It becomes more of a hazard because we're just not built for that kind of stuff." "It's all about layers," Beattie said. ... It's not only antisemitic, as smears around Soros often are. In Musk's particular case, the smears can be viewed as projection. The dark myth of Soros represents what Musk, in his newly political life, seems to aspire to: an all-seeing, all-knowing power and influence to shape governments to his will and his interests because of his bottomless pockets. Musk's political donations began to lean Republican in 2017, and, since then—and particularly over the past four years—he has pursued a level of power and influence on American government and society at the highest levels and scale. After buying Twitter, he donated a quarter of a billion dollars to help elect Trump and other Republican candidates. Since succeeding, he has strong-armed members of Congress, inserted himself almost literally at Trump's right hand, and earned a de facto administration position co-leading the "Department of Government Efficiency." Now he's setting his sights globally, too. He's turning himself into a mirror image of what he has accused Soros of being all these years, pursuing the very power that he has claimed Soros has. To test this research outside the lab, NPR teamed up with Columbia researchers to conduct a clinical trial. In fall of 2023, over 20,000 participants tried to add movement breaks to their days. Those who managed to succeed reported an average of 25% less fatigue. Even with the interruptions, participants felt they were more productive and more focused at work. Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum clapped back at President-elect Trump on Wednesday and said parts of the U.S. should be called "America Mexicana." In response to Trump's proposal to rename the Gulf of Mexico the "Gulf of America" at a press conference on Tuesday. During a press conference Wednesday, Sheinbaum stood in front of a 1607 map showing the territory of northern Mexico and part of the present-day United States mixed together. Sheinbaum said without prompting from reporters that the joint region that used to belong to Mexico should be called "America Mexicana," or "Mexican America." "Why don't we call it 'Mexican America'?" It sounds nice, right? Since 1607, the Constitution of Apiztlan was of Mexican America. So, let's call it that. A white powder in a letter that hospitalized an aide to Belgium's prime minister, Alexander De Croo, has been identified as strychnine, a poison that can be fatal. But Wasserman didn't get much pity online. Instead, he was swiftly mocked for asking for special treatment while thousands of Californians had no choice but to leave their homes behind—especially because, netizens were quick to point, a mere three months ago, Wasserman begged president-elect Donald Trump to cut taxes. "Homeloy went from 'Real estate billionaires don't pay taxes' to 'Will pay anything for private firefighters' real quick," one user wrote in a Threads post.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/09/mw-s1-41690/california-wildfire-water-hv	2025/01/09
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A looming 'demographic cliff': Fewer college students, and ultimately fewer graduates	Population		https://www.rpr.org/2025/01/08/na-s1-5248200demographic-cliff-fewer	2025/01/09	
New Orleans attacker's bombs were designed to cause 'absolute carnage'	Terrorism-NOLA	The New Orleans truck attacker built two bombs using what investigators believe was an explosive so powerful that they could have sprayed shrapnel hundreds of yards and potentially killed or wounded hundreds of people. It's rare, if not unprecedented, for a newly elected leader to have so many world leaders and CEOs shift their policies or posture so blatantly during the transition to curry favor with a new president.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/new-orleans-attacker-killed-high-explosive-190	2025/01/09	
Behind the Curtain: Trump's ever-expansive power	Trump Bulfith	Major tech CEOs traveled to meet Trump in person and cut \$1 million checks to his inauguration. Meta shifted top personnel and its social media policing policies to match Trump's interests. With the news media more fractured and less trusted than ever, outlets that once covered Trump with skepticism — and even disdain — have made surprise overtures to the president-elect. Senators were given previews of some of what they were told would be 100 executive orders, two sources who were in the room told Axios. One big border plan: Reinstating Title 42, according to multiple sources. More aggressively using a part of the Immigration and Nationality Act — 287(g) — which allows some state and local law enforcement to assist in some of the duties of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Building the border wall, constructing soft-sided facilities to hold migrants and implementing other asylum restrictions.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/09/trump-gov-power-expansion-tech	2025/01/09	
Scoop: Trump's 100 executive orders	Trump Bulfith	Tesla has pocketed \$11 billion from the sale of regulatory credits to rival automakers' needing help to hit tough emissions targets — easy money that could dry up if President-elect Trump rolls back Biden-era regulations. In the nine months through September 2024, 43% of Tesla's \$4.8 billion in net income came from selling regulatory credits to other carmakers.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/09/trump-immigration-executive-orders	2025/01/09	
Tesla's easy money from clean car credits at risk under Trump	Trump Bulfith	Since 2012, 34% of Tesla's total \$32 billion in profits have come from such credit sales. Justice Samuel Alito spoke with President-elect Trump the day before the Republican leader's lawyers asked the Supreme Court to halt Friday's sentencing in the New York hush money case, the judge confirmed Wednesday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/09/tesla-clean-credits-trump	2025/01/09	
Alito spoke with Trump hours before court filing on hush-money sentencing	Trump Bulfith	It's not unusual for justices to give job recommendations for former clerks, but the filing of the call, hours before the filing of an appeal against the conviction of what would be the first-ever criminal sentencing of a living president, drew criticism from advocates who've campaigned for more transparency in courts and raised ethics concerns. The post-election sales pitches illustrate just how closely Trump's personal business interests are entangled with his politics. But less than two weeks from taking the oath of office, the Republican billionaire and the Trump Organization have not offered details to the public on how precisely they intend to waltz off those varied interests — which range from hotels, golf clubs and licensing deals to a new cryptocurrency venture — from his job as president. So far, Trump has transferred his shares in Truth Social's parent company into a longstanding trust of which he is the sole beneficiary, according to recent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. His oldest son, Donald Trump Jr., is the trustee. Ethics experts say those steps fall well short of the blind trusts and divestitures from private business interests that other presidents have used to avoid ethical conflicts with their job.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/09/justice-alito-trump-call	2025/01/09	
Gold-plated watches and electoral map sneakers: Trump's newest merchandise raises conflict of interest questions	Trump Bulfith	And there are signs that the Trump Organization will erect fewer limits on its activity than it did during Trump's first four years in the White House. His son, Eric Trump — who oversees the company day-to-day — has said the company will continue to pursue business opportunities overseas, dropping a self-imposed prohibition on foreign deals that the company said was in place during the first term.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/questions-from-conflicts-interest-second-	2025/01/09	
Trump faces growing threat of 'gray zone' warfare	Trump Bulfith	President-elect Trump has made ambitious promises to end Russia's war in Ukraine and face down China, but he's also contending with a growing threat of "gray zone" attacks from foreign adversaries, from drone surveillance to acts of sabotage in the air, sea and on land. Donald Trump is mulling over the idea to declare a national economic emergency to impose widespread tariffs, CNN reports, as the president-elect escalates threats to seize the Panama Canal, acquire Greenland and force Canada into becoming a U.S. state. The emergency powers move would allow Trump to implement broad tariff measures against both allies and adversaries through the International Economic Emergency Powers Act, according to four sources familiar with the discussions.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-faces-growing-threat-gray-1100004	2025/01/09	
Trump considers declaring national economic emergency to impose tariffs	Trump Bulfith	The emergency powers would give Trump significant latitude in constructing a new tariff programme without having to demonstrate traditional national security justifications, the sources told CNN. "Nothing is off the table," one source familiar with the matter told the network, confirming that robust discussions about declaring a national emergency have taken place. Hawaii Gov. Josh Green (D) on Wednesday warned senators not to confirm Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as the next health and human services secretary, sharing a dark story about Kennedy fueling an anti-vaccine misinformation campaign that Green said led to dozens of children dying in Samoa and a measles outbreak. "A celebrity with no public health experience named Robert F. Kennedy Jr. went to Samoa, met with the prime minister, met with the secretary of health," said Green. "He discouraged them from vaccinating. And what happens when you discourage individuals from vaccinating? When they're afraid, a lot of them refuse to get vaccinated." As Kennedy pushed his anti-vaccination campaign — which Green has referred to as disinformation — the inoculation rate plummeted to 31% and the measles virus spread. Samoan leaders asked the Hawaii governor for help, so he went to their island with dozens of health care providers to help vaccinate as many people as possible. By this time, there were approximately 5,000 confirmed cases of measles, Green said, and the outbreak would lead to more than 80 deaths, most of them among children.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/08/trump-tariffs-nation	2025/01/09	
Hawaii Gov. RFK Jr.'s Anti-Vax Misinformation Left Dozens Of Kids Dead In Samoa	Trump Cesspool	"The whole town is showing up, I think, at the airport," Gor said in a teaser clip of Art of the Surge, an Apple TV docuseries on Donald Trump's resurgence and presidential victory.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hawaii-gov-rfk-jr-anti-223119777.html	2025/01/09	
Don Jr. was told the 'whole town' would show up for his Greenland arrival, it appears they did not	Trump Cesspool	A video taken inside the airport showed 20 or so Greenlanders waiting at the terminal for the U.S. president's eldest son, by the time Trump Jr. and his team departed from the terminal, it appeared more locals had joined the welcome crowd, but it had remained relatively reserved. Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-R.I.) will introduce a bill that would authorize the president to purchase the Panama Canal and put it under U.S. control, an accusation that President-elect Trump has been pushing over the last several weeks.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/don-jr-444-whole-town-160828529.html	2025/01/09	
House Republican bill would pave way for Trump to acquire Panama Canal for US	Trump Cesspool	The bill would authorize the president, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to "initiate and conduct negotiations with appropriate counterparts of the Government of the Republic of Panama to reacquire the Panama Canal" according to draft text shared with The Hill. Donald Trump Jr. wasted no time promoting his father's plans to seize Greenland. After visiting the country on Tuesday, he said the quiet part out loud, noting that the Danish territory has "precious 'rare minerals'" in the ground. Trump Jr. argued during a Newsweek interview that Denmark has prevented the Arctic island "from utilizing the great natural resources that they have, whether that's coal, whether that's uranium, whether that's other rare minerals, whether that's gold or diamonds."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-republican-bill-pave-way-2015028	2025/01/09	
Donald Trump Jr. Says The Quiet Part Out Loud During On-Air Pitch To Acquire Greenland	Trump Cesspool	Sen. Mark Warner (Va.), the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said that his meeting with former Rep. Tuli Gabbard (Hawaii) has left him with more questions as she looks to win confirmation in the coming weeks to lead the U.S. intelligence community. Mark Zuckerberg has "heard the message" from Donald Trump on restricting online content, and his Meta platforms will intervene "less and less" on users during the president-elect's administration, according to the whistleblower Frances Haugen.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-jr-says-quiet-161209174.html	2025/01/09	
Warner on Gabbard meeting: 'I had questions going in, I have questions coming out'	Trump Cesspool		https://www.yahoo.com/news/warner-gabbard-meeting-had-questions-1	2025/01/09	
Meta has 'heard the message' from Trump, says whistleblower Frances Haugen	Zuck sucks		https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jan/09/meta-has-heard-1	2025/01/09	
Meta is ushering in a 'world without facts', says Nobel peace prize winner	Zuck sucks	The American-Philippine journalist said Mark Zuckerberg's move to relax content moderation on the Facebook and Instagram platforms would lead to a "world without facts" and that was "a world that's right for a dictator". Hundreds of Californian prisoners have been deployed to help battle the fires raging across the Los Angeles area, with some working 24-hour shifts for as little as \$25.80, or just over \$1 an hour. California, which is grappling with longer and more destructive fire seasons amid the climate crisis, has long relied on incarcerated people for its response. In fact, the CDCR crews have, at times, accounted for as much as 30% of the state's wildfire force. According to the CDCR, fire crew members earn between \$5.80 and \$10.24 a day, depending on their skill level, with an additional \$1 per hour for active emergency assignments. In addition to pay, fire crews helping out during emergencies like this receive "time credits" on a two-for-one basis, meaning that for each day they serve on the crew, they receive two additional days of their sentence.	https://www.theguardian.com/usnews/2025/jan/09/facebook-and-fact-check	2025/01/09	
Hundreds of California prisoners are fighting the LA fires, with some earning little more than \$1 an hour	ACAB		https://www.yahoo.com/news/hundreds-california-prisoners-fighting-la-1	2025/01/10	
Pizzagale's gunman killed by police in North Carolina, authorities say	cesspool-ACAB	A man who fired a gun inside a restaurant in the nation's capital after a false online conspiracy theory called "Pizzagale" motivated him to do so nearly a decade ago was shot and killed by North Carolina police during a weekend traffic stop. A series of powerful wildfires has burned large swaths of Los Angeles into smoldering ruins. As first responders attempt to control the blazes, heavy winds are quite literally fanning the flames — to the point that the fires have now been ravaging the city for days. There is a clear link between climate change and the severity of recent wildfires. Climate-denying conservatives are instead blaming the devastation on California's "woke" policies.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/01/10/p-s1-42040pizzagale-gunman-killed-pj	2025/01/10	
Right-Wingers Are Blaming the L.A. Fires on Diversity	Cesspool-Conspiracy		https://www.yahoo.com/news/right-wingers-blaming-l-a-fires-diversity-1618432	2025/01/10	
Trump and Musk want to help the auto industry, Ford chairman says	Economy-Auto industry	President-elect Trump understands the U.S. auto industry better now than he did during his first term, says Ford chairman Bill Ford, who's hopeful that Tesla CEO Elon Musk will use his close relationship with Trump to advocate for all automakers. Ford also said he wasn't too worried that Musk will use his close relationship with Trump to get an advantage over Tesla's rivals. High interest rates and soaring prices are killing Americans' faith in the U.S. housing market. Just 21% of U.S. adults say now is a good time to buy a house, according to a new poll from Gallup. That's the lowest homebuyer sentiment has ever been in data going back to 1978, when the organization first asked Americans the question. It's also the second year in a row that sentiment has hit a new low—last year, just 30% of homebuyers thought the housing market was good for buyers.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/10/trump-musk-ford	2025/01/10	
Americans have had a sudden change of heart about buying a house, and only 1 in 5 think it's a good idea	Economy-Housing		https://finance.yahoo.com/news/americans-had-sudden-change-heart-1	2025/01/10	
LA wildfire damages set to cost record \$138bn	Economy-Wildfires	The Los Angeles wildfires are on track to be among the costliest in US history, with losses already expected to exceed \$138bn (£109.7bn). Last year was Earth's warmest on record, eclipsing 2023's record and for the first time exceeding the Paris target of 1.5°C above preindustrial levels, the Copernicus Climate Change Service announced Thursday. While climate scientists don't put too much stock into an individual year's record, the long-term trend is toward more rapid warming, and it is not entirely clear why 2024 was so hot — and what it portends. It's estimated the wildfire that erupted on Tuesday in Pacific Palisades has burned 6,316 structures across 19,978 acres at 6% containment in the affluent L.A. area between Malibu and Santa Monica as of late Thursday. "The main reason is increasing temperatures & atmospheric 'thirstiness," but increased precipitation "wetplush" seasonal shifts is also an emerging factor," he added, referring to when there are rapid swings between intensely wet and dangerously dry weather.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/la-wildfires-among-costliest-us-18355089	2025/01/10	
2024 was Earth's hottest year on record, exceeding Paris target	Environment-Global warming		https://www.axios.com/2025/01/10/2024-earths-hottest-year-above-par	2025/01/10	
L.A. County fires among most destructive fires ever, recorded in California	Environment-wildfires	Swain said during a livestream he expects SoCal's "urban firestorm" will likely become "the costliest wildfire disaster in California, if not national history, along with a number of other superlatives." But the extreme weather threat is far from over. Wind gusts of up to 55 mph were forecast into Friday, with more gully north-to-northeast winds expected to develop over the weekend.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/10/la-fire-destructive-california-record-1	2025/01/10	

Kenneth Fire threatens 2 SoCal counties, forces NF to move Vikings-Rams game	Environment-wildfires	The Kenneth Fire quickly spread into Ventura County after starting around 3:30pm in L.A., prompting the NF to move the L.A. Rams' wild-card playoff game against the Minnesota Vikings to Arizona. A Ventura County fire official told KNBC Thursday evening, "Forward progress of the fire has been stopped and we've contained it to only 960 acres."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/10/kenneth-fire-is-evacuations-nf-vikins/	2025/01/10
No reprieve for California inferno, with high winds continuing into next week	Environment-wildfires	As wildfires incinerate high winds and record dry conditions ravage Los Angeles County, the National Weather Service is warning of continued high-risk weather to come both this week and next. Winds will once again pick up Thursday evening into Friday morning across the Los Angeles region, with damaging gusts in the foothills and the potential for additional fire spread. NWS forecasters said Thursday afternoon. Forecasts call for wind gusts up to 55 mph overnight Thursday into Friday, and more high-wind threats are looming for LA County into early next week.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/09/la-fire-weather-next-week-friday/	2025/01/10
18 people have died in the wildfires spreading across Southern California	Environment-wildfires	Ten people have died due to the fires, the Los Angeles Medical Examiner's Office confirmed. Identification may take several weeks, the examiner said. About 180,000 people have had to evacuate and another 200,000 people are under evacuation warnings, the LA County Sheriff's Department said. Multiple injuries have been reported from residents who did not evacuate and officials say more than 4,000 structures have been destroyed by the Eaton Fire alone. A new blaze erupted in the Hollywood Hills on Wednesday night, prompting further evacuation orders. California Governor Gavin Newsom announced that more than 7,500 local, state and federal firefighting personnel and 1,200 fire trucks have been deployed in a bid to grasp a handle on the fast-moving fires.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/09/as-1-41873/california-fires-los-angeles/	2025/01/10
LA wildfires mapped, Palisades and Eaton blazes now cover more than 38,000 acres	Environment-wildfires	An arson suspect has been arrested around the area of the newly-sparked Kenneth fire after being accused of attempting to ignite a new blaze with a "flamethrower". While the cause for the Palisades, Eaton and Hurst friends are still under investigation, the Los Angeles Police Department initially said it believed the Kenneth fire was started intentionally. Locals who spotted the suspect and called 911 rallied together to corner the man, before binding his wrists with rope and zip ties and holding him down until police arrived.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/la-wildfires-mapped-palisades-eaton-163	2025/01/10
Arson suspect arrested by citizens near Kenneth fire, armed with a propane tank or flamethrower	Environment-Wildfires	The suspect claimed that he used a blowtorch "to smoke marijuana" because he "couldn't afford a lighter," according to Grimsbury. Sleet and snow began to fall across much of the southern U.S. Thursday and more is expected Friday as the second major winter storm sweeps across the country. Winter Storm Cora is expected to bring between four to six inches of snow between Texas and the Carolinas by Sunday. But parts of Arkansas and Tennessee could see up to eight inches.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/crime/arson-kenneth-	2025/01/10
Winter Storm Cora brings cold and snow to the Southern U.S.	Environment-Winter weather	According to the National Weather Service, the storm will move out of Northern Mexico and advance eastward to the Western Gulf Coast by Thursday evening, and to the Central Gulf Coast by Friday morning. Show that began falling in metro Atlanta before dawn led to hundreds of flights being cancelled and hundreds more delayed at Atlanta's airport, according to flight tracking software FlightAware. With radar showing much of the heaviest precipitation in Georgia concentrated in a band near Atlanta's airport, controllers declared a ground stop before 8 a.m., meaning no planes could land or take off. Atlanta, a major hub for Delta Air Lines, is the world's busiest airport. Gov. Brian Kemp declared a state of emergency for Georgia.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/09/news-1-5254494/winter-storm-cora-bring/	2025/01/10
Another winter storm is brewing: See which states are expected to see snow, ice	Environment-Winter weather	The student, who wasn't named because of his age, was taken to a juvenile detention center in Gainesville. He's charged with two counts of possessing a weapon on school grounds, theft and being in possession of a gun. Deputies didn't say what kind of gun was seized. Authorities said the student was arrested shortly after 2 p.m. at school, but they did not say when he arrived or release details of the circumstances of the arrest.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/another-winter-storm-brewing-see-16114/	2025/01/10
Winter storm plods into the Deep South, prompting states of emergency and school closures	Environment-Winter weather	The bird flu virus circulating among cows, poultry and wild birds isn't yet a threat to the general public, but experts say if and when that will change is impossible to predict — and that if things do get bad, the U.S. is probably underprepared. The first bird flu facility isn't indicative of an imminent crisis. But the more chances the virus is given to spread and mutate, the more likely it evolves into something capable of sparking a pandemic. During a breast reconstruction procedure, Potter said she was contacted in the operating room and told that a UHC rep had called and needed to speak to her right away about the patient she was operating on. She scrubbed out and gave the "gentleman," a call — only to be questioned about the woman's diagnosis and "whether her impatient stay should be justified."	https://apnews.com/article/winter-storm-severe-weather-e77c471029b	2025/01/10
Teen with gun arrested at Georgia high school that was scene of deadly shooting months ago, cops say	Guns and schools	"I was like, 'do you understand that she's asleep right now and she has breast cancer?' Potter recounted. "And the gentleman said, 'actually, I don't — that's a different department that would know that information.'" Clearly perturbed, Potter told the representative that the overnight post-surgery stay was indeed necessary — and that moreover, UHC should already have that information because the surgery had already been approved.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/apalachian-high-s	2025/01/10
The bird flu is low-risk for most people — for now	Health- bird flu	A Virginia woman who lost her hand after defending herself in a savage shark attack in Florida is desperately raising money to pay for a prosthetic hand, after insurance denied to pay for a new limb. When will the two key elections take place? Canada's next general election had been set for Oct. 20, 2025, based on the timing of the last election in 2021. That plan is now changing drastically. Who are the contenders to be the next prime minister? The current favorite is Pierre Poilievre, whose Conservative Party has gained a 24-point lead over Trudeau's Liberals as of this week, according to the CBC's poll tracker. What about Canada's relationship with the U.S.? Canadian's code of living will be a central issue in the next election, Sevi says. But foreign policy — especially Canada's relationship with the U.S. — is also likely to be on voters' minds.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/10/bird-flu-pandemic-risk-prepared/	2025/01/10
UnitedHealthcare Calls Doctor Mid-Surgery To Ask If Her Patient's Overnight Stay Is Necessary	Health- United	For now, the crisis is focused in a region called Transnistria, located on the eastern edge of the former Soviet republic of Moldova. It's a sliver of territory with a population of some 360,000 bordering Ukraine that declared independence with the breakup of the USSR. It has been under Russian protection, including by Russian peacekeepers, ever since. Fact-checking suddenly looks quaint, inadequate and practically irrelevant. We no longer need fact-checkers. We need reality-checkers. This is uncharted terrain. What's real? What's spin? What's outright misinformation? And who do you trust to make sense of it all? And what if others trust people who are untrustworthy?	https://www.yahoo.com/news/unitedhealthcare-calls-doctor-mid-surgery/	2025/01/10
Woman who lost hand fighting off a shark is raising money for a new prosthetic — after insurance refused to pay	Healthcare	For years, political scientist Scott Yenor has advocated for overhauling colleges and universities, which he has argued undermine traditional American families by encouraging women to pursue careers and put off childbirth. Now Yenor may get a chance to implement his policy proposals after Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed him to the board of the University of West Florida, a public school in Pensacola with about 14,000 students.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/shark-attack-florid/	2025/01/10
What's next for Canada? 8 questions will help decide the future after Trudeau	International-Canada	The New Mexico Supreme Court on Thursday struck down abortion restrictions by conservative cities and counties at the request of the state attorney general. A federal appeals court paved the way Thursday for special counsel Jack Smith to release a final report on President-elect Trump's two dismissed federal criminal cases. The ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta comes in response to a request from Trump aid Walt Nauta and former Mar-a-Lago property manager Carlos de Oliveira, who were both charged in the dismissed classified documents case.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/09/news-1-5251302/whats-next-for-canada/	2025/01/10
Here's what's behind Russia cutting off its last gas line to Europe	International-Russia	The New Mexico Supreme Court on Thursday struck down abortion restrictions by conservative cities and counties at the request of the state attorney general. A federal appeals court paved the way Thursday for special counsel Jack Smith to release a final report on President-elect Trump's two dismissed federal criminal cases. The ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta comes in response to a request from Trump aid Walt Nauta and former Mar-a-Lago property manager Carlos de Oliveira, who were both charged in the dismissed classified documents case.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/09/news-1-5247541/russia-gas-pipeline-drops-its	2025/01/10
Behind the Curtain: Reality-checkers	Misinformation	For years, political scientist Scott Yenor has advocated for overhauling colleges and universities, which he has argued undermine traditional American families by encouraging women to pursue careers and put off childbirth. Now Yenor may get a chance to implement his policy proposals after Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed him to the board of the University of West Florida, a public school in Pensacola with about 14,000 students.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/10/trump-news-media-fact-checking-re/	2025/01/10
DeSantis nominee for UWF board says women shouldn't delay motherhood for higher ed, career	Political	The New Mexico Supreme Court on Thursday struck down abortion restrictions by conservative cities and counties at the request of the state attorney general. A federal appeals court paved the way Thursday for special counsel Jack Smith to release a final report on President-elect Trump's two dismissed federal criminal cases. The ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta comes in response to a request from Trump aid Walt Nauta and former Mar-a-Lago property manager Carlos de Oliveira, who were both charged in the dismissed classified documents case.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/desantis-appointee-university-board-says/	2025/01/10
Abortion restrictions struck down by New Mexico Supreme Court	Reproductive rights	The New Mexico Supreme Court on Thursday struck down abortion restrictions by conservative cities and counties at the request of the state attorney general. A federal appeals court paved the way Thursday for special counsel Jack Smith to release a final report on President-elect Trump's two dismissed federal criminal cases. The ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta comes in response to a request from Trump aid Walt Nauta and former Mar-a-Lago property manager Carlos de Oliveira, who were both charged in the dismissed classified documents case.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/abortion-restrictions-struck-down/	2025/01/10
Smith's final report on Trump cases can be released, appeals court says	Trump Bulfith	The timing of the report's release remains unclear. The Supreme Court on Thursday denied President-elect Trump's request to delay his Friday sentencing in his criminal hush money case. Though Trump faces no jail time for his 34 felony convictions, the Supreme Court's decision is the first blow to his efforts to sidestep his sentencing just days before he returns to the White House. The sentencing will formalize his status as the only living president to be convicted of a crime.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/10/trump-appeals-court-jack-smith-rep/	2025/01/10
Supreme Court denies Trump's effort to stop hush money sentencing	Trump Bulfith	1. Elon Musk last night scaled back his radically ambitious pledge to slash "at least \$2 billion" from the federal budget, suggesting in a new interview that achieving just half of that would be an "epic outcome." 2. Trump's team has told European officials that the true deadline for ending the war in Ukraine is "several months," despite Trump long claiming he would do so within 24 hours of taking office, the Financial Times reported today. 3. Weeks after winning an election dominated by inflation concerns, Trump rejected the notion that his presidency would be a "failure" if he were unable to bring down grocery prices.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/09/trump-musk-campaign-promises/	2025/01/10
Reality bites Trump	Trump Bulfith	Trump's appointment of Sriram Krishnan, an Indian American venture capitalist, as an adviser on artificial intelligence sparked a backlash from within his base — fueled in part by anti-Indian racism and criticism of Krishnan's views on immigration. This was the stage for an acrimonious spat over the merits and pitfalls of the H-1B scheme. More than 15,000 doctors have signed a letter urging senators to vote against confirming Robert F. Kennedy Jr., President-elect Donald Trump's pick for secretary of health and human services. The health and well-being of 330 million Americans depend on leadership at HHS that prioritizes science, evidence-based medicine, and strengthening the integrity of our public health system," the letter reads. "RFK Jr. is not only unqualified to lead the essential agency — he is actively dangerous."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/10/h-1b-visas-ban-non-	2025/01/10
Trouble in Trumpworld over H-1B visas makes for stonks biffleflows	Trump Bulfith	More than 15,000 doctors have signed a letter urging senators to reject RFK Jr. as health secretary. On Wednesday, Rudy Giuliani told a federal judge in Washington, D.C. that it could be dangerous for him to attend an upcoming contempt hearing tied to his defamation case with election workers Ruby Freeman and Wandrea "Shaye" Moss due to ongoing issues with his knee, heart and lungs, as well as what he said were death threats linked to his criticisms of Iran. In response, U.S. District Beryl Howell gave Giuliani permission to attend the hearing remotely on one condition: He must declare, under penalty of perjury, that he cannot not travel anywhere because of those reasons and therefore would not travel for the next month — including over Trump's inauguration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rudy-giuliani-says-hes-too-2008130291b/	2025/01/10
A rare yellow cardinal draws eyes to St. Louis bird-watching	Weird World	In a declaration filed Thursday, Giuliani said it wasn't that he said he couldn't travel, it was just that he probably shouldn't. His death threats were credible, he said, and he is definitely suffering various ailments that require him to take medication. The day after Christmas, Taka Yaginimoto, the St. Louis Cardinals' director of photography, came upon a cardinal of a different sort in his backyard: a male specimen with a rare mutation that makes its feathers yellow instead of red. "It's not a rare species, but it is a rare condition called xanthism," said St. Louis Audubon Society board member Bill Rowe. "It's due to a [genetic] mutation. I've [also] seen cardinals like this that were partly white and partly red that look like peppermint candy."	https://www.sfnor.com/show/st-bouls-on-the-air/2025-01-07/a-rare-yellow-cardinal/	2025/01/10
Diver walks 370 feet underwater on a single breath	Weird World	An Australian freediver went for a 370-ft, 2-min stroll at the bottom of a pool to break the Guinness World Record for the longest underwater walk with one breath (female). The Walter Zoo in Gossau said heavy snowfall caused branches to break in the red panda enclosure, giving a path for female red pandas Li and Yen to climb to freedom. Li traveled only a few yards away and was found munching on branches with the zoo's vicuñas — South American relatives of camels — but Yen "was more adventurous," the zoo said on social media. "Her tracks led us outside the zoo into the forest," the post said.	https://www.upi.com/odd_News/2025/01/10/australia-Guinness-World-Record/	2025/01/10
Snowstorm helps red pandas escape from zoo enclosure	Weird World	Zookeepers, aided by a helpful pedestrian and a tracking KR9, located Yen "taking a leisurely stroll in the forest." Police in Colorado responded to a ski resort to remove an unusual hazard from the slopes: a car that took a wrong turn. The sheriff's office said it was "not our everyday illegal parking call."	https://www.upi.com/odd_News/2025/01/09/switzerland-red-pandas-es/	2025/01/10
Wrong turn strands car on ski slope at Colorado resort	Weird World	Deputies found a note stuck to the car's window explaining the driver took a wrong turn while following a GPS route and ended up stuck on the slope. A law truck was able to remove the car from the slope and the vehicle was returned to its owner. A Maryland man used the license plate number from a car that cut him off in traffic to play the lottery and won a \$500,000 prize.	https://www.upi.com/odd_News/2025/01/08/Keystone-Resort/Colorado/	2025/01/10
Man uses rude driver's license plate to play the lottery, wins \$500,000	Weird World		https://www.upi.com/odd_News/2025/01/09/bob-maryland-lottery-judy/	2025/01/10

		Australian police have released CCTV video of a bungling arsonist who set her own pants alight and had to hot-foot it from the scene without them. One of them tried to set the fluid alight at the front of the outlet, just out of the view of a camera.			
Bungling arsonist in Australia sets pants on fire	Weird World	In an instant, the arsonist is seen again engulfed in flames and then hurriedly removing the burning trousers before running off unchecked with an apparently unharmed accomplice. Uncle Praise first made news headlines in Japan in September of last year when Fuji TV released a short documentary on his unique "profession". The 43-year-old man reportedly used to work for a company in his hometown of Tochigi, but at one point in his life, he got so addicted to gambling that he lost both his family and his job. His father fell ill, he lost his job and couldn't pay the mortgage anymore, his family eventually cut ties with him, and he found himself living on the street. It was a rude awakening that helped him beat his gambling addiction and really assess his life. The middle-aged man had always dreamed of being a street performer, but he had no special skills such as magic tricks or singing, so he came up with the idea of praising people for money. Uncle Praise will often stand for hours on end holding his sign without a single person approaching him for his services, but in the three years he has been practicing his unique trade, he managed to get regular clients who call him whenever they need a morale boost. After going viral on social media, he started making "business trips" around Japan and has so far traveled to 31 of the country's 47 prefectures to praise people. On average, he compliments more than 30 people a day, earning about 10,000 yen (\$65). The Welsh village of Cyffylllog was "invaded" by bargain-hunting shoppers looking for a non-existent Aldi supermarket that internet trolls added to Google Maps as a prank. The "add a missing place" feature on Google Maps can be very useful when used correctly, but when abused by pranksters, it can cause headaches for entire communities. Case in point, Cyffylllog, a quiet Welsh village in Denbighshire whose inhabitants have seen a flood of confused shoppers looking for a "phantom Aldi supermarket" that only exists as a pin on Google Maps. Believed to have been added by a local internet troll, the listing has so far led thousands of people to a grassy field, tens of miles away from the nearest checkout lane. After a milk truck became stuck on a narrow village track trying to deliver its cargo to the phantom Aldi, locals said that they have been visited by vans trying to deliver groceries and bread to the non-existent supermarket, as well as confused shoppers lost here by their smartphones.	https://news.yahoo.com/news/bungling-arsonist-australia-sets-pants-07	2025/01/10	
Middle-Aged Man Makes A Living Praising Strangers On the Street	Weird World	Azuchi Foods, a popcorn manufacturer and delicacy wholesaler in Japan's Kochi City, has become famous for using and selling popcorn not just as a snack but as a cushioning material. The company's manager, Shihoko Wada, had been struggling to promote popcorn on the Azuchi Foods online store where people mainly bought delicacies when she was inspired by a laptop repair technician at a management seminar. The man used Umabo sticks (cylindrical puffed corn snacks) as a cushioning material, and while some in attendance found it funny, for Wada it was a revelation. Not only could the popcorn be used as an actual snack after use, but it was also an incredible opportunity to attract attention. "If Umabo can be used as a cushioning material, then I thought the popcorn that our company makes could also be used as a cushioning material," Shihoko Wada told Gendai Magazine. "Once it's finished serving its purpose as a cushioning material, it can be eaten, so it doesn't become useless garbage. Above all, I thought that the customers who received it would be happy with the surprise. They would get a sense of value, and it would also help improve the company's image." It's a reality show about a loving couple waiting to welcome their new arrival, watched by thousands of ardent fans. But the stars of Royal Cam, now in its 10th season, aren't socialites or hopefuls in love but northern royal albatrosses — majestic New Zealand seabirds with 10-foot (3-meter) wingspans. The show's premise is simple: Each season, conservation rangers select an albatross couple as that year's stars. A camera on the remote headland follows the chosen birds as they lay and incubate an egg, before their chick hatches around February, grows to adult size, and finally takes flight.	https://www.odditycentral.com/news/middle-aged-man-makes-a-living-3	2025/01/10	
Quiet Welsh Village Terrorized By Shoppers Looking for Supermarket That Only Exists on Google Maps	Weird World	Unlike human reality shows, drama is rare: Royal albatrosses usually mate for life. Rangers selecting the birds to follow each "season" avoid anything controversial: no first-time parents and no aggressive or grumpy personalities. The entire search was a terrifying and scary experience for Comer, who was worried about where her already skittish dog could have gone or could have encountered. That was until 2:30 a.m. Christmas Eve, when she got a Ring video notification from her doorbell and her other dog began barking. "I was kind of like in a daze, and the dog was barking, and as soon as I heard that ring, I looked at my phone and you could see in the video it was Athena and she was jumping at the door, ringing the doorbell," Comer said. As soon as Comer opened the door, Athena bolted inside and went to go lick her son's face, who was on the couch half-asleep. After that, she immediately grabbed her ball to play and shortly went to her cage to go back to sleep. Fact-checkers who were put in place in the wake of Donald Trump's 2016 election have proven to be "too politically biased" and have destroyed "more trust than they've created," particularly in the United States, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in a video posted by the company. Critics of the move said it reflected a partisan effort to align Meta with President-elect Trump, who has repeatedly criticized the company for alleged anti-conservative bias. Proponents, meanwhile, praised the decision as a sign of renewed emphasis on free speech rather than content policing. In recent years, however, the social media platforms have shifted toward a conservative-friendly, laissez-faire approach to speech. Sol Messing, a research associate professor at New York University's Center for Social Media and Politics and a former research scientist at Facebook, told ABC News. After extinguishing the blaze, though, Mota wasn't treated as a hero. She and her compatriots showered and changed, but instead of heading home to a soft bed and a hot meal, they were shuttled back to Central California Women's Prison, back to the endless yelling and despair. "We did these huge shifts, huge fees, and then we rolled back to the prison and we cleaned the engine," she says. "I wanted to call our families and talk about what happened, that's a collect call on a payphone, right? There's not much additional support that folks get." And don't get her started on therapy — that would get her disqualified from the program. So after fires and fatalities and horrors, Mota and her friends just had to suck it up. The scale of the current tragedy throws into relief what many prison reformers see as the injustice of the current program, which is largely made possible due a 13th Amendment loophole that allows incarcerated people to be forced to work for public and private enterprises for extremely low wages. That loophole remained open following the most recent U.S. election, which saw California voters shutting down Proposition 6, which would have abolished prison labor. As such, inmates continue to fight fires, a job that has the highest injury rates among prison jobs (they're four times as likely to get injured as traditional firefighters) and pays \$0.16 to \$0.74 an hour.	https://www.odditycentral.com/news/quiet-welsh-village-terrorized-by-shoppers-looking-for-supermarket-that-only-exists-on-google-maps	2025/01/10	
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No One Treated Us Like Inmates: Why Prisoners Out to Fight Fires	ACAB	This is the scenario Americans could face in Trump's second term. Under Trump, Christian nationalists will have unprecedented access to the power of the federal government. Trump's GOP has unified control of Congress. And a conservative supermajority, which has already blurred the line between separation of church and state in a series of decisions favoring Christian interests, controls the US Supreme Court. It will embolden and empower the White Christian nationalist movement. In all likelihood, it will institutionalize White Christian nationalism. It will transform our government, with the goal of transforming our society. It will likely place White Christian nationalists in positions of enormous political power. It could be transformative. We can expect this Christian nationalist agenda to transform the public school system. One of the proposals with Christian nationalists is to eliminate the Department of Education, to look to the privatization of schooling, but also to transform the curriculum throughout public schools. The anti-CRT (critical race theory) and anti-work agenda that we have seen played out on a smaller scale in certain states — that is what we should expect to see on a national scale. "We found that support for those ideologies or for those groups was the same or lower than the overall U.S. population, suggesting that veterans don't necessarily ideologically or group-wise have a disproportionate baseline vulnerability to get radicalized or recruited," he told The Independent. However, veterans that do hold extremist views are more likely to act on them. "They have this expertise and you saw it in both of these events," Via said. "You saw it with the surveillance. You saw it with the planning. With the recording. With the weapons training. The IEDs. All of that is military training." These attributes, plus America's high esteem for the military, are why right-wing groups and militias like the Oath Keepers explicitly recruit active military and veterans, to often fighting results. Signify, an organization that works with prominent groups and clubs in sports to track and report online hate, said it has seen an increase in reports of abuse since Grok's latest update, and believes the introduction of photorealistic AI will make it far more prevalent. "It is a problem now, but it's really just the start of a coming problem. It is going to get so much worse and we're just at the start, I expect over the next 12 months it will become incredibly serious."	https://news.yahoo.com/news/no-one-treated-us-like-inmates-150000774/	2025/01/13	
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'Just the start': X's new AI software driving online racist abuse, experts warn	Ceespool-Technology	"The thing that X has done, to a degree that no other mainstream platform has done, is to offer cash incentives to accounts to do this, so accounts on X are very deliberately posting the most naked hate and disinformation possible."	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jan/13/just-the-start-x-r/	2025/01/13	
Apple asks investors to block proposal to scrap diversity programmes	DEI	In a notice to shareholders, Apple's board has recommended investors vote against the proposal because, it says, it already has the right compliance procedures to deal with any risks and because the proposal "inappropriately attempts to restrict Apple's ability to manage its own ordinary business operations, people and teams, and business strategies".	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jan/13/apple-investors-d	2025/01/13	
Climate change plays key contributing role in LA fires	Environment-wildfires	Climate change — particularly whipsaw between two wet winters followed by a bone-dry, unusually hot spring, summer and fall — set the stage for Los Angeles' deadly and devastating fires, scientists say. The firestorm was the product of what climate researchers refer to as "hydroclimate whiplash." Other factors include one of the worst Santa Ana wind events of the past two decades; land use patterns; and sparks set off by power lines, car engines, suspected arsonists and other potential ignition sources. The dry fire hydrants sparked political outrage and illustrated just how unprepared municipal water systems are to combat the sorts of large-scale urban wildfires that have become more frequent with climate change. Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) on Friday ordered an independent investigation into the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP), the nation's largest municipal utility, over hydrants and water supply issues. DWP provides water for more than four million L.A. residents and serves Pacific Palisades, a wealthy area of Los Angeles where much of the destruction took place. "While water supplies from local fire hydrants are not designed to extinguish wildfires over large areas, losing supplies from fire hydrants likely impaired the effort to protect some homes and evacuation corridors," Newsom said. "We need answers to how that happened."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/12/la-fires-climate-change-drought-ext/	2025/01/13	
Why fire hydrants ran dry as wildfires ravaged Los Angeles	Environment-wildfires	"It's something that we have definitely started to see as, essentially, these wildland fires move into urban areas and become urban conflagrations," Keams said. "Our urban water supply is meant to deal more with things like a single house being on fire," she added. Risk experts believe the insured losses from the Los Angeles wildfires will easily top \$20 billion, but in some ways that's only the start of the crisis California now faces. California's insurance market was already struggling as carriers fled the state's many risks. As a result the state insurer of last resort, FAIR Plan, has ballooned to an unsustainable size. California's insurance market was already struggling as carriers fled the state's many risks. As a result the state insurer of last resort, FAIR Plan, has ballooned to an unsustainable size.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/11/fire-hydrants-dry-wildfires-los-angeles/	2025/01/13	
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	The warning: "Do not drink or cook with the tap water... Do not treat the tap water yourself," typed in all caps and boldface. The alert, issued January 10 by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, also advises people not to take hot baths or long showers. It's directed at residents of the Pacific Palisades and other neighborhoods near the Palisades Fire. High levels of benzene, a chemical linked with cancer, were found in the drinking water after large wildfire disasters in the 2017 Tubbs Fire in Santa Rosa, and the 2016 Camp Fire in Paradise, Calif. Other volatile organic compounds are also known to contaminate tap water after fires. But in a situation when there's a huge demand for water, the pressure in the system drops. Firefighters opening up dry hydrants, people encountering low water pressure at home — these are all signs of depressurization which creates a vacuum effect. It's especially problematic during an active wildfire. The soot and air pollution from burned trees and buildings gets pulled back into the water system through open fire hydrants and water storage tank vents and damaged pipes. "That vacuum pulls contaminants, like gases from combustion, back into the distribution system. And this causes chemical contamination of the distribution system which is very difficult to get rid of," says Jackson Webster, a professor of civil engineering at California State University in Chico. In at three cases, sudden drought had sucked the moisture out of local vegetation, creating abundant kindling for fire to feed on. Then strong winds picked up the embers and carried them into residential areas. "When we look at the recent really bad fires — the Camp Fire, the fires in Hawaii — they all have that thing in common," Grizzo says. "They have a wet period, dry period, heavy winds, very rapid fire spread, a lot of ember transport." House Republicans have a problem. They want to pass a massive agenda for President-elect Trump, preferably in his first 100 days of office. And they don't want to add to the federal deficit. That looks impossible. Trump's agenda includes an extension of his 2017 tax cuts, with possible plus-ups that include no taxes on tips and the possible elimination of a ceiling on state and local tax deductions. It also includes energy reform and changes to the border and rules on immigration. The Sup Sup Court on Friday agreed to review a challenge to the Affordable Care Act's requirement that insurers cover certain recommended preventive services at no cost. Eliminating the requirement could limit access to services like cancer screenings, preventive medications for heart disease, behavioral health counseling and HIV drugs known as PrEP. The timing of the high court review puts the legal defense of the ACA mandate in the hands of the incoming Trump administration. Entire neighborhoods in Southern California have been destroyed by deadly wildfires, displacing communities that don't know what — if anything — they'll have to return to. Researchers have linked wildfires to long-lasting anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder in survivors, in addition to the well-documented physical toll. People exposed to California's deadliest wildfire, the 2018 Camp Fire, showed greater chronic symptoms of PTSD, anxiety and depression, according to research published in 2023. States as far as the US — its spring. More than 100 cases across 14 states and Washington DC have been confirmed by US health officials since an outbreak began at Disneyland last December. With a majority of those infections in unvaccinated people, widespread blame — from Washington to the rest of the world — has fallen on parents who chose not to vaccinate their children. Part of the problem, according to Dr Elizabeth Edwards, professor of pediatrics and director of the Vanderbilt Vaccine Research Program, is just that: vaccination is understood by many as an individual choice, when science makes clear that the choice to not vaccinate or not to vaccinate — can affect an entire community. But California remains home to communities with some of the highest vaccination opt-out rates in the country. Santa Cruz County, for example, has a personal belief exemption rate of 9.35%, nearly three times the state average. Some California school districts see exemption rates higher than 10%. That's enough to put a dent in herd immunity and fuel local outbreaks of measles. Experts recommend that 92-95% of Americans be vaccinated against measles to protect everyone in the community, especially those who can't get the shot: babies under one year old, people born before the measles vaccine was introduced in 1963 and have never had measles themselves, and immunocompromised kids and adults like Brett Kreutz, a young boy who recently went through chemotherapy.		
Amid the fires, LA is warning some residents the tap water isn't safe. Here's why	Environment-wildfires	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/01/11/water-1-5254	2025/01/13
The most horrific wildfires in recent US history have one key feature in common	Environment-wildfires	https://www.yahoo.com/news/most-horrific-wildfires-recent-us-02193376	2025/01/13
House Republicans face massive debt problem	Government-Debt	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-republicans-face-massive-debt-23	2025/01/13
SCOTUS to review ACA preventive services mandate	Health-ac	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/11/scotus-obamacare-preventive-servic	2025/01/13
The psychological toll of California's catastrophic fires	Health-Mental health	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/12/california-wildfires-toss-mental-heal	2025/01/13
Watch how the measles outbreak spreads when kids get vaccinated -- and when they don't	Health-Vaccines	https://www.theguardian.com/science/pilgrimage/2015feb/05/sp-wa	2025/01/13
Trump envoy presses for Gaza ceasefire deal before Jan. 20 in Netanyahu meeting	International Relations	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/11/bump-up-arrest-gaza-dead-jan-20-wydr	2025/01/13
Dozens of Congress members outperformed the stock market in 2024. Here's who gained the most -- and why	Political-Ceaspool	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/congre	2025/01/13
Margorie Taylor Greene Launches Unhinged Call for Officials to Manipulate the Weather to Stop L.A. Wildfires	Political-Ceaspool	https://www.yahoo.com/news/margorie-taylor-green-launches-unhinge	2025/01/13
Special counsel Jack Smith resigns ahead of Trump inauguration	Politics	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/11/special-counsel-jack-smith-resign-tru	2025/01/13
US supreme court curbed public scrutiny as it boosted security before Roe ruling	Supreme Court	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/12/us-supreme-court-tr	2025/01/13
Trump is sentenced in hush money case — but gets no penalty or fine	Trump Bulleht	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/10/mx-at-5239327/trump-sentencing-new-yor	2025/01/13
I Think Things Are Going to Be Bad. Really Bad': The US Military Debates Possible Deployment on US Soil Under Trump	Trump Bulleht	https://www.yahoo.com/news/indebted-military-aust-debate-qwest-200009	2025/01/13
Why does Trump hate this tiny fish so much?	Trump Bulleht	https://www.vox.com/down-to-earth/294263/los-angeles-wildfire-trump	2025/01/13

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Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), said he supports "all women serving in our military today," including in combat roles. Hegseth also promised to stop drinking if confirmed, amid sordid allegations about his history with alcohol. Their maximalist impulses may have been tamed, but that doesn't mean Gabbard, Kennedy and Hegseth won't be able to radically transform their agencies in the way MAGA envisions. Rudy Giuliani was held in contempt of court Friday for continuing to defame two Georgia election workers, multiple outlets reported. It's the second time this week the former Trump lawyer was held in contempt in the same case, more than a year after he was ordered to pay the women \$148 million in damages. In an escalation of discontent among the highest-profile far-right followers of Donald Trump, his former adviser Steve Bannon has called Trump's newest favorite, Elon Musk, "racist" and a "truly evil guy," pledging to "take this guy down" and kick him out of the MAGA movement. Four years after receiving a pardon from President Donald J. Trump for crimes related to foreign lobbying, Paul Manafort is again seeking business from political interests abroad. The team and its solicitation of foreign business, previously unreported, seek to capitalize on international interest in forging connections to Mr. Trump and his emergence at the center of a populist movement of immigration critics sweeping parts of the world. To carry out a mass deportation of its kind, the American Immigration Council, a nonprofit that advocates for faster immigration policies, estimates it would cost \$88 billion — about \$80 billion more than what ICE is allocated now. It's going to get tougher and tougher for Democrats to win the Electoral College and the White House if present trends hold, new projections from the U.S. Census Bureau suggest. Democratic strongholds like California and New York appear likely to lose population and multiple electoral votes, while GOP-leaning states like Texas and Florida are likely to pick up votes. That would lead to a shift in power. Or a few million. More than 200 years worth of U.S. documents are in need of transcribing (or at least classifying) and the vast majority of them are handwritten in cursive — requiring people who know the flowing, looped form of penmanship. "Reading cursive is a superpower," said Suzanne Issacs, a community manager with the National Archives Catalog in Washington D.C. A young gorilla rescued from a plover's camp hold is recovering at an Istanbul zoo, officials said Sunday, while wildlife officers consider returning him to his natural habitat. As Istanbul emerges as a major air hub between continents, customs officials have increasingly intercepted illegally traded animals. In October, 17 young Nike crocodiles and 10 monitor lizards were found in an Egyptian passenger's luggage at the city's Sabiha Gokcen Airport. The annual No Trousers Tube Ride event has returned in colourful fashion as people stripped down to their underwear and hopped on the London Underground. Crowds gathered at Waterloo station and one group of women kicked their legs with raised arms while dressed in coloured knickers. Others were seen stuffing down escalators, taking selfies on the platform or posing inside train carriages as they showcased an array of underwear styles and colours. An annual architectural celebration of ice is up and running again in New Hampshire and several other states. Ice Castles, which are both temporary art installations and tourist attractions, feature towers, tunnels, archways and caves, all created by freezing, harvesting and arranging thousands of icicles and then blasting them with sprinklers. Dunkin' stores in Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island all had no doughnuts in their cases Thursday and Friday and put up signs on their doors and drive-thru kiosks informing customers that the pastries were unavailable "due to a manufacturing error." Some locations did offer "Munchkins," or doughnut holes, on Friday. A manager at the west Omaha Dunkin' location said Friday that she could not give more information on the cause of the shortage, citing orders from Dunkin's corporate headquarters. The manager, who did not give her name, said the shortage was a national problem. Sex toys that use Bluetooth could be vulnerable to being hacked by malicious third parties, the UK government has warned. Remote sex toys are designed to allow a device to be used in one location while being controlled by someone in another. Research for the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology said cyberattacks could also cause physical harm, such as overheating the device. The combination of sex toys and technologies has multiple vulnerabilities which demonstrate a "clear capacity to inflict physical and psychological harm to unknown consumers", the research says. More than 20 women and young girls along with Samira worked for the carpet-weaving business, located in the basement of an unfinished building in a poverty-stricken neighbourhood. They earned about 7,000 Afghans (\$30) a month. That day, Samira says, she was "frozen with fear" as they approached her. "They asked, 'Who is this man [her employer] to you? Why are you alone? What are you doing here? How can you allow such a thing? What are you doing with a man who isn't your relative?'" Fearing for the teenager's safety and worried she might be imprisoned, they told the Taliban that Samira and Mohammad were engaged. Mohammad's family, who were also frightened, said the same thing. Without any further investigation, the Taliban forced Samira to marry her employer, a man who already had a wife and two children. His eldest son is the same age as Samira. The marriage was officiated at the station that same day by the Taliban police, who have been given the authority to perform marriage rites since the Islamicists' takeover in 2021. The only witnesses from their respective families were Samira's sister and brother-in-law, and Mohammad's father. Roy Austin Jr., who built and led a small civil rights team inside Meta beginning in 2021, is departing the company, Austin announced in a Facebook post Friday evening. It's the first notable departure from the social media giant since CEO Mark Zuckerberg's wave of rightward moves this week, which included shuttering a fact-checking operation, loosening speech restrictions and ending diversity programs. Mark Zuckerberg's appearance on the "Joe Rogan Experience" podcast has made it clear that in the increasingly manicured face-off between government and tech, the Facebook founder is firmly on the side of tech. In his 3-hour appearance on Rogan's podcast, Zuckerberg echoes a lot of the talking points regularly made by Thiel and Andreessen — and implicitly throws Sandberg and Clegg under the bus. Zuckerberg now tells Rogan he "gave too much deference" to people who blamed Facebook-based misinformation for Trump's victory. He diagnoses a "very broad decrease in trust" in governments, at the same time as he sees a "whole new class of creators who basically become the new kind of cultural elites that people look at and are like, okay, these are the people who give it to me straight." Of course, Zuckerberg owns many of the platforms on which those creators disseminate their opinions. Zuckerberg said that a "new class of creators" — social media users — should "become the new kind of cultural elites." He skewered the "elite class," even though he himself is the world's third wealthiest person. It's a common Trumpism as well. Having ended fact-checking on his platforms, Zuckerberg is now calling for an end to the traditional media that holds him, and the presidential administration he's appealing to, accountable. It's language that is in line with Trump, and the kind of anti-media antagonism usually reserved for autocratic government leaders. One of the more extreme examples is a 9,815-square-foot Tudor mansion in Bel Air that was listed for \$25.50 a month in December — before reappearing last week for \$39,000 a month. But the most modest properties aren't exempt: A 1,200-square-foot two-bedroom in Woodland Hills was listed for \$3,900 in November, it's \$5,900 now. "Call @MjLA311 to report illegally hiked rents and prices." Bass posted on X. "We have no tolerance for it." But elsewhere, the gouging continues. On Monday, a "newly remodeled luxury home" appeared on Redfin for \$25,000 a month. The price when it was last listed in December? \$19,000 a month. "People are desperate," one agent told LAist when asked why she instructed her clients to relist their homes last week for nearly twice its previous price. "You can probably get good money." Governor Ron DeSantis has called a special session of the Florida legislature to begin January 27 to discuss among other things immigration reform.	Trump Cespool	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/12/trump-confirmation-hearings-hegseth	2025/01/13
Giuliani found in contempt of court a second time in Georgia defamation case	Trump Cespool	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/10/rudy-giuliani-contempt-of-court-defa	2025/01/13		
Steve Bannon condemns Elon Musk as 'racist' and 'truly evil'	Trump Cespool	https://www.yahoo.com/news/steve-bannon-condemns-elon-musk-164d	2025/01/13		
Pardoned by Trump, Manafort is Back and Looking for Foreign Work	Trump Cespool	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/12/us/politics/trump-manafort.html	2025/01/13		
Trump is trying to seal the border while his czar 'tempera' expectations for mass deportations	Trump Cespool	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-t	2025/01/13		
Election math looks like it's just going to get easier for the GOP	Voting Fuckery	https://www.yahoo.com/news/election-math-looks-just-gopg-22000069	2025/01/13		
Can you read cursive? It's a superpower the National Archives is looking for	Weird World	https://www.yahoo.com/news/read-cursive-superpower-national-archiv	2025/01/13		
Baby gorilla rescued from hold of Turkish Airlines plane	Weird World	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jan/13/zein-baby-gorilla-resc	2025/01/13		
No Trousers Tube Ride brings carnival of underwear to London Underground	Weird World	https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2025/jan/12/no-trousers-tube-ride	2025/01/13		
Dazzling Ice Castles draw tourists to New Hampshire and other states	Weird World	https://apnews.com/article/ice-castles-new-hampshire-84981e6b3756	2025/01/13		
Mystery shortage leaves Dunkin' stores without doughnuts	Weird World	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/dunkin-donut-shor	2025/01/13		
Remote-controlled sex toys could be hacked to harm users, UK government warns	Weird World	https://www.independent.co.uk/tech/sex-toys-hacked-remote-control-b	2025/01/13		
The Taliban made me marry my boss: how one woman led to a forced marriage	Women's rights	https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/jan/13/afghani	2025/01/13		
Meta's civil rights team head to leave company	Zuck sucks	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/11/metas-civil-rights-team-roy-austin	2025/01/13		
Mark Zuckerberg has turned on the elites, even his own	Zuck sucks	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/10/mark-zuckerberg-rogan-trump-gov	2025/01/13		
Zuckerberg calls for "repopulation" of "cultural elite class"	Zuck sucks	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/10/mark-zuckerberg-joe-rogan-facebook	2025/01/13		
Hundreds of L.A. landlords hike rents to capitalize on 'desperate' fire evacuees	Cespool	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hundreds-of-la-landlords-hike-rents-to-ca	2025/01/14		
DeSantis calls special session to enforce Trump's immigration mandates	Cespool- Florida	https://www.cfr.edu/orc/education/2025-01-13/deantis-calls-special-s	2025/01/14		
Company linked to Alex Jones doubles offer to buy infowars after defamation bankruptcy	Cespool- Suspicious	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/alex-jones-infowars-defamation-b	2025/01/14		
Nobel prize winners call for urgent 'moonshot' effort to avert global hunger catastrophe	Environment- Food	https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/jan/14/nobel-w	2025/01/14		
People are rushing to install solar panels before Trump becomes president	Environment- solar power	https://www.rpr.org/2025/01/12/rpr-st-5228024trump-solar-tax-credits	2025/01/14		

New, rare fire warning issued in Southern California	Environment-wildfires	Winds during this event will be closer to a typical strong Santa Ana, at 50 mph to 70 mph instead of up to 100 mph as seen last week. But the east-to-west air flow will likely target areas that didn't have such strong winds last week, particularly in Ventura County. "THIS IS A PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS SITUATION (PDS) FOR PORTIONS OF LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES!" the NWS said in all caps.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/13/california-fires-particularly-dangerous	2025/01/14
Wildfires death toll rises to 24 as L.A. area faces fresh threats	Environment-wildfires	The death toll rose to at least 24, per the L.A. County medical examiner's Sunday evening update. Another 15 people have been reported as missing, Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said during a Sunday briefing. More than 100,000 residents remain under evacuation orders and over 12,000 structures have been destroyed.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/12/la-fires-death-toll-updates	2025/01/14
L.A. wildfires destroy Black community birthed from Civil Rights era	Environment-wildfires	Much attention on the wildfires has focused on the destruction of homes in wealthy areas and of celebrities, but Altadena's devastation shows how middle-class areas and communities of color were also hit. In the days after the Eaton Fire started, Black residents returned to homes passed down by family members only to see them gone as the fire burned block. The community, where 58% of residents are people of color, also saw many Latino and Asian American residents return to rubble.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/13/wildfires-altadena-black-community	2025/01/14
Newsom suspends landmark environmental laws to ease rebuilding in wildfire zones	Environment-wildfires	Landmark California environmental laws will be suspended for wildfire victims seeking to rebuild their homes and businesses, according to an executive order signed Sunday by Gov. Gavin Newsom. Requirements for building permits and reviews in the California Environmental Quality Act and the California Coastal Act — often considered onerous by developers — will be eased for victims of the fires in Pacific Palisades, Altadena and other communities, according to the order.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/newsom-suspends-landmark-environmental-laws-wildfire-zones	2025/01/14
'Particularly dangerous' wildfire weather returns to California and could linger for months, say forecasts	Environment-wildfires	When analyzing fuels, forecasters look mainly at the levels of drought, along with any recent rains that may help diminish the effect of longer-term drought. With winds, in southern California at least, it's all about anticipating the Santa Anas — the fierce winds that blow offshore, from the deserts to the coast, bringing loads of dry air with them. Looking ahead to the next week, a range of weather and climate models bring good and bad news for southern California.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/13/california-wildfire-weather	2025/01/14
In Los Angeles, people snap up air filters and wear masks against smoke pollution	Environment-wildfires	The good news is there's no sign on the horizon of a windstorm close to last week's Santa Anas, which brought record-setting 100mph wind gusts to Los Angeles. She's not wrong. Small particles are some of the most health-damaging air pollution, linked to a range of chronic and deadly health issues, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Across Southern California, people are taking precautions as the air quality index — a measure that includes fine particles — reached hazardous levels for some neighborhoods, including Pasadena.	https://nnews.com/articles/los-angeles-health-california-wildfire-air-quality	2025/01/14
Chinese officials reportedly discuss sale of TikTok in U.S. to Elon Musk	Fuck that guy	Beijing officials prefer that TikTok remains under the control of Chinese parent ByteDance, but have discussed other options including a sale to Musk, Bloomberg reported. "We can be expected to comment on pure fiction," a TikTok spokesperson said, responding to the report. The company has repeatedly said it will not sell its US operation.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jan/13/china-tiktok-sale	2025/01/14
Retiring FBI chief on "60 Minutes" addresses criticism from Trump, Biden	Government Officials	Way too Pateley that China's government targeting U.S. civilian critical infrastructure was the biggest threat the incoming Trump administration faced. Meanwhile, "the most challenging type of terrorist threat we face" is online radicalization from extremist groups.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/13/fbi-christopher-ray-60-minutes-tur	2025/01/14
Cold and flu season is here to start 2025, but simple steps can help protect you and your family	Health- Flu	One way to protect yourself from all viruses: Wash your hands Seriously: Rigorous and frequent handwashing — with soap! — is crucial to reduce the spread of norovirus, colds, flu and COVID-19. This is especially true after using the bathroom and eating or preparing food, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says.	https://www.independent.co.uk/uk/health-and-families/cold-flu-covid-19/	2025/01/14
Chinese university applies for undersea cable cutter patent	International-suspicious	A team of experts from Luhu University, located in the coastal Zhejiang province in China, applied for a patent for a "dragging type submarine cable cutting device" in 2020. According to Newsweek, which reviewed the documents, the patent application is based on another device developed in the late 2000s by marine engineers the State Oceanic Administration of China (SOA) in the South China Sea described as an "ocean towing type cutting device." However, records reveal that that both applications were either turned down or retracted, although no reason was given for these actions.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chinese-university-applies-undersea-cable-cutter-patent	2025/01/14
Republicans: We Want 'Strings Attached' to California, Fire Aid	Political Cesspool	Two Republican senators have said they expect the new Republican-led Congress to ask for a laundry list of requirements to be met before allocating disaster aid to authorities in wildfire-ravaged Los Angeles. Neither, however, were clear on what specific actions local leaders may need to take to unlock the desperately needed funding.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-want-strings-attached-california-fire-aid	2025/01/14
Tuberville says California doesn't 'deserve' funding after wildfires unless it makes 'some changes'	Political Cesspool	"If you go to California, you run into a lot of Republicans, a lot of good people, and I hate it for them, but they are just overwhelmed by, by these inner-city woke policies with the people that vote for them," Tuberville said on Newsmax's "The Chris Matthews Show," in a clip highlighted by Mediaite. "And it... you know, I don't mind sending them some money. But unless they show that they're going to change their ways and get back to building dams and strong water, doing the — the maintenance with the brush and the trees and everything that everybody else does in the country, and they refuse to do it, they don't deserve anything, to be honest with you, unless they show us they're going to make some changes," he added.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tuberville-says-california-doesn-1-001709	2025/01/14
Democratic states train non-doctors on providing abortions to expand US access	Reproductive Rights	Democratic states across the country are embarking on a pioneering effort to increase access to abortion by teaching people who are not doctors to offer and perform the procedure. In Washington state, a first-of-its-kind pilot program called the Pharmacal Abortion Access Project announced this week that it trained 10 pharmacists to prescribe abortion pills; so far, they have prescribed abortions to 43 people.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/13/abortion-access-hey	2025/01/14
FBI warns of potential 'copycat or retaliatory' New Orleans attacks	Terrorism	With Roe v. Wade gone and abortion now all but eliminated in a dozen or so states, the project is the latest attempt to expand access to the procedure in the parts of the country that still allow it. Connecticut and Delaware have in recent years passed legislation to permit physician assistants, midwives and some nurses to perform abortions, while Oregon, Maryland and Illinois are now devoting millions of state dollars to programs that train similar professions in the procedure.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/13/new-orleans-attack	2025/01/14
At least 100 illegal miners have died while trapped in a South African mine for months, group says	Tragic	"The FBI and DHS are concerned about possible copycat or retaliatory attacks due to the persistent appeal of vehicle ramming as a tactic for aspiring violent extremist attackers. Previous attackers inspired by foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs) who have conducted vehicle attacks in the United States and abroad have used rented, stolen, and personally owned vehicles, which are easy to acquire," the agency said in a statement.	https://nnews.com/articles/south-africa-mine-miners-illegal-dec092904	2025/01/14
House GOP crafts bill to let Trump purchase Greenland	Trump Bullshit	At least 100 men who were mining illegally in an abandoned gold mine in South Africa have died of suspected starvation and dehydration after being trapped deep underground for months while police tried to force them out, a group representing the miners said Monday. More than 500 others are still trapped, the group said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/13/trump-buy-greenland-house-republic	2025/01/14
Judge Cannon paves the way for potential release of Part 1 of special counsel's report	Trump Bullshit	Mingus said "a minimum" of 100 men had died in the mine in North West province where police first launched an operation in November to force the miners out. They were suspected to have starved to death or died of dehydration, Mingus said. He said 18 bodies have been brought out since Friday.	https://www.rpt.org/2025/01/13/judge-st-5259382-special-counsel-report/	2025/01/14
Trump team is questioning civil servants at National Security Council about commitment to his agenda	Trump Bullshit	House Republicans on Monday introduced a bill that would allow President-elect Trump to enter into negotiations with Denmark to acquire Greenland. Rep. Andy Ogles (R-Tenn.) is introducing the two-page "Make Greenland Great Again Act," which was first reported by Fox News.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nomining-trump-team-questioning-civil-11	2025/01/14
Trump's furious 1st response to Jack Smith's special counsel report	Trump Bullshit	The bill would authorize the president — at the moment of Trump's swearing in on Jan. 20 — to "seek to enter into negotiations with the Kingdom of Denmark to secure the acquisition of Greenland by the United States."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-r-1	2025/01/14
GOP senator promises 'shock and awe' from Trump executive orders	Trump Bullshit	Florida district judge Allen Cannon has paved the way for the Justice Department to release the first part of a special counsel's inquiry into President-elect Donald Trump, covering the investigation and charges against Trump led to the 2020 presidential election.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ohio-bp	2025/01/14
Senate Democrats urge Garland to preserve evidence from Trump investigations	Trump Bullshit	Incoming senior Trump administration officials have begun questioning career civil servants who work on the White House National Security Council about who they voted for in the 2024 election, their political contributions and whether they have made social media posts that could be considered intimidating by President-elect Donald Trump's team, according to a U.S. official familiar with the matter.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-democrats-urge-garland-preserve-docs-obtained-by-abc-11	2025/01/14
Scoop: Schumer's private Hegseth plotting	Trump Cesspool	Only one top Senate Democrat has read Hegseth's FBI background check since it was given to Congress last week. His confirmation hearing begins on Tuesday morning. Paperwork delays meant the background checks and other materials for top Trump nominees were given to lawmakers late. Democrats have pushed for the reports to be available to all members before the hearings.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/13/jeff-hegseth-confirmation-hearing-f	2025/01/14
What to know about the confirmation hearings for Trump's Cabinet picks this week	Trump Cesspool	Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.), the panel's top Democrat, met with Hegseth last week. Reed said the meeting did not relieve his concerns about Hegseth's nomination.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/13/trump-cabinet-senate-confirmation-h	2025/01/14

		The selections coming before the Senate range from those who are expected to have smooth paths to confirmation, like Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., for secretary of state, to others who face headwinds and need the hearings to garner support, such as former Fox News host Pete Hegseth, a military veteran, for defense secretary. The hearings kick off Tuesday with Hegseth, former Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga., Trump's pick for veterans affairs secretary, and former North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum for secretary of the interior. On Wednesday, hearings will feature Rubio; former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, Trump's pick to head the Justice Department; South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem to head up the Department of Homeland Security; former National Intelligence Director John Ratcliffe, who was picked to lead the CIA; former Trump White House Office of Management and Budget Director Russell Vought, who was tapped to fill the role again; former Rep. Sean Duffy, R-Wis., who was selected for transportation secretary; and oil and gas industry executive Chris Wright, Trump's choice for energy secretary. And the Thursday hearings will include a second day of Bondi appearing before senators; former Rep. Lee Zeldin, R-N.Y., the pick to lead the Environmental Protection Agency; hedge fund executive Scott Bassett, who's in line to lead the Treasury Department; and former NFL player Eric Scott Turner, who was tapped for housing and urban development secretary. But some current and former military officers say Hegseth's strident statements regarding war crimes prosecutions of U.S. troops — and his advocacy for service members who were convicted by fellow soldiers — risk undermining core principles that have shaped the American military for decades. A current U.S. military officer who asked not to be named said Hegseth's stance "should be disqualifying." And Paul Eaton, a retired Army major general, said Hegseth's past support for service members accused of — or convicted of — crimes on the battlefield could have ripple effects through the military. "He condoned murder and execution," Eaton said, referring to Hegseth's past interventions in cases as a Fox News contributor. "That will create a stunning problem for every senior noncommissioned officer out there, every leader down to the squad leader." Donald Trump would have been convicted of crimes over his failed attempt to cling to power in 2021 but for his victory in last year's US presidential election, according to the special counsel who investigated him. "The department's view that the constitution prohibits the continued indictment and prosecution of a president is categorical and does not turn on the gravity of the crimes charged, the strength of the government's proof or the merits of the prosecution, which the office stands fully behind," Smith writes.		
Senate braces for 'train wreck' as hearings kick off for Trump Cabinet picks	Trump Cesspool		https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-braces-train-wreck-hearings-1200	2025/01/14
Some military officers worry that Pete Hegseth could turn a blind eye to U.S. war crimes	Trump Cesspool		https://www.yahoo.com/news/military-officers-worry-pete-hegseth-2029	2025/01/14
Donald Trump would have been convicted over 2020 election, says special counsel	Trump Cesspool		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/14/donald-trump-2020	2025/01/14
Despite Trump's win, 'election integrity' activists still seek sweeping voting changes	Voting tuckery		https://www.npr.org/2025/01/13/mx-st-5254181/election-integrity-policy	2025/01/14
Masterly balls close nine northern Sydney beaches months after fatbergs washed ashore	Weird World		https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2025/jan/14/masterly-balls	2025/01/14
Smart bird feeders gain popularity and spark interest in bird-watching	Weird World		https://agnews.com/article/smart-bird-feeders-birdwatching-cas-65ab762c	2025/01/14
Patient taken off life support after he was mistaken for his hospital roommate, lawsuit claims	WTF		https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/life-support-wash	2025/01/14
ACLU outlines how it will fight Trump's mass deportations	Borders and immigration		https://www.axios.com/2025/01/14/aclu-mass-deportations-trump-laws/	2025/01/15
Growing number of military veterans committing extremist crimes, research shows	Cesspool- Extremism		https://www.axios.com/2025/01/15/military-veterans-extremist-groups	2025/01/15
What to expect with UnitedHealth's earnings Thursday	Eat the rich		https://www.axios.com/2025/01/15/unitedhealth-earnings-expectations	2025/01/15
U.S. watchdog sues Capital One, alleging bank cheated customers out of \$2 billion	Economy- Banks		https://www.npr.org/2025/01/15/mx-st-5260706/capital-one-interest-pay	2025/01/15
NPR shopped for 96 items at Walmart to track how prices are really changing	Economy- Inflation		https://www.npr.org/2025/01/14/mx-st-5241014/walmart-prices-npr-sho	2025/01/15
As fire ravages the LA region, so too are conspiracy theories and misinformation	Environment conspiracy		https://latimes.com/news/la-region-so-too-are-conspiracy-theories-and-mis	2025/01/15
Big oil pushed to kill bill that would have made them pay for wildfire disasters	Environment- Fossil fuels		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/15/polluter-pay-bill-clim	2025/01/15
How mega-polluters take advantage of billions in green loans	Environment- Pollution		https://agnews.com/article/well-dax-greenwashing-pollution-sustainab	2025/01/15
Private firefighters spark controversy amid devastating LA fires	Environment- wildfires		https://abcnews.go.com/US/private-firefighters-spark-controversy-amid	2025/01/15
Planes are dumping ocean water to fight the Los Angeles fires. Here's why using saltwater is typically a last resort	Environment- wildfires		https://www.cbs.org/news/how/science/planes-are-dumping-ocean-wat	2025/01/15
Elon Musk Says His Boring Company Could Dig The \$20 Trillion Tunnel Connecting America With Europe For '1000x Less Money'	Fuck that guy		https://finance.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-says-boring-company-1700	2025/01/15
Safety advocates fear Tesla will face less accountability for car crashes under Trump	Health and safety		https://www.npr.org/2025/01/15/mx-st-5231124/tesla-crash-reporting-fs	2025/01/15
Drugmakers hiked prices for hundreds of drugs in early January	Health- Costs		https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/01/14/mx-st-5250	2025/01/15

		According to Dr. Dawn Nott, a pediatric infectious disease physician at Oregon Health and Science University, many of the most common COVID symptoms are the ones we all know well at this point, like cough and shortness of breath. You may also have a fever, chills, congestion, runny nose, sore throat and body aches, Snyder said.			
The Most Common COVID Symptoms Doctors Are Seeing In Winter 2025	Health- Covid	"I think the one thing we're not seeing is... that loss of smell or taste that people often talked about early in the pandemic." Nott explained. These symptoms haven't been prevalent since early 2022 when the omicron variant came around, she added.	https://www.huffpost.com/entry/covid-symptoms-winter-2025_1_67802c	2025/01/15	
Chemicals in sewage sludge fertilizer used on farms pose cancer risk, EPA says	Health- EPA	Harmful chemicals in sewage sludge spread on pasture as fertilizer pose a risk to people who regularly consume milk, beef and other products from those farms, in some cases raising cancer risk "several orders of magnitude" above what the Environmental Protection Agency considers acceptable, federal officials announced on Tuesday.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jan/14/fas-sewage-fertilizer	2025/01/15	
Health insurers limit coverage of prosthetic limbs, questioning their medical necessity	Health- Insurance	But when he has needed replacing last January after about five years of everyday use, his new marketplace health plan wouldn't authorize it. The roughly \$50,000 leg with the electronically controlled knee wasn't medically necessary, the insurer said, even though Colorado law leaves that determination up to the patient's doctor, and his has prescribed a version of that leg for many years, starting when he had employer-sponsored coverage.	https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/08/health/health-insurers-prosthetic-limb/	2025/01/15	
Age of the panzootic: scientists warn of more devastating diseases jumping between species	Health- panzootic	People who need surgery to replace a joint typically don't encounter similar coverage roadblocks. In 2021, 1.5 million knee or hip joint replacements were performed in United States hospitals and hospital-owned ambulatory facilities, according to the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, or AHRQ. The median price for a total hip or knee replacement without complications at top orthopedic hospitals was just over \$68,000 in 2020, according to one analysis, though health plans often negotiate lower rates.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jan/15/age-of-the-panzootic	2025/01/15	
Respiratory illnesses are up nationwide. Here are the COVID, flu and RSV hotspots	Health- Winter ick	This ability to infect, spread between, and kill such a wide range of creatures has prompted some scientists to call H5N1 a "panzootic," an epidemic that leaps species barriers and can devastate diverse animal populations, posing a threat to humans too. As shrinking habitats, biodiversity loss and intensified farming create perfect incubators for infectious diseases to jump from one species to another, some scientists say panzootics could become one of the era's defining threats to human health and security.	https://www.miamiherald.com/news/health/world/national/article28476	2025/01/15	
U of M researchers examine preparedness for possibility of CWD jump to humans	Health- Zombie Deer	The impacts on biodiversity can be huge. Bird flu has led to "catastrophic" declines in seabird populations, with millions of wild birds killed. More than 20,000 South American sea lions have died in Chile and Peru and an estimated 17,200 southern elephant seal pups have died in Argentina equivalent to 96% of all pups born in the country in 2023.	https://www.mpgnews.org/story/2025/01/12/u-of-m-researchers-examine-preparedness-for-possibility-of-cwd-jump-to-humans	2025/01/15	
How Hitler Diamanted a Democracy in 53 Days	History	It feels like everyone around you is fighting off a cold or recovering from the flu, it may be because respiratory illnesses are running rampant in most of the United States, and cases are only increasing.	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/01/hitler-germany-cong/	2025/01/15	
Escalating armed conflict is most urgent threat for world in 2025, say global leaders	International Relations	When broken down by state, most of the country is experiencing elevated respiratory illness, including a few states with "very high" ratings that act as national hotspots, CDC data shows. ...	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jan/15/escalating-armed-conflict	2025/01/15	
Biden's Cuba bombshell shocks Florida Democrats	International- Cuba	However, compared to influenza and RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus, cases of COVID-19 are considered "low" by the CDC. Flu cases were labeled as "high," and RSV cases were categorized as "very high." All three respiratory cases have been increasing in recent weeks, CDC data shows. In a release CIDRAP said "current CWD response efforts are constrained by inconsistent disease surveillance among states and limited resources that would be insufficient if a spillover event were to occur."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/15/biden-cuba-terrorism-florida-democrats	2025/01/15	
Russian state TV foats splitting Greenland with Trump	International- Russia	In response to the disease, which is always fatal in deer, the report makes nine recommendations based on vulnerabilities identified by its organizers. They include improving areas of research, funding, surveillance, and public and animal health care.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/russia-jan-15/	2025/01/15	
South Korea's impeached president arrested	International- South Korea	Osterholm warned spillover might already be taking place.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/15/south-korea-yoon-suk-yeol-arrest-dp	2025/01/15	
When American allies' undersea cables are severed, suspicion falls on Russia and China	International- suspicious	"We have some limited data now suggesting that feral pigs might be infected. Well, if they can get infected, surely its possible domestic swine could also become infected," he said. "What would that do to the swine market? What would that do to the cattle market? These are huge issues."	https://www.rbcnews.com/news/world/undersea-cables-are-cut-suspic	2025/01/15	
How to politicize the truth on Facebook, Instagram and Wikipedia	Misinformation	Unlike other foods where cooking kills off foodborne pathogens making it safe to eat, cooking meat infected with CWD could concentrate the disease making it worse.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jan/14/facebook-instagram-wikipedia	2025/01/15	
Menopause may accelerate the progression of MS... Study	Personal Interest	Ninety-two years ago this month, on Monday morning, January 30, 1933, Adolf Hitler was appointed the 15th chancellor of the Weimar Republic. In one of the most astonishing political transformations in the history of democracy, Hitler set about destroying a constitutional republic through constitutional means. What follows is a step-by-step account of how Hitler systematically disabled and then dismantled his country's democratic structures and processes in less than two months time—specifically, one month, three weeks, two days, eight hours, and 40 minutes. The minutes, as we will see, mattered.	https://multipledisclerosisnewsbody.com/news-posts/2025/01/14/ms-ds/	2025/01/15	
House barrels toward fight over placing conditions on California fire aid	Political Cesspool	Global leaders have said that escalating armed conflict is the most urgent threat in 2025 but the climate emergency is expected to cause the greatest concern over the next decade, according to the World Economic Forum.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-barrels-toward-fight-over-2259106	2025/01/15	
American conservation's wild frontier: the rise of Wyoming's Freedom caucus	Political Cesspool	President Biden's last-minute executive order Tuesday to undo sanctions on Cuba and detain the socialist nation's a terrorism sponsor is outraging already disgruntled Florida Democrats.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/14/wyoming-freedom-s	2025/01/15	
House Republicans pass bill to ban trans women and girls from school sports	Rainbow threats	Russian state media pundits have mullied the possibility of splitting Greenland with Donald Trump, as the President-elect continues to posture about acquiring the Danish territory.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/14/house-republicans-c	2025/01/15	
Texas lawmakers take aim at abortion pills in new legislative session	Reproductive Rights	Andrey Gureyev, a member of the state Duma — the Russian assembly — said on Sunday that "basically, the war in the Arctic has started" and that Russia should look to strengthen its resources in the north, according to The Daily Beast.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/14/texas-anti-abortion-l	2025/01/15	
Greater Sydney council bans 'revealing swimwear', sparking debate about double standards	Sexism	South Korea's impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol was arrested at his presidential residence on Wednesday morning local time following an hours-long standoff. Images from the scene show.	https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2025/jan/15/greater-sydn	2025/01/15	
Supreme Court to hear arguments on Texas porn law	Supreme Court	First the Baltics, now Taiwan. This month, in the latest in a spate of such incidents, crucial undersea cables connecting U.S. allies were damaged or severed.	https://www.npr.com/2025/01/15/mst-41-5260178/supreme-court-texas-por	2025/01/15	
FBI erases China-sponsored malware from thousands of U.S. computers	Technology- malware	With an average of about 200 cable faults a year, according to the International Cable Protection Committee, damage to undersea communications infrastructure is not uncommon. The majority are caused by ship anchors or fishing activity such as trawling, where heavy equipment is dragged across the seafloor.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fbi-erases-china-sponsored-malware-500	2025/01/15	
Scoop: Trump's \$500 million post-election windfall	Trump Bullshit	But the Taiwanese government says this may have been an example of Chinese "gray-zone interference," irregular military and nonmilitary tactics that aim to wear down an opponent without engaging in an actual shooting war.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/15/trump-windfall-fundraising-500-mil	2025/01/15	
"Stark and troubling": Trump whistleblower sounds alarm over National Security Council loyalty tests	Trump Bullshit	It also comes amid an update in Europe, where NATO is stepping up patrols of Baltic Sea cables that provide power and enable almost all intercontinental communication, including the internet.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/stark-troubling-trump-whistleblower-soun	2025/01/15	
Donald Trump Would Be Convicted of Defrauding U.S. in 2020 Election if He Weren't President-Elect, DOJ Assests	Trump Bullshit	The plan to dox Wikipedia editors and Meta's moves are attempts to politicize the truth by controlling its custodians.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-convicted-defrauding-u-14	2025/01/15	
Trump says he will create 'external revenue service' to collect tariff income	Trump Bullshit	In news that is cynically and thematically related to Meta's announcement, the ultra-conservative Heritage Foundation in Washington DC, which published the influential Project 2025 roadmap for the president-elect, has laid out plans to go after Wikipedia's volunteer editors both online and off, possibly with fiscal recognition. Once brooked, Wikipedia editors can be persuaded to stop "abusing their positions" and inserting what Heritage believes to be antisemitic entries. Heritage's plan was first reported by Forwired, in a great scoop.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/14/trump-external-reve	2025/01/15	
Hegseth grilled about claims on gender in the military	Trump Cesspool	For women with multiple sclerosis (MS), disability starts to worsen significantly faster after menopause, according to a new study.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/15/women-democratic-senators-pete-h	2025/01/15	

		Here's the formula: Survive the first two weeks: Trump's team got past the news cycles about Senate Republicans being quietly concerned about Hegseth's nomination. They've told us for a month that if he can get to his nomination hearing, he'll be fine. So MAGA fool soldiers on anyone suspected of falling out of line. Sen. Jon Ernst (R-Iowa) was noticeably friendly at today's hearing. Ernst told local radio on Wednesday that she'll vote to confirm Hegseth. Stonewall the Dems: Only the committee's top Democrat — Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.) — was allowed to see Hegseth's background check. Democrats were denied second rounds of questioning today. Hegseth didn't meet with any of the rank-and-file Dems ahead of today's hearing. Take advantage of the media's shattered glass: Today's most TV-ready moments from Senate Dems — Tim Kaine's hypotheticals on Hegseth's red lines and his behavior — Kristen Gillibrand's condemnation of his comments on women in the military ... Mazie Hirono's questions on his drinking — are entirely to teach MAGA viewers. A progressive group that bolstered Robert F. Kennedy Jr. during the 2024 presidential campaign is also supporting a new war room that wants to scuttle his nomination for Health and Human Services Secretary. ... It is difficult to estimate the total amount that Sixteen Thirty Fund spent on political activities in 2024. But they have been involved with both pro- and anti-RFK efforts. Will he resign if he drinks? Should domestic violence be disqualifying? Would he use the military against Americans? Would he seize Greenland by force? Should the U.S. follow the Geneva Conventions?			
Trump's skip-the-Senate playbook	Trump Cesspool	Ranking member Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., who's voted for the last eight nominees for the post, said Hegseth lacks "the character and composure and competence to hold the position of secretary of defense." ... "In each year you were in charge, expenses far exceeded revenues, until the organization teetered on bankruptcy and had to be merged with another group," he said. ... In one of the most contentious questionings of the hearing, Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine suggested that even if the 2017 sexual encounter was consensual, it still represented a failure of judgment given that Hegseth was married and had just fathered a child out of wedlock. Hegseth said that he has "never disparaged" women in the military and referenced "personal experience" of when standards were lowered. Gillibrand asked him to cite a specific example of standards being lowered. Hegseth did not give one. "I've heard of deslashed conversions but this is the first time I've heard of a nomination conversion," she said. Hegseth has pledged to reverse "woke policies" at the Pentagon.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/14/trump-hegseth-senate-confirmation-	2025/01/15	
Scop: Liberal dark money group plays both sides on RFK Jr.	Trump Cesspool	It is difficult to estimate the total amount that Sixteen Thirty Fund spent on political activities in 2024. But they have been involved with both pro- and anti-RFK efforts. Will he resign if he drinks? Should domestic violence be disqualifying? Would he use the military against Americans? Would he seize Greenland by force? Should the U.S. follow the Geneva Conventions?	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/15/rfk-jr-confirmation-sixteen-thirty-fund-	2025/01/15	
Five questions Hegseth dodged at his Defense Department confirmation hearing	Trump Cesspool	Ranking member Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., who's voted for the last eight nominees for the post, said Hegseth lacks "the character and composure and competence to hold the position of secretary of defense." ... "In each year you were in charge, expenses far exceeded revenues, until the organization teetered on bankruptcy and had to be merged with another group," he said. ... In one of the most contentious questionings of the hearing, Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine suggested that even if the 2017 sexual encounter was consensual, it still represented a failure of judgment given that Hegseth was married and had just fathered a child out of wedlock. Hegseth said that he has "never disparaged" women in the military and referenced "personal experience" of when standards were lowered. Gillibrand asked him to cite a specific example of standards being lowered. Hegseth did not give one. "I've heard of deslashed conversions but this is the first time I've heard of a nomination conversion," she said. Hegseth has pledged to reverse "woke policies" at the Pentagon.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/14/hegseth-defense-confirmation-hear	2025/01/15	
Pete Hegseth, Trump's defense secretary pick, grilled at contentious Senate hearing	Trump Cesspool	Hegseth has pledged to reverse "woke policies" at the Pentagon. On Wednesday, two Floridians — Sen. Marco Rubio, Trump's choice to lead the State Department, and former state Attorney General Pam Bondi, his choice to lead the Justice Department — are among the six names set for hearings, all of whom have generated less controversy than Hegseth. The other hearings are on deck: former Wisconsin Rep. Sean Duffy for the Transportation Department; energy industry executive Chris Wright for the Department of Energy; John Radcliffe, a former congressman who was briefly director of national intelligence during Trump's first term, for CIA director; and Russell Vought, one of the key authors of Project 2025, for the Office of Management and Budget.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/14/pa-s-1-42564/trump-cabinet-picks-pete-h	2025/01/15	
What to watch on a busy day of confirmation hearings for Trump's Cabinet	Trump Cesspool	However, raising the flag before the end of the 30-day half-staff period for Carter may violate the U. S. flag code, the section of federal law laying out customs and procedures for flying the stars and stripes. "The flag shall be flown at half-staff 30 days from the death of the President or a former President; 10 days from the day of death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice of the United States, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives; from the day of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a Secretary of an executive or military department, a former Vice President, or the Governor of a State, territory, or possession; and on the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress," according to the code. Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg has announced sweeping layoffs of what he refers to as "low-performers" at his empire. Horrorfying body cam footage shows the moment two cops walked away from a dying man with a gunshot wound because they didn't want to handle the call at the end of their shift. But after more than half a century in elected office, the 82-year-old great-grandfather had one last surprise. The premiere speech did not mention Donald Trump by name. Instead it will be remembered for its dark, ominous warning about something wider and deeper of which Trump is a symptom. "Today, an oligarchy is taking shape in America of extreme wealth, power, and influence that literally threatens our entire democracy, our basic rights and freedom and a far shot for everyone to get ahead," Biden said. As expected, he did use some of his remarks on Wednesday to correct that record and make his case to future historians: "I will take time to feel the impact of all we've done together, but the seeds are planted and they'll grow and they'll bloom for decades to come." There was an echo of a lyric in the musical Hamilton: "Legacy. What is a legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden you never get to see."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/watch-busy-day-confirmation-hearings-of-	2025/01/15	
Mike Johnson To Raise Capitol Flags For Trump... Potentially Violating Flag Display Code	Trump Cesspool	"The goal is to make it costlier and harder for China, Russia, Iran and ransomware criminals to hack and to signal that America means business when it comes to protecting our businesses and our citizens," a senior administration official told reporters on Wednesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mike-johnson-raise-capitol-flags-101850-	2025/01/15	
Zuckerberg Announces Layoffs After Saying Coding Jobs Will Be Replaced by AI	Zuck sucks	Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg has announced sweeping layoffs of what he refers to as "low-performers" at his empire.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/zuckerberg-announces-layoffs-saying-i-	2025/01/15	
Horrorfying moment cops walk away from gunshot victim because their shift was ending	ACAB	Horrorfying body cam footage shows the moment two cops walked away from a dying man with a gunshot wound because they didn't want to handle the call at the end of their shift. But after more than half a century in elected office, the 82-year-old great-grandfather had one last surprise. The premiere speech did not mention Donald Trump by name. Instead it will be remembered for its dark, ominous warning about something wider and deeper of which Trump is a symptom. "Today, an oligarchy is taking shape in America of extreme wealth, power, and influence that literally threatens our entire democracy, our basic rights and freedom and a far shot for everyone to get ahead," Biden said. As expected, he did use some of his remarks on Wednesday to correct that record and make his case to future historians: "I will take time to feel the impact of all we've done together, but the seeds are planted and they'll grow and they'll bloom for decades to come." There was an echo of a lyric in the musical Hamilton: "Legacy. What is a legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden you never get to see."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/crime-cops-ignore-	2025/01/16	
Biden bids farewell with dark warning for America: the oligarchs are coming	Biden Admin	"The Biden administration is making a final push to fortify America's cyber defenses against mounting threats from China and Russia, issuing a sweeping cybersecurity executive order just days before leaving office that aims to tackle vulnerabilities from outer space to consumer electronics. "The goal is to make it costlier and harder for China, Russia, Iran and ransomware criminals to hack and to signal that America means business when it comes to protecting our businesses and our citizens," a senior administration official told reporters on Wednesday.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/15/biden-owl-offic	2025/01/16	
Biden strengthens US cyber defenses against Russia and China threats	Biden Admin	"Making our infrastructure as a nation more defensible and making it easier to sanction and push back against cyber actors — both of those are pretty bipartisan goals," the senior official said. Documents obtained by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) show that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is considering proposals to expand its immigration detention capacity in at least eight states. "These records only further confirm ICE's work to expand immigration detention across the country," Eunice Cho, senior staff attorney at the ACLU's National Prison Project, said in a statement. Cho said this includes in facilities "with clear records of abuse" and in areas where immigration detention has not previously existed. "Expansion of detention will only enable ICE to enact President-elect Donald Trump's plans for mass deportation." Between the lines: The documents show that the Biden administration, just like the Obama administration, was involved in ousting its own stepped-up deportation plan while attacking Republicans for suggesting the same. What happened in Ohio was a stark illustration of a development that has often gone unnoticed, perhaps because it is largely taking place away from blue state media hubs. In the past few years, school vouchers have become universal in a dozen states, including Florida, Arizona and North Carolina. Proponents are pushing to add Texas, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and others — and, with Donald Trump returning to the White House, they will likely have federal support. The risks of universal vouchers are quickly coming to light. An initiative that was promoted for years as a civil rights cause — helping poor kids in troubled schools — is threatening to become a nationwide money grab. Many private schools are raising tuition rates to take advantage of the new funding, and new schools are being founded to capitalize on it. With private schools urging all their students' families to apply, the money is flowing mostly to parents who are already able to afford tuition and to kids who are already enrolled in private schools. When vouchers do draw students away from public districts, they threaten to exacerbate declining enrollment, forcing underpopulated schools to close. More immediately, the cost of the programs is soaring, putting pressure on public school finances even as private schools prosper. In Arizona, voucher expenditures are hundreds of millions of dollars more than predicted, leaving an enormous shortfall in the state budget. States that provide funds to families for homeschooling or education-related expenses are contending with reports that the money is being used to cover such unusual purchases as kayaks, video game consoles and horseback-riding lessons.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/16/biden-cyber-china-r	2025/01/16	
ICE records show Biden admin plans could give Trump a head start on deportations	Borders and immigration	OptumRx, the group's pharmacy benefit manager, along with its two main peers, Express Scripts and CVS Caremark Rx, have pocketed an extra \$7.3 billion over cost thanks to price gouging, according to the findings of a report by the Federal Trade Commission. CVS Caremark Rx blasted the findings for cherry picking certain drugs in an effort to push what it called an "anti-PEM narrative." Vachris said he is committed to giving all workers the same opportunities and high wages but said the company does not use hiring quotas. The company employs about 300,000 people. The median Costco worker earns \$47,000, the outlet reported. "If these are the policies you see as offensive, I must tell you I am not prepared to change," he wrote back to the concerned customer. Authorities in Louisiana have cleared Homeless encampments from sight in New Orleans as the city prepares to host the Super Bowl next month. Many people have been relocated to a temporary warehouse facility that costs millions of dollars to operate.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/15/ice-detention-expansion-biden-trump	2025/01/16	
On a Mission From God: Inside the Movement to Redirect Billions of Taxpayer Dollars to Private Religious Schools	Cesspool- Education	OptumRx, the group's pharmacy benefit manager, along with its two main peers, Express Scripts and CVS Caremark Rx, have pocketed an extra \$7.3 billion over cost thanks to price gouging, according to the findings of a report by the Federal Trade Commission. CVS Caremark Rx blasted the findings for cherry picking certain drugs in an effort to push what it called an "anti-PEM narrative." Vachris said he is committed to giving all workers the same opportunities and high wages but said the company does not use hiring quotas. The company employs about 300,000 people. The median Costco worker earns \$47,000, the outlet reported. "If these are the policies you see as offensive, I must tell you I am not prepared to change," he wrote back to the concerned customer. Authorities in Louisiana have cleared Homeless encampments from sight in New Orleans as the city prepares to host the Super Bowl next month. Many people have been relocated to a temporary warehouse facility that costs millions of dollars to operate.	https://www.propublica.org/ricdeschool-vouchers-ohio-church-state-la	2025/01/16	
UnitedHealth, employer of slain exec Brian Thompson, found to have overcharged some cancer patients for drugs by over 1,000%	Eat the rich	OptumRx, the group's pharmacy benefit manager, along with its two main peers, Express Scripts and CVS Caremark Rx, have pocketed an extra \$7.3 billion over cost thanks to price gouging, according to the findings of a report by the Federal Trade Commission. CVS Caremark Rx blasted the findings for cherry picking certain drugs in an effort to push what it called an "anti-PEM narrative." Vachris said he is committed to giving all workers the same opportunities and high wages but said the company does not use hiring quotas. The company employs about 300,000 people. The median Costco worker earns \$47,000, the outlet reported. "If these are the policies you see as offensive, I must tell you I am not prepared to change," he wrote back to the concerned customer. Authorities in Louisiana have cleared Homeless encampments from sight in New Orleans as the city prepares to host the Super Bowl next month. Many people have been relocated to a temporary warehouse facility that costs millions of dollars to operate.	https://fortune.com/2025/01/15/uh-cbms-united-health-brian-thompson-c/	2025/01/16	
Costco remains committed to DEI, its CEO told a critic. I am not prepared to change	Economy- DEI	Authorities in Louisiana have cleared Homeless encampments from sight in New Orleans as the city prepares to host the Super Bowl next month. Many people have been relocated to a temporary warehouse facility that costs millions of dollars to operate.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/costco-dei-commi	2025/01/16	
New Orleans moves homeless out of sight ahead of Super Bowl	Economy- Housing	Consumer prices rose 2.9% in December compared to a year ago, according to government data out on Wednesday. That's substantially lower than the four-decade high of 9.1% that the U.S. hit in mid-2022. But here's the worrying bit: It marks the third consecutive month in which annual inflation has slowly ticked higher — not lower. In December, gas and food prices were among the biggest contributors to inflation. Egg prices, which have been driven higher by the avian flu, went up by nearly 27% from a year ago. Car insurance costs were up 11% from last year. Meanwhile, gas prices are also on the rise, up 4.4% in December over November.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/super-bowl-new-o	2025/01/16	
Inflation remains stubbornly high for many Americans. Could it get worse under Trump?	Economy- Inflation	Car insurance costs were up 11% from last year. Meanwhile, gas prices are also on the rise, up 4.4% in December over November. Tractor maker John Deere faces a federal lawsuit that accuses the company of illegally forcing farmers to use only authorized dealers for critical repairs, boosting its multibillion-dollar profits. ... As tractors and combines have gotten more computerized, farmers have complained that Deere has restricted access to its software and made it difficult, or nearly impossible, for owners to diagnose and fix problems themselves or with the help of independent mechanics. Instead, farmers have to use authorized dealers, who tend to charge more and may take longer.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/15/mw-s-1-52498869/inflation-consumer-pri	2025/01/16	
John Deere faces U.S. lawsuit over farmers' ability to repair tractors	Economy- Lawsuit	As tractors and combines have gotten more computerized, farmers have complained that Deere has restricted access to its software and made it difficult, or nearly impossible, for owners to diagnose and fix problems themselves or with the help of independent mechanics. Instead, farmers have to use authorized dealers, who tend to charge more and may take longer.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/15/mw-s-1-52008955/john-deere-fc-lawsuit-d	2025/01/16	
California moves to stop predatory sales of fire-stricken homes	Economy- Predators	On Tuesday, California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an executive order temporarily banning unlicensed and undervalued offers for properties in specific Los Angeles County zip codes. The order will be in place for three months, with the zip codes including areas such as Malibu, Altadena, Pasadena, and Pacific Palisades — some of the areas worst hit by the ongoing fires. Hyundai's new global CEO is touting the Korean carmaker's expanding U.S. footprint as the best insulation against potential tariffs under a second Trump administration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/california-moves-stop-predatory-sales-11-	2025/01/16	
Hyundai's \$13 billion investment in Georgia is the best antidote to Trump tariffs, CEO says	Economy- Tariffs	Hyundai's role in the U.S. auto sector has mushroomed since Trump's first term. Hyundai has invested almost \$16 billion in U.S. vehicle production since 2021. That includes \$7.6 billion for a new electric vehicle factory in Georgia that opened last fall, and will eventually create 8,500 jobs and build more than 300,000 Hyundai, Kia and Genesis vehicles a year. Another \$5 billion battery joint venture with SK On will employ an additional 3,500 people. U.S. birth rates are projected to drop within a decade and will be exceeded by deaths, according to new projections released by the federal government this month. ... A drop in birth rates is expected due to an estimated loss in immigration. Without immigration, the population would shrink beginning in 2033, in part because fertility rates are projected to remain too low for a generation to replace itself, the office wrote in its report.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/15/hyundai-trump-tariffs	2025/01/16	
US deaths expected to exceed births within a decade	Economy- Workers	A drop in birth rates is expected due to an estimated loss in immigration. Without immigration, the population would shrink beginning in 2033, in part because fertility rates are projected to remain too low for a generation to replace itself, the office wrote in its report.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-deaths-expect	2025/01/16	
Invasive green crabs threaten West Coast ecosystems. One solution? Otters	Environment- Animals	Green crabs, native to coastal Europe and North Africa, can be extremely destructive as an invasive species. They can damage oyster and seagrass beds and also consume small mudflat invertebrates that provide food for shorebirds. As it turns out, sea otters — which are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act — love to eat these crabs. One estimate by researchers in California found that a single otter can consume somewhere between 50,000-120,000 crabs a year. A new study, published in the Biological Invasions journal, found that there was a direct relationship between the two species: if an area had a healthy population of sea otters, it would also have a low green crab population.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/15/pa-s-1-428824/green-crabs-otters-science	2025/01/16	

		Global economic growth could plummet by 50% between 2070 and 2090 from the catastrophic shocks of climate change unless immediate action by political leaders is taken to decarbonise and restore nature, according to a new report.			
Economic growth could fall 50% over 20 years from climate shocks, say actuaries	Environment-Economy	Without urgent action to accelerate decarbonisation, remove carbon from the atmosphere and repair nature, the plausible worst-case hit to global economies would be 50% in the two decades before 2090, the IFUA report said. At 3C or more of heating by 2050, there could be more than 4 billion deaths, significant sociopolitical fragmentation worldwide, failure of states (with resulting rapid, enduring, and significant loss of capital), and extinction events. The trend seems that continues to plague Southern California — and the long, costly recovery that lies ahead — have raised new concerns about hosting three major sporting events over the next three years. World Cup matches are scheduled for SoFi Stadium in the summer of 2026. Then comes the 2027 Super Bowl, followed by the 2028 Summer Olympics. “Any city preparing for three massive events has its hands full,” said Jules Boykoff, who studies the politics of sport at Pacific University in Oregon. “If these good people in the government are working on the Olympics and the Super Bowl, they are not working on other issues.”	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jan/16/economic-growth	2025/01/16	
Can fire-torn L.A. handle the World Cup, Super Bowl and Summer Olympics?	Environment-wildfires	D.C. is preparing for 250,000 ticketed guests and thousands more at the National Mall for the outdoor ceremony — which has caused emergencies from extreme weather in its history. “It’s going to be very cold out there for any folks attending the inauguration,” Eric Taylor, a forecaster for the National Weather Service in Sterling, Virginia, told Axios. State of play: Air temperatures during the day on Monday are expected to be in the low- to mid-20s, Taylor said.	https://sports.yahoo.com/fire-torn-l-handle-world-110002459.html	2025/01/16	
Abnormally cold weather forecast for Trump's inauguration	Environment-Weather	Wind chill factors by about noon will be between 12°F and 14°F. A powerful Arctic outbreak tied in part to the polar vortex is set to send temperatures by next week tumbling down to as cold as 35 degrees Fahrenheit below average for mid-January, forecasts show. The hazardous cold could endanger public health, stress electricity grids, damage crops and make for a frigid inauguration Day. This event is likely to be far colder and more widespread than the Arctic outbreak that occurred earlier this month.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/16/inauguration-day-cold-weather-forecast	2025/01/16	
Temperatures to plummet from polar vortex-related Arctic blast	Environment-Weather	Musk, the world’s richest person and a top adviser to Trump, Amazon’s Bezos, and Mark Zuckerberg of Meta will be prominently placed together near members of Trump’s cabinet, according to an NBC News report on Wednesday, continuing their rapid public swing to the right as they cozy up to Trump’s Make America Great Again (Maga) power base.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/15/polar-vortex-arctic-blast-us-cold-weather	2025/01/16	
Musk, Bezos and Zuckerberg may sit together at Trump inauguration	Fuck that guy	Researchers have built a tiny robot capable of navigating through a human brain, which they claim could revolutionise the diagnosis and treatment of neurological conditions. Paris-based startup RoboBraid aims to begin human trials of its microbot next year, having just raised £27.2 million (£23 million) to further advance and test the technology.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/15/musk-bezos-zucker	2025/01/16	
Brain robots the size of rice offer neurosurgery revolution	Health-Technology	On the outside, it looks red and splotchy. “The rash you see on a person’s exterior is also happening throughout their body,” Salzer says. “So it’s a multisystem organ failure that happens.” Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever can quickly progress into a severe illness that requires intensive care or results in death; those who go untreated can die within eight days of showing symptoms, he says. Kids are susceptible to getting infected and account for around 30% of the fatalities on Arizona tribal lands, according to CDC data. Traeger says it’s related to behavior: Young children spend time outside in yards that dogs pass through and may even play with the pups. But Pile — like many others here — knows that the thousands of dogs roaming freely between the desert landscape and people’s homes serve as a superhighway for ticks. “The tick is not to let them near your home or near your babies or your children, because of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever,” she says. “We do get cases, and we’ve lost community members to it.” The tribe’s prevention efforts, along with raised awareness and vigilance among community members and medical practitioners, have yielded good results. For at least five years, nobody has died from Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever on this reservation, or the ones around it, according to data collected by health authorities.	https://www.independent.co.uk/tech/brain-robot-neurosurgery-roboBraid	2025/01/16	
On Apache lands, progress in a long war against ticks and the disease they spread	Health-Ticks	Emergency workers and crews with the Colonial Pipeline responded to a potential gasoline release in Paulding County on Tuesday. The incident was reported near the Peg Cole Bridge Trail in Villa Rica, and SKYFOX 5 captured aerial footage of the site shortly after 3 p.m.	https://www.rpr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/01/16/mx-1-5296	2025/01/16	
Update: Colonial Pipeline says gasoline leak not expected to be fixed until Jan. 17	Infrastructure	The Colonial Pipeline has temporarily shut its main gasoline line — America’s largest fuel pipeline — because of leak in Georgia, the pipeline’s operator and local officials said.	https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/colonial-pipeline-responds-possible-leak	2025/01/16	
Colonial Pipeline shuts vital gasoline pipeline because of a leak in Georgia	Infrastructure	The Colonial Pipeline is one of the most important pieces of energy infrastructure in the United States, providing nearly half the gasoline and diesel fuel consumed by the East Coast. The troubled pipeline, Line 1, is a vital part of the biggest pipeline system in the United States and carries 1.5 million barrels of fuel per day from Texas into North Carolina. Some of the choices are not terribly surprising. Climate change threatens Africa’s Swahili Coast and 68 historic lighthouses on the coast of Maine. A natural disaster belated the historic city of Antakya in Turkey, which was badly damaged by earthquakes in 2023. Human conflict makes up another category on the WWF list, and the creamy white modernist building known as Teacher’s House in Kyiv, a symbol of Ukrainian independence, falls under this umbrella. After a Russian missile blast shattered its windows, doors and glass dome in 2022, the WWF enlisted the U.S. State Department to help restore the building, with assistance from local government agencies. Another war-ravaged place on the list is Gaza. The area has been under intense siege by Israel’s military since Oct. 7, 2023 — the day Hamas conducted an armed incursion into southern Israel. Other places on the list are endangered by overtourism. Ancient Buddhist grottoes nestled in the mountains of Mtibhan and Yungang, China, have seen a spike in visitors, with 3 million visiting in 2023 compared to 2 million in 2019. The dramatic increase, according to the South China Morning Post, can be partly attributed to the shrine’s depictions in a popular video game called Black Myth: Wukong. But one of this year’s endangered sites has been visited by only a dozen people: the moon.	https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/14/business/colonial-pipeline-potential-leak	2025/01/16	
Gaza and the moon make biennial most-endangered list	International	For years, the U.S. government has urged China to show “restraint” in pushing its claim on Taiwan and to drop military threats to bring the democratically governed island under its control. Now - some Chinese commentators say - the power of that long-held U.S. message has been undermined by the threats by U.S. President-elect Donald Trump to take control of Greenland and the Panama Canal, by force if necessary. Trump takes office on Jan. 20. Greenland views itself as an autonomous country that is part of the Kingdom of Denmark, and it has the option of declaring its independence under the 2009 Greenland Self-Government Act. Denmark has sent Trump private messages expressing willingness to discuss boosting security in Greenland or increasing the U.S. military presence on the island, Axios previously reported. Cuba started releasing some prisoners Wednesday as part of talks with the Vatican, a day after President Joe Biden’s administration announced his intent to lift the U.S. designation of the island nation as a state sponsor of terrorism. More than a dozen people who were convicted of different crimes — and some of them were arrested after taking part in the historic 2021 protests — were released during the day, according to Cuban civil groups following the cases of detainees on the island.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/15/mx-1-5293381/most-endangered-sites	2025/01/16	
Trump's Greenland bid stirs debate in China about what to do with Taiwan	International Relations	Greenland views itself as an autonomous country that is part of the Kingdom of Denmark, and it has the option of declaring its independence under the 2009 Greenland Self-Government Act. Denmark has sent Trump private messages expressing willingness to discuss boosting security in Greenland or increasing the U.S. military presence on the island, Axios previously reported.	https://www.reuters.com/world/china/trumps-greenland-bid-stirs-debate	2025/01/16	
Greenland must make its own choice on independence, Danish PM tells Trump in call	International Relations	Cuba started releasing some prisoners Wednesday as part of talks with the Vatican, a day after President Joe Biden’s administration announced his intent to lift the U.S. designation of the island nation as a state sponsor of terrorism.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/15/denmark-greenland-trump-call	2025/01/16	
Cuba starts freeing prisoners a day after the US said it would lift terror designation	International-Cuba	The three-phase ceasefire deal promises the release of dozens of hostages held by militants in Gaza and hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in Israel, and it will allow hundreds of thousands of people displaced in Gaza to return to what remains of their homes. It would also flood desperately needed humanitarian aid into the territory ravaged by 15 months of war, mediators say.	https://apnews.com/article/gaza-israel-hamas-ceasefire-334cc44201e	2025/01/16	
Mediators herald Gaza ceasefire and hostage deal, Israel says final details are in flux	International-Israel	Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) has a “very lengthy list” of legislative Biden regulations that Republicans may try to undo in the coming weeks, he told Axios.	https://apnews.com/article/cuba-prisoners-released-us-terrorism-list-50	2025/01/16	
Senate GOP plots to erase Biden's final moves	Political-Cesspool	The Congressional Review Act (CRA) gives Congress until mid-May to reverse what Republicans are calling the “midnight ruler” of the Biden administration. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) will kick things off next week by introducing three resolutions to erase Biden moves on crypto, energy and internet access.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/15/biden-moves-congressional-review-act-bid	2025/01/16	
Republicans may try budget math that doesn't count Trump tax cuts	Political-Cesspool	Extending Trump’s 2017 tax law would add \$4.6 trillion to the national debt over the next decade, according to the Congressional Budget Office, lawmakers’ nonpartisan bookkeeper. But now some leading GOP tax writers are arguing that extending the law wouldn’t add to the nation’s \$36.2 trillion debt at all. Their proposal, though arcane, is about more than accounting. In 2017, Trump’s Tax Cuts and Jobs Act lowered rates for businesses and individuals in every income bracket, though benefits were concentrated among the highest earners. The business tax cuts are permanent already, but the individual cuts expire at the end of this year, meaning most Americans will face a major tax hike next year unless Congress passes new legislation. Trump also promised new policies on the campaign trail, including ending federal taxes on tips and overtime wages.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-may-try-budget-math-150033	2025/01/16	
Bondi says she won't play politics as attorney general, but doesn't rule out probes of Trump's foes	Political-Cesspool	Using a process called “budget reconciliation,” the GOP could dodge a Democratic filibuster in the Senate. But for that to work, Republicans — who will govern with slim margins in both chambers of Congress — must agree on how much they’re willing to add to the national debt. ... Typically, lawmakers would look for spending cuts to offset the revenue lost by extending the cuts. House Budget Committee Chair Jordan Ariington (R-Texas) discussed a “menu” of fiscal policy choices at a GOP policy lunch last week. The options included steep cuts to food stamp programs, capping Medicare payments and reversing President Joe Biden’s climate investments, among other things. Pam Bondi, Donald Trump’s pick for attorney general, sought to reassure Democratic senators Wednesday that her Justice Department would not prosecute anyone for political purposes but also refused to rule out the potential for investigations into adversaries of the Republican president-elect. “What would you do if your career DOJ prosecutors came to you with a case to prosecute, grounded in the facts and law, but the White House directs you to drop the case?” asked Sen. Chris Coons, a Delaware Democrat. “Senator,” Bondi replied, “if I thought that would happen, I would not be sitting here today. That will not happen.”	https://apnews.com/article/trump-justice-department-bondi-arlington-01e	2025/01/16	
There will be no rebuilding”: Bracing America for the implementation of Project 2025	Project 2025	For many Americans — especially those White Americans who believed in the many lies of America’s inherent greatness and goodness, and that authoritarianism and fascism are something “over there” and not something with centuries of history in the United States in the form of such regimes as American Apartheid and Jim Crow, White on Black chattel slavery and other great crimes against nonwhite people — Trump’s return to power is shocking, unbelievable and a type of epistemic crisis. In retrospect, we all should have been more keenly aware of the fact that we are a 50/50 nation in modern presidential elections. The country is split down the middle. Not only does it make it “easier” or more “necessary” to cheat with the Electoral College but places our democracy and elections in severe jeopardy. Whoever the nominees of each party, and no matter their crimes, indictments, sins, lies, theft, treason, or apparent mental illness, they are a coin toss from the presidency from the get-go. Trump and his administration and agents and other enablers will crash the Biden economy — one of the best in decades — to “rebuild” it again — except they will only keep the first half of the promise. There will be no rebuilding. There will only be mass looting of our tax dollars, greasing of palms, favors to help the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the destruction of the middle class, further ensuring we cannot fight back. I’m concerned that Republicans will implement Project 2025 and that it is going to trigger a recession similar to that of the early 1980s. I’m also bracing myself for having the news cycle revolve around Trump again. It’s mentally exhausting to follow and track the administration with the non-stop drama.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/no-rebuilding-bracing-america-implement-1	2025/01/16	

		With the clock ticking on a potential TikTok ban in the U.S., scores of Americans are flocking to a surprising alternative: a popular Chinese social media platform called Xiaohongshu, or RedNote in English. A person close to RedNote told Reuters that more than 700,000 new users joined in just two days. The New York Times reported that more than 100,000 people joined a live group chat hosted by a user named TikTok Refugee Club on Tuesday. ... RedNote's new American users are confronting the potentially taboo topics of privacy and censorship head-on. Users — from both countries — are joking about finally meeting their "Chinese spies" and willingly handing over data (including the aforementioned "cat tax"). The New York Times reports that in a group chat this week viewed more than 30,000 times, "participants discussed censorship and shared tips in the comments on how to avoid being banned from the platform for bringing up politically sensitive topics." DouLingo, the language learning app, tweeted on Wednesday that it has seen a whopping 216% increase in Mandarin learners in the U.S. compared to this time last year — adding that people "hearing Mandarin out of spite" are "hot alone." During arguments for Free Speech Coalition et al. v. Paxton, a majority of justices appeared to agree states can require some limitations on what underage kids can be exposed to. However, there were lingering concerns on the wider implications for other First Amendment rights and of the burdens placed on adults to access material that should be protected by the Constitution. In court filings, Free Speech Coalition, a group representing the adult entertainment industry, argued that while the law's goal is to limit minors' access to online sexually explicit content, it is overly vague and "imposes significant burdens on adults' access to constitutionally protected expression." They also argue that a user, including adults, must submit personally identifying information to access the material, thereby posing security and privacy concerns.		
What to know about RedNote, the Chinese app that American TikTokkers are flooding	Social Media	Donald Trump engaged in an "unprecedented criminal effort" to "unlawfully retain power" after losing the 2020 election, Jack Smith said in a report published early Tuesday by the U.S. Justice Department, with the special counsel expressing confidence in the prospects for a conviction at a trial that will not happen now that Trump is returning to the White House. The report details the special counsel's decision to bring a four-count indictment against Trump, accusing him of plotting to obstruct the collection and certification of votes following his 2020 defeat by Democratic President Joe Biden.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/01/15/na-st-5260742/tiktok-china-rednote-xia	2025/01/16
Supreme Court weighs First Amendment rights and porn in Texas case	Supreme Court	To the extent that reality still has meaning, Trump's reaction was utterly incoherent and divorced from basic facts. To hear the Republican tell it, Smith worked for President Joe Biden, who wasn't the case. As far as the president-elect is concerned, the special counsel wrote a report because he couldn't proceed with his prosecution, but that was wrong, too. As NBC News recently explained, the Justice Department's special counsel regulators required Smith to file a report to the attorney general "explaining his charging decisions before he steps down." But those who voted for Trump shouldn't hold their breath for his help, Krugman suggests. A lot of people are "going to get brutally scarred" by the president-elect's proposed economic plan, he said.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/01/15/na-st-5260173/supreme-court-texas-p	2025/01/16
Trump engaged in 'unprecedented criminal effort,' special counsel says in final report on 2020 election case	Trump Bulhiti	The economist cautions that Trump's tax cuts for wealthy individuals will "redistribute income," leaving less for the middle-class. The latest analysis from the Energy Department's independent stats arm sees just modest output growth this year and next (abset from already record levels). It sees production rising less than 1% in 2026 "as operators slow activity due to price pressures." ... One big thing to watch: efforts to expand oil and gas leasing in the Gulf of Mexico and frontier areas in Alaska.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-engaged-unprecedented-criminal-4	2025/01/16
Trump pushes incoherent response to Jack Smith's report on election case	Trump Bulhiti	It all amounted to signs that Democrats view Patel — a polarizing MAGA loyalist who served in Trump's first administration — as an easier target than Bondi, who seems to be on a glide path to confirmation. Democrats have widely conceded they will save their energy fighting other of Trump's more controversial nominees than they will Bondi, who they appear to consider qualified as a former Florida attorney general. Some Democrats even thanked the nominee for productive conversations about bipartisan issues, such as combating fertility addiction and human trafficking. More recently, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Trump's nominee to run the Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees the NIH, has said he wants to fire and replace 600 of the agency's 20,000 employees and shift research away from infectious diseases and vaccines, which are at the core of NIAID's mission to understand, treat and prevent infectious, immunologic and allergic diseases. He has said that half of NIH's budget should focus on "preventive, alternative and holistic approaches to health." He has a particular interest in improving diets. President-elect Trump's pick to lead the Energy Department Chris Wright walked a fine line Wednesday as he called climate change "a real and global phenomenon" but remained skeptical during his U.S. Senate confirmation hearing. While the CEO of fracking company Liberty Energy looked to temper his tone but stood by prior statements criticizing "climate zealots" and calling climate change not a pressing concern. Position: The Secretary of Transportation leads a department with a budget of more than \$100 billion that's tasked with maintaining the nation's aviation system, highways, railroads and ports.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-	2025/01/16
Trump voters will be 'brutally scarred' during his term, Nobel economist warns	Trump Bulhiti	While some of President-elect Trump's cabinet nominees faced sharp questioning from Democrats on Capitol Hill this week, Duffy received an overwhelmingly friendly welcome from Baldwin and other members of the Senate Commerce Committee.	https://www.axes.com/2025/01/15/trump-drill-baby-drill-us-oil-producto	2025/01/16
Trump's "drill, baby, drill" problem	Trump Bulhiti-Environment	Duffy has a long record in public service, representing a district in northern Wisconsin in the House of Representatives for more than eight years. But beyond the St. Croix Crossing, he has relatively little direct experience in transportation — or leading a large organization like the DOT, which has a budget of more than \$100 billion. Democrats need to flip just one Republican on the Armed Services panel to block Hegheth, but no Republican senator Tuesday appeared willing to sink Hegheth's nomination.	https://www.politico.com/news/2025/01/15/pan-bondi-hearing-kash-pa	2025/01/16
Senate Dems spent Pam Bondi's hearing talking about one guy (he, not Trump)	Trump Cespool	Trump said he doesn't see any reason for Hegheth not to be confirmed after the hours-long hearing during which Republicans emphasized public statements praising Hegheth's character and Democrats raised allegations of sexual misconduct, financial mismanagement and drunkenness. "Can you see the importance of at least one of the nations in ASEAN and what type of agreement we have with at least one of those nations?" she asked. "I couldn't tell you the exact amount of nations in that, but I know we have allies in South Korea and Japan and... with Australia," Hegheth began responding. Duckworth cut him off to make a major correction.	https://www.gopublica.org/is/denhi-naiid-trump-kennedy-bill-atlacha	2025/01/16
The Second Trump White House Could Drastically Restart Infectious Disease Research, Here's What's at Stake	Trump Cespool	President-elect Trump's pick to lead the Energy Department Chris Wright walked a fine line Wednesday as he called climate change "a real and global phenomenon" but remained skeptical during his U.S. Senate confirmation hearing. While the CEO of fracking company Liberty Energy looked to temper his tone but stood by prior statements criticizing "climate zealots" and calling climate change not a pressing concern. Position: The Secretary of Transportation leads a department with a budget of more than \$100 billion that's tasked with maintaining the nation's aviation system, highways, railroads and ports.	https://www.axes.com/2025/01/15/energy-secretary-trump-climate-cha	2025/01/16
Trump's Energy pick pressed on climate change in Senate confirmation hearing	Trump Cespool	While some of President-elect Trump's cabinet nominees faced sharp questioning from Democrats on Capitol Hill this week, Duffy received an overwhelmingly friendly welcome from Baldwin and other members of the Senate Commerce Committee.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/01/15/na-st-5261017/sean-duffy-transportatio	2025/01/16
Trump's Cabinet pick for secretary of transportation is Sean Duffy. Here's what to know	Trump Cespool	Trump said he doesn't see any reason for Hegheth not to be confirmed after the hours-long hearing during which Republicans emphasized public statements praising Hegheth's character and Democrats raised allegations of sexual misconduct, financial mismanagement and drunkenness. "Can you see the importance of at least one of the nations in ASEAN and what type of agreement we have with at least one of those nations?" she asked. "I couldn't tell you the exact amount of nations in that, but I know we have allies in South Korea and Japan and... with Australia," Hegheth began responding. Duckworth cut him off to make a major correction.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/democrats-fail-land-decative-blow-11000/	2025/01/16
Democrats fail to land decisive blow against Hegheth	Trump Cespool	"None of those three countries that you've mentioned are in ASEAN," she said. "I suggest you do a little hook hook before you prepare for these types of negotiations." Robert F. Kennedy Jr. failed to disclose hundreds of thousands of dollars he made from his anti-vax crusade, Donald Trump's transition team has admitted to the Daily Beast. In personal financial disclosure forms required for all presidential candidates, Kennedy initially reported that he had earned \$711,470.53 in 2022 and 2023. (In the summer of 2023, he reported making \$515,960 the previous year from CHD; in the summer of 2024, he reported making \$215,530.53.) But documents obtained by the Daily Beast show that Kennedy—after being nominated by Trump for his Cabinet—then quietly amended those forms to disclose that he had actually earned far more from his anti-vaccine nonprofit, a total of \$1.2 million.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pete-hegheht-seems-really-confused-194	2025/01/16
Pete Hegheth Seems Really Confused About Where Southeast Asia Is	Trump Cespool	When researchers walked the mountainous Bronze Age fortress in the South Caucasus mountains in 2015, they had no idea that the ruins they could see were just the tip of the iceberg. But after taking to the skies and utilizing 11,000 drone-shot images to map the structure, they realized that the 3,000-year-old Dmanisi Gora was likely the largest fortress of its kind in the region. A sheriff's office in New York defended two deputies who detained and handcuffed an 11-year-old girl this week, saying she matched the description of a suspect. The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, responding to criticism after a video of the encounter was posted online, called the deputies' action "reasonable" but said it would change its policy to notify a parent or guardian if any child who is detained for criminal investigative purposes, which it did not do in this instance. For King, the key to success wasn't just those ARP dollars. "Secretary Cardona came in with the task of trying to make sure that kids got back in school and that educators could be hopeful again. And he was, in some ways, the exact right person." The strategy that worked was to focus on improving pre-existing forgiveness programs that Congress had already created, including one for borrowers who work a decade in public service and another that promised relief for borrowers with a severe disability.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-s-admits-didn-t-02122118.html	2025/01/16
RFK Jr. Admits He Didn't Come Clean on Anti-Vax Fortuna	Trump Cespool	"I want to warn the country of some things that give me great concern. And this is a dangerous concern. And that's the dangerous concentration of power in the hands of a very few ultra-wealthy people," Biden said. He added, "Today, an oligarchy is taking shape in America of extreme wealth, power and influence that literally threatens our entire democracy, our basic rights and freedoms, and a fair shot for everyone to get ahead." "Americans are being buried under an avalanche of misinformation and disinformation, enabling the abuse of power. The free press is crumbling, editors are disappearing," he added. "Social media is giving up on fact checking. The truth is smothered by lies told for power and for profit. We must hold the social platforms accountable to protect our children, our families and our very democracy from the abuse of power," he urged. "It will take time to feel the full impact of what we've done together. But the seeds are planted, and they'll grow and they'll bloom for decades to come," he said during his farewell address. "Artificial intelligence is the most consequential technology of our time, perhaps of all time. Nothing offers more profound possibilities and risks for our economy and our security, our society, for humanity. Artificial intelligence even has the potential to help us answer my call to end cancer as we know it. But unless safeguards are in place, AI could spawn new threats to our rights, our way of life, to our privacy, how we work and how we protect our nation," he said. ... "We have to stay engaged in the process. I know it's frustrating. A fair shot is what makes America, America," Biden said. "Everyone is entitled to a fair shot, not a guarantee, just a fair shot, an even playing field."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pete-hegheht-seems-really-confused-194	2025/01/16
Drones Uncovered a 3,000-Year-Old Hidden Mega-Fortress in the Mountains	Weird World	The president said that "the concentration of power and weather" causes division and could make people feel like it is exhausting to participate in democracy.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/key-lines-president-joe-biden-0212411217	2025/01/17
Key lines from President Joe Biden's farewell address	Biden Admin	Joe Biden, who leaves office next week, announced on Friday he was commuting the sentences of nearly 2,500 people convicted of non-violent drug offenses, saying he had now issued more individual pardons and commutations than any predecessor. The US president said in a statement that those benefiting from Friday's action were "having disproportionately long sentences compared to the sentences they would receive today under current law, policy and practice." Before someone is deported, they are usually detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, in one of around 130 facilities nationwide. The vast majority of those are owned or operated by private prison companies that contract with ICE. In 2023, GEO Group made more than \$1 billion through contracts with ICE, amounting to a little more than 40% of its total revenue. Another private prison company, CoreCivic, made more than \$500 million, about a third of its total revenue that year. Immigrants facing removal are often detained in county jails that rent out space to ICE or to private prison companies. That helps create a critical revenue stream for many municipalities. The Department of Homeland Security estimates it costs about \$150 a day to detain an adult. The American Immigration Council estimated that deportation on such a massive scale could cost more than \$300 billion. For context, Congress allocated around \$3 billion for immigration detention last year.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/01/15/na-st-5218641/immigrant-detention-by	2025/01/17
Trump's challenge: where to house millions of immigrant detainees	Borders and immigration	After the Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives passed an exclusionary anti-trans bill, the so-called Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2025, on Tuesday, Democrats sounded the alarm about how the bill exposes children to genital checks and exploitation by sexual predators. The legislation, which bans transgender girls and women from competing in school sports aligned with their gender identity, passed narrowly on a 218-206 vote, with two Democrats — Texas U.S. Reps. Henry Cuellar and Vicente Gonzalez — voting in favor.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-trans-sports-bill-exposes-120417343	2025/01/17
GOP trans sports bill exposes children to genital inspections by sexual predators, Democrats warn	Cespool	Democratic lawmakers and LGBTQ+ advocates have condemned the bill, which they call the "GOP Child Predator Empowerment Act," arguing that it would lead to invasive practices targeting children and reinforce discrimination against transgender youth.		

		Mortgage rates hit 7% for the first time since May 2024 on Thursday, providing another drag in an already tough housing market. The climbing mortgage rates come even after the Federal Reserve cut interest rates by a full percentage point in recent months — which had raised hopes among homeowners that the costs of financing a house might come down. It's also worth remembering that although 7% may feel high given that mortgage rates had dropped to as low as 2.65% in early 2021, they are not high historically speaking.		
Fed cuts were supposed to lower mortgage rates, but they're back above 7%. Here's why	Economy-Housing	In fact, these mortgage rates were frequently at 6% or 7% or even higher at times in the 1990s and early 2000s and were in the double digits during the 1970s and 1980s.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/nx-1-5254191/mortgage-rates-home-1	2025/01/17
US defense contractor to build 4,000-worker advanced manufacturing facility in central Ohio	Economy-Military	U.S. defense contractor Anduril Industries is preparing to build a massive advanced manufacturing facility in central Ohio, adding a planned 4,000 jobs to the area's burgeoning high-tech sector, state officials announced Thursday. The Costa Mesa, California-based defense technology company plans to begin construction of what it's calling "Arsenal 1" as soon as state and local approvals are secured. The 5 million-square-foot (464,515-square-meter) facility will be located on a 500-acre (202-hectare) site near Rockwellbacker International Airport in rural Pickaway County, about 16 miles (26 kilometers) southeast of Columbus.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-defense-contractor-build-4-135833826	2025/01/17
Toyota's commercial truck company will pay \$1.6 billion for faking emissions tests	Environment-Lawsuits	Hino Motors, a subsidiary of Toyota that manufactures commercial trucks, has agreed to plead guilty to a federal charge of a multi-year criminal conspiracy to fraudulently evade state and federal emissions standards. It's part of an umbrella settlement that also resolves civil claims brought by federal regulators and the state of California. The company is paying a total of \$1.6 billion in fines and penalties, including the second-largest criminal fine the Environmental Protection Agency has ever levied for vehicle-based Clean Air Act violations.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/nx-1-52625476/hino-toyota-trucks-emis	2025/01/17
Everyone thought it would cause gridlock: the highway that Seoul turned into a stream	Environment-New ideas	Cheonggyecheon, a stream that runs for about 3.5 miles (nearly 6km) through Seoul, was one of the earliest experiments in an increasing trend in cities globally: turning spaces where there was once car or rail infrastructure into spaces for pedestrians and cyclists. It's a powerful example of the way that these spaces can become loved and popular, along with projects such as the High Line in New York, where an old railway track has been turned into a raised park, or the city moat in Utrecht, where a multi-lane road (nicknamed the "motorway from nothing to nowhere") was converted back into a canal, in part of a huge continuing push to allow pedestrians and cyclists to dominate the city's centre.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jan/17/seoul-cheonggyecheon	2025/01/17
Weather tracker: Deadly storms wreak havoc across eastern Australia	Environment-severe weather	Severe thunderstorms have been wreaking havoc across eastern Australia this week, unleashing heavy rain, strong winds, flash flooding and giant hailstones. In some regions there were wind gusts of more than 100mph (160kmh) and strong winds caused operational disruptions at Sydney airport as well as extensive damage nearby, including roofs being torn off buildings. An 80-year-old man died after a tree fell on his car in New South Wales, and several other injuries have been recorded. The storms also triggered lightning strikes, leading to increased power outages that affected more than 200,000 homes and suspending rail services.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jan/17/australia-weather-tracker	2025/01/17
California moves to quickly rebuild homes destroyed in the L.A. wildfires. Should it?	Environment-Wildfires	"There have been utterly understandable, natural reactions. You're seeing it in the elected leaders saying that they are going to rebuild again," Alice Hill, a fellow for energy and the environment at the Council on Foreign Relations and former Los Angeles judge, told Yahoo News. "The challenge is the nature of the land underneath our feet is changing. The nature of extreme weather events is changing and those alterations make some areas far less safe than they have been historically." Some climate scientists who have long warned about the consequences posed by rising global temperatures are also questioning the wisdom of simply replacing the destroyed homes as they were before the threat of wildfires ravaged Southern California.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/california-moves-to-quickly-rebuild-homes	2025/01/17
Elon Musk's Role In Shaping Trumponomics: 'You've Got To Tame The Beast Of The World'	Fuck that guy	The incoming administration's economic team is a mix of competing interests, including tech industry power brokers and America-first ideologues, creating what The Economist describes as the largest and most diverse group of economic advisers in presidential history. Commerce Secretary nominee Howard Lutnick underscores the administration's protectionist tilt, saying before the election, "You've got to tariff the rest of the world. Keep them the heck out. Bring the manufacturing back here." Even traditionally moderate nominees like Treasury pick Scott Bessent and National Economic Council leader Kevin Hassett have endorsed aggressive tariff policies.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-role-shaping-trumponomics	2025/01/17
		Trump and his picks to helm federal health agencies have largely been silent on bird flu. The messaging so far — and the track record of those Trump has chosen to oversee a potential bird flu crisis — is "worrisome," says Dr. Andrew Pavia, professor of medicine at the University of Utah who's worked on influenza pandemic preparedness for more than two decades. ... Trump's choice to lead the Department of Health and Human Services, Robert F Kennedy Jr., has an extensive history of making inaccurate and misleading statements on vaccines and infectious diseases. He's a lawyer who for years led an advocacy group that is a major player in the anti-vaccine movement, promoting the long-debunked idea that vaccines lead to autism, among other false claims. ... He's also made specific comments undermining trust in the bird flu vaccines. In an online post last summer, he claimed there's "no evidence" the licensed shots for the national stockpile will work and that they "appear dangerous." ... And he suggested in another post that "someone" might bioengineer a dangerous form of the virus to profit off the vaccine. ... Scientists who study the vaccines are deeply troubled by these statements. ... "They are false, baseless and inaccurate," says Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.		
How would RFK Jr. handle bird flu? His record on vaccines has experts on edge	Health- Bird flu	Kennedy has also discussed having the National Institutes of Health take a break from infectious disease research for eight years, and replacing thousands of employees.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots-health-news/2025/01/16/nx-1-5254	2025/01/17
Chicago zoo sees beloved seal and baby flamingo die, from bird flu as virus mutates	Health- Bird flu	As bird flu virus continues to spread in people, a Chicago zoo announced this week that two of its animals had died from infection.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/chicago-zoo-seal-flamingo	2025/01/17
Cancer deaths are declining, but diagnoses are rising, especially among younger women	Health- Cancer	A study released Thursday points to a mixed and rapidly shifting picture in cancer trends. On the one hand, the American Cancer Society's annual survey found that mortality from the disease declined rapidly, by 34%, between 1991 and 2022. But at the same time, for reasons little understood, more young and middle-aged women are getting the disease.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots-health-news/2025/01/16/nx-1-5262	2025/01/17
UnltdHealth CEO admits 3 major issues with the health system in first public comments since executive's murder	Health-Insurance	In his first public comments since the Dec. 4 shooting of United Healthcare chief executive Brian Thompson, United HealthGroup chief executive Andrew Witly expressed condolences for "the murder of our friend" before declaring, "The health system needs to function better." And yet, he added, "The health system needs to function better," suggesting that while the various "program structures" are better than a one-size-fits-all approach, the system "needs to be less confusing, less complex and less costly."	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/unitedhealth-ceo-admits-3-major-1935	2025/01/17
Gaza hostage and ceasefire deal officially signed in Doha	International-Israel	The deal between Israel and Hamas to release hostages being held in Gaza and begin a ceasefire was officially signed by negotiators in Doha on Thursday, according to two sources familiar with the issue. But the Israeli government isn't expected to vote on it until Saturday night. The delay in the vote will postpone the start of the ceasefire and the release of the first three hostages from Sunday to at least Monday, according to Israeli officials.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/17/gaza-israel-ceasefire-hostage-deal	2025/01/17
Mysterious airstrip appears on a Yemeni island as Houthis rebel attacks threaten region	International-Yemen	A mysterious airstrip being built on a remote island in Yemen is nearing completion, satellite photos analyzed by The Associated Press show, one of several built in a nation mired in a stalemate war threatening to reignite.	https://apnews.com/article/yemen-island-airstrip-houthis-israel-hamas	2025/01/17
Russia tried to use the L.A wildfires to spread anti-Ukraine propaganda	Misinformation	Pro-Kremlin social media accounts and outlets have been spreading a baseless narrative that mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officers burned down in the Los Angeles wildfires. The claim has been viewed more than one million times on X, the social media platform once known as Twitter. Researchers who study Russian influence operations say it is part of the Kremlin's larger campaign to discredit the Ukrainian government and undermine U.S. support for Ukraine.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/nx-1-5259842/los-angeles-california-fi	2025/01/17
Scopio: Trump team sweats McConnell's vote on Tuli Gabbard	Political-Ceaspool	Former Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell's (R-Ky.) conspicuous silence is starting to spook Tuli Gabbard's team. President-elect Trump Trump's transition thinks Gabbard, the nominee for director of national intelligence, can get confirmed even with a "no" vote from McConnell. But his public opposition — if it materializes — could open the door to other GOP defections.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/17/mcconnell-gabbard-senate-confirmation	2025/01/17
Johnson picks Rick Crawford to chair House Intelligence Committee	Political-Ceaspool	Why it matters: Johnson is assembling his team to help implement President-elect Trump's sweeping agenda, which includes reform of the intelligence agencies.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/16/keith-johnson-rick-crawford-house-it	2025/01/17
Georgia senator arrested after he tried to defy a ban on entering the House chamber	Political-Ceaspool	A Georgia state senator who was previously banned from the state House chamber was arrested Thursday when he tried to enter the chamber for the governor's state of the state speech and got into a shoving match with House employees. ... Burns banned Moore from the House chamber last year after Moore denounced late House Speaker David Ralston on a day when Ralston was being honored and his relatives were watching. In a speech, Moore called Ralston "one of the most corrupt Georgia leaders we'll ever see" over allegations that Ralston improperly delayed court cases he handled as a lawyer. Burns called Moore's remarks "ridic" when he announced the ban, saying it would remain until Moore apologized. Moody is a DeSantis and Donald Trump loyalist. Her appointment will set off a chain-reaction of office-seeking and Florida political drama heading into 2026.	https://apnews.com/article/yemen-island-airstrip-houthis-israel-hamas	2025/01/17
DeSantis picks Florida AG Ashley Moody to fill Rubio's Senate seat	Politics-Florida	Picking Moody for Senate clears the way for DeSantis to name his chief of staff, James Uhrmeier, to replace her as AG, according to the source who said that "it was always Ashley. And James is the obvious pick to replace her."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/16/ashley-moody-desantis-pick-florida	2025/01/17
Ohio woman sues hospital and police after she was arrested over miscarriage	Reproductive Rights	Brittany Watts, an Ohio woman who was charged with abuse of a corpse after having a miscarriage, has filed a federal lawsuit accusing some of the medical professionals who treated her of conspiring with a police officer to fabricate the criminal case against her.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/16/brittany-watts-lawsu	2025/01/17
School cellphone bans keep bipartisan momentum	Technology-cell phones	68% of U.S. adults support cellphone bans during class, and about 36% favor an all-day ban, a Pew Research survey found last year. Those who oppose the bans, especially parents of K-12 students, argue that parents should be able to reach their children when needed.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/16/school-cell-phone-bans-2025-legalis	2025/01/17
Why "tone actors" are so hard to find, and how we might get closer	Terrorism	"Guys like this," Wray said, "who radicalize not in years but in weeks, and whose method of attack is still very deadly but fairly crude ... there are not a lot of dots out there to connect, and there's very little time in which to connect them." Put another way, with tone actors, "there are no informers, no infiltration, no ongoing surveillance ... no territory to you can monitor who moves in and out, [and] you don't know what their capability is until they strike," says Ramón Spaaj, an Australia-based researcher with expertise in the sociology of terrorism.	https://www.axios.com/focal/new-orders/2025/01/16/tone-actor-terror	2025/01/17
"Shocking criminal scheme": Raskin says Jack Smith's report shows Trump is an authoritarian threat	Trump Bulshit	Rep. James Raskin, D-Md., the House Judiciary Committee ranking member who took a leading role in the House investigation over Donald Trump's attempts to overturn the 2020 election, said in a statement Wednesday that the released part of special counsel Jack Smith's final report sets forth "irrefutable evidence" that the president-elect led a "shocking criminal scheme to overturn the legitimate 2020 election results and retain power." "Trump's offenses are compounded by his refusal to accept accountability and his unrelenting efforts to block the truth from coming out about his conduct — including by threatening and harassing the prosecutors and witnesses involved in DOJ's investigation and subsequent litigation, and attempting to block the release of this very report at the eleventh hour," Raskin said. "We will MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN, and it will happen very quickly! In order to save time, money, and effort, it would be helpful if you would not send, or recommend to us, people who worked with, or are endorsed by, Americans for No Prosperity (headed by Charles Koch), 'Dumb as a Rock' John Bolton, Birnbrai' Nikki Haley, Mike Pence, disloyal Warmongers Dick Cheney, and his Psycho daughter, Liz." "Mitt Romney, Paul Ryan, General(?) Mark Milley, James Mattis, Mark Yespser, or any of the other people suffering from Trump Derangement Syndrome, more commonly known as TDS. Thank you for your efforts in this matter!," he concluded.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/shocking-criminal-scheme-raskin-says-17	2025/01/17
Trump Unveils His White House Blacklist	Trump Bulshit	Al-Qaida, Hezbollah, the Islamic State — the list of foreign terrorist organisations (FTOs) is a who's who of America's enemies. Now Donald Trump wants to add a new one: Mexican cartels. But some fear it could be the first step towards US military strikes in Mexican territory.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-unveils-white-house-blacklist-0311	2025/01/17
Will Trump plan to label Mexican cartels as terrorists, bring US military strikes?	Trump Bulshit	The designation is part of President-elect Trump's plan to "wage war" on Mexico's cartels, which he claims will address theentanyl crisis in the US.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jan/17/mexico-trump-cartels-r	2025/01/17

		A group of House Republicans are emerging as frequent co-sponsors of legislation to bring President-elect Trump's vision of an American empire to fruition. This group spans the House Republican conference's ideological spectrum, from some of its most moderate members to its most right-wing. "People who were sickening or laughing about it when it was first brought up are starting to actually realize it's a legitimate issue," said centrist Rep. Mike Lawler (R-N.Y.).		
Trump fuels an informal House GOP land-grab caucus	Trump Cesspool	Each bill has between 10 and 15 co-sponsors, with a considerable amount of overlap. Scott Bassett, President-elect Trump's pick for Treasury, will tell the Senate Finance Committee at his confirmation hearing Thursday that he sees "a generational opportunity to unleash a new economic golden age that will create more jobs, wealth and prosperity for all Americans."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/17/trump-house-republicans-land-grab-caucus	2025/01/17
Trump's Treasury pick to tout 'new economic golden age'	Trump Cesspool	Bassett will say the U.S. "must secure supply chains that are vulnerable to strategic competitors, and we must carefully deploy sanctions as part of a whole-of-government approach to address our national security requirements. And critically, we must ensure that the U.S. dollar remains the world's reserve currency."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/16/scott-bassett-trump-treasury-secretary	2025/01/17
Giuliani fails to appear for federal civil trial, says case has been settled	Trump Cesspool	Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani was to have a no-show on Thursday for a federal civil trial in Manhattan meant to determine which of his assets must be turned over to two Georgia election workers he spread lies about following the 2020 election.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/mw-st-5262594-giuliani-federal-trial	2025/01/17
		Meeting with Senate Republicans ahead of her confirmation hearings, Tulsi Gabbard, the former Democratic representative turned MAGA loyalist, failed to articulate what the job she'd been nominated for entails. She also didn't know the difference between key surveillance powers, according to the report.		
		Rounds also read the statutory language for the role of director of national intelligence and asked how she could possibly meet that threshold. When he asked how she would handle specific elements of the job, she said she would have to just wait and see when she gets there.		
Trump's Pick to Lead National Intelligence Couldn't Say What the Job Actually Is	Trump Cesspool	Gabbard is an Army Reserve lieutenant colonel and was deployed to Iraq but has little intelligence experience. She has repeated Kremlin talking points, including blaming NATO for Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and secretly met with Syria's former President Bashar al-Assad in 2017—the same year she also questioned a U.S. intelligence report claiming that Assad had used chemical weapons against the Syrian people.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-pick-lead-national-intelligence-115	2025/01/17
Trump's EPA Pick Flunks Basic Science Quiz at Confirmation Hearing	Trump Cesspool	"Senator, while carbon dioxide is not named as one of the six in the Clean Air Act, the EPA has been treating it as such," Zeldin said, to which Whitehouse noted that the Supreme Court had, in fact, ruled in 2007 that it was a pollutant.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-epa-pick-flunks-basic-2059354667	2025/01/17
		Zeldin had limited experience working on environmental policy as a congressman and, as he noted throughout the hearing, no scientific or climate-related background.		
		The organization of former Vice President Mike Pence is pushing senators not to confirm Robert Kennedy Jr. as Secretary of Health and Human Services because of his views on abortion.		
Mike Pence's organization comes out swinging against RFX Jr. — because of abortion	Trump Cesspool	"While RFX Jr. has made certain overtures to pro-life leaders that he would be mindful of their concerns at HHS, there is little reason for confidence at the time," they added, according to The Daily Wire. "There are hundreds of decisions made every day at HHS that either lead our nation toward a respect for life or away from it—decisions about federal funding for Planned Parenthood, regulations on the abortion pill (currently accounting for three out of every five abortions), insurance coverage of abortion, and more."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mike-pence-organization-comes-swinging	2025/01/17
		During her confirmation hearing at the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) asked Bondi, "Are you prepared to say today, under oath, without reservation, that Donald Trump lost the presidential contest to Joe Biden in 2020?"		
		In a display of loyalty to Trump, Bondi, a former state attorney general and longtime Trump ally, refused to say he lost that year.		
		"Biden is the president of the United States. He was duly sworn in, and he is the president of the United States," Bondi said. "There was a peaceful transition of power. President Trump left office and was overwhelmingly elected in 2024."		
Pam Bondi Refuses To Admit Donald Trump Lost In 2020	Trump Cesspool	Bondi's statement represented both a refusal to admit Trump lost and an attempt to erase the mob violence Trump unleashed on the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, which made the transfer of power from Trump to Biden a bit less than peaceful.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pam-bondi-refuses-admit-donald-160431	2025/01/17
		Democrats are sounding the alarm over Republican efforts to overturn a key loss in North Carolina's close Supreme Court race, deposing state Appellate Court Judge Jefferson Griffin's legal challenge that seeks to have the state Board of Elections throw out enough votes to put him ahead. Those efforts, Democrats argue, ignore the will of North Carolina voters and pose a threat to democracy in the state — and nationwide.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/scheme-throw-legal-votes-north-1045043	2025/01/17
"This is a scheme to throw out legal votes," North Carolina's GOP accused of subverting democracy	Voting fucky	Instead, he was determined to squeeze a house into the tiny space — just to prove he could. Atkins initially dreamed of a 15-foot-wide home, but city officials shut down his plans. Not one to back down, he scaled the design down to a mere 10 feet in width.		
Florida man who built 'spike house' lowers over neighbors — and he's loving it	Weird World	Now, the 15-foot-tall house looms over the surrounding backyards and pools, casting literal and figurative shadows over the neighbors who once opposed its construction.	https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/florida-man-built-spike-house-1729568	2025/01/17
Rats get taste for drugs in Houston police evidence room	Weird World	"Speaking at the press conference, Whitmire said, "Just one example, we've got 400,000lb of marijuana storage that the rats are the only ones enjoying."	https://www.thequardian.com/us/news/2025/jan/16/houston-rats-drugs	2025/01/17
		While dogs on screen are in the top spot, they also like watching all animals — but they are largely uninterested in watching us (humans ranked ninth in 17 categories, ouch). Dogs have more rods — cells in the retina that increase night vision — than we do, making them highly sensitive to movement. Owners reported their dogs were more likely to watch action and sci-fi content with them, period, and to feature shots of onscreen movement.	https://www.thequardian.com/uk-and-us/2025/jan/17/can-dogs-watch	2025/01/17
You've always wondered, here's the answer: do dogs actually watch TV?	Weird World	Chen Wei-rong, a father-of-three who works at a plastic surgery clinic in Taipei City, went viral after sharing a rather unusual clip on his Facebook and Instagram profiles. To put his wife's mind at ease, the young doctor decided to get a vasectomy, and to make sure there was no risk of botching the procedure, he performed it himself, recording the entire process for educational purposes. After presenting a list of 11 steps involved in the operation, Chen got local anesthesia and then started working on himself, so to speak. Because operating on yourself isn't very common, a procedure that usually takes about 15 minutes ended up taking an hour, but it was a success.	https://www.odditycentral.com/news/doctor-performs-vasectomy-on-him	2025/01/17
Doctor Performs Vasectomy on Himself, Shares Video on Social Media	Weird World	An Australian woman claimed to have her marriage annulled in court, claiming that she was tricked into it by her husband who told her that it was just a stunt to boost his Instagram following.		
		Two months after the 'staged' wedding, the woman's partner asked her to add him as a dependant in her application for permanent residency in Australia, as it would have helped him obtain permanent residency, both of them were foreigners in Australia, but she told him that she couldn't add him because they weren't married. That's when she learned that the "stunt marriage" was real and that he had faked a notice of intended marriage with her faked signature a month before their Sydney trip.	https://www.odditycentral.com/news/woman-who-played-bride-in-fake-y	2025/01/17
Woman Who Played Bride In "Fake Wedding" Shocked to Learn She Got Married for Real	Weird World	State Farm said Wednesday that it will offer renewals to residential policyholders affected by the Los Angeles County fires that it had previously planned to drop.		
State Farm to offer renewals to policyholders affected by L.A. County fires	Wildfires	The figure includes roughly 70%, or 1,100, of the 1,626 residential policies it had in Pacific Palisades' primary 90272 ZIP Code — and thousands more in the neighborhood and elsewhere in the county. The offer does not apply to policies that had already lapsed when the fire started on Jan. 7.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/state-farm-offer-renewals-policyholders-2	2025/01/17
		Mark Lemley, a Stanford law professor and lawyer who represented Meta in a 2023 AI copyright case, said he has dropped the company as a client because of what he described as CEO Mark Zuckerberg's "descent into toxic masculinity and Neo-Nazi madness."		
A lawyer says he dropped Meta as a client after what he called a 'descent into toxic masculinity' by Zuckerberg's company	Zuck sucks	"I have fired Meta as a client. While I think they are on the right side in the generative AI copyright dispute in which I represented them, and I hope they win, I cannot in good conscience serve as their lawyer any longer," Lemley, a partner at the law firm Lex Lumina, wrote in a LinkedIn post on Monday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lawyer-says-dropped-meta-client-141836	2025/01/17
		The decision to axe the hoax trackers was made amid broader, deeply controversial changes to Meta's overall trust and safety practices across its many platforms, which CEO Mark Zuckerberg — the Silicon Valley giant's "unimpeachable king," as The Atlantic's Charlie Warzel recently put it, given the billionaire's iron-clad corporate control over the company — characterized in a video as a company effort to "get back to our roots around free expression."		
Facebook Shuts Down Machine Learning Systems for Identifying Viral Hoaxes	Zuck sucks	These allegedly free speech-oriented changes include the sunsetting of its third-party fact-checking program, as well as a renewed allowance of dehumanizing language on the platform. Users across Meta platforms are now allowed to misgender trans people, refer to women as "household objects or property" or declare themselves to be "proud racists."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/facebook-shuts-down-machine-learning-4	2025/01/17
		President Joe Biden on Monday pardoned Dr. Anthony Fauci, retired Gen. Mark Milley and members of the House committee that investigated the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, in an extraordinary use of the powers of the presidency in his final hours to guard against potential "revenge" by the incoming Trump administration.		
		The pardons, announced with just hours left in Biden's presidency, have been the subject of heated debate for months at the highest levels of the White House. It's customary for a president to grant clemency at the end of his term, but those acts of mercy are usually offered to Americans who have been convicted of crimes. Biden, a Democrat, has used the power in the broadest and most unfettered way possible, to pardon those who have not even been investigated. The decision lays the groundwork for an even more expansive use of pardons by Trump, a Republican, and future presidents.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/biden-pardons-fauci-milley-effort-121317	2025/01/20
Biden pardons Fauci and Milley in an effort to guard against potential 'revenge' by Trump	Biden Admin	Most U.S. adults (9 in 10 Republicans and close to half of Democrats) say they support mass deportations of immigrants living in the country illegally — but that enthusiasm quickly erodes when presented with options over how to carry them out, according to a new Axios-Ipsos poll.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/18/poll-americans-mass-deportation-po	2025/01/20
Americans favor deporting undocumented immigrants, until they're asked how	Borders and immigration	But just 38% of Americans support using active-duty military to find and detain undocumented immigrants in the U.S. cities and towns, and only 28% want to use money allocated for the military to pay for deportations.		
		Just one in three endorse separating families or sending people to countries other than their country of origin in the interest of speed. And just one in three support deporting those who came to the U.S. as children.		
		You need to earn roughly \$117,000 a year to afford a median-priced U.S. home, according to a recent Redfin report.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/18/income-needed-for-home-36-figure	2025/01/20
Record high income needed to buy a home	Economy- Housing	That marks a new high in data going back to 2012 and is \$33,000 more than the median household income in the U.S., which is around \$84,000, per Redfin's analysis.		
		A growing number of homeowners nationwide are being dropped by insurance companies as firms and regulators struggle to deal with the unpredictable and costly risks of climate disasters. Nonrenewal notices surged by nearly 30 percent from Jan 2018 to 2022 to more than \$20,000 a year, according to a Treasury report released Thursday that examined 246 million policies nationwide.		
		Nonrenewal rates were nearly 80 percent higher in ZIP codes that faced the highest risk from insurance perils such as strong winds and wildfires compared with the lowest risk areas.		
		But it's not just a California thing. Florida, Louisiana and North Carolina all posted nonrenewal rates higher than the Golden State in 2023, according to a Senate report released in December. Florida's rate was nearly 3 percent, compared with California's rate of about 1.8 percent. That report also found an increased rate of nonrenewals nationwide.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/california-is-1-only-place-183104369.html	2025/01/20
California isn't the only place where insurers are dropping homeowners	Economy- Insurance	Using high levels of common fertilisers on grassland halves pollinator numbers and drastically reduces the number of flowers, research from the world's longest-running ecological experiment has found.		
		Increasing the amount of nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus doused on agricultural grassland reduced flower numbers fivefold and halved the number of pollinating insects, according to the paper by the University of Sussex and Rothamsted Research.		
High fertiliser use halves numbers of pollinators, world's longest study finds	Environment- Pollinators	Bees were most affected — there were over nine times more of them in chemical-free plots compared with those with the highest levels of fertiliser, according to the paper, published in the journal <i>npj Biodiversity</i> .	https://www.thequardian.com/environment/2025/jan/20/uk-agriculture-4	2025/01/20
		The booming solar industry has found an unlikely mascot in sheep as large-scale solar farms crop up across the U.S. and in the plain fields of Texas. In Miami County, outside Austin, SB Energy operates the 6th-largest solar project in the country, capable of generating 900 megawatts of power across 4,000 acres (1,618 hectares).		
Solar farms are booming in the US and putting thousands of hungry sheeps to work	Environment- Solar	How do they manage all that grass? With the help of about 3,000 sheep, which are better suited than lawnmowers to fit between small crevices and chew away rain or shine.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/solar-farms-booming-up-putting-060820	2025/01/20
		On the morning of Jan. 7, a firefighter near the Pacific Palisades neighborhood of Los Angeles observed a 10-acre brush fire along a ridge line and sent out a warning.		
		"Just to give you guys a heads up," he radioed to other first responders. "This has the potential for 200 acres plus."		
The hydrants up here are dead," Radio traffic shows how LA firefighters lost water	Environment- Wildfires	The Palisades fire and the other fires that followed have since burned down more than 40,000 acres — an area three times the size of the island of Manhattan. Over a week later, the Palisades fire and the Eaton fire, a blaze that started at the base of the Angeles National Forest, are both still burning.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/18/mw-st-5262593-radio-traffic-la-fires-frag	2025/01/20

Fire reignites at California battery plant after evacuations amid toxic smoke	Environment- Wildfires	A fire at one of the world's largest battery-storage plants in northern California flared up again on Friday afternoon, sending up plumes of toxic smoke after authorities had said the blaze was mostly over. The fire in Moss Landing in Monterey county started on Thursday, forcing the evacuation of up to 1,500 people and the closure of a major highway. Fire crews were not engaging with the fire but rather waiting for it to burn out on its own, a local fire official said. Residents across the United States from the northern plains to the tip of Maine are bracing for dangerously low temperatures as tens of millions of residents along the east coast contend with a thick blanket of snow – and more snowfall in the forecast.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fire-reignites-california-battery-plant-0117	2025/01/20
Millions across US brace for dangerously low temperatures and winter storms	Environment- Winter weather	An area from the Rockies into the Northern Plains will see colder than normal weather over several days, with temperatures forecast to dip to between -30F (-34C) to -50F (-48C) on Monday. Sub-zero wind chills are forecast to reach as far south as Oklahoma and the Tennessee Valley. A combative defamation trial in Florida, involving CNN and a former US security contractor in Afghanistan, is providing a roadblock for a crackdown on media independence during the second Trump administration, experts believe. The case was already unusual because CNN chose to defend itself and risk millions in damages, while other media giants such as ABC News and the Washington Post have opted to back down in the face of threats of persecution from the incoming president. Ultimately, after 18 hours of deliberation, the jury found that CNN defamed the contractor and awarded Zachary Young \$4m in lost business and \$1m in personal damages. Now the case and trial will be remembered more for the aggressive stance of the prosecution, which almost directly ignored Donald Trump's position that he will "straighten out the press" during his second term.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/20/millions-brace-dang	2025/01/20
CNN defamation case foreshadows Trump media crackdown, experts say	Freedom of the press	For the first time since the 2022 countrywide outbreak, bird flu hit a poultry producer in Georgia, the nation's top state for chicken production. The state Department of Agriculture announced Friday that the agency has detected a case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza at a commercial poultry producer in Elbert County, approximately 100 miles (165 kilometers) northeast of Atlanta. The agency suspended all poultry exhibitions, shows, swaps, meets and sales.	https://www.theguardian.com/media/2025/jan/20/cnn-defamation-trial	2025/01/20
Bird flu found in a Georgia commercial flock for the first time amid the nationwide outbreak	Health- Bird flu	The virus has been detected four times in Georgia, but only in backyard flocks previously, including among 13 chickens and ducks earlier this month in Clay County south of Atlanta. When the FDA announced a ban of food dye Red No. 3 this week, the agency pointed to a law that says a food additive may not be authorized if it's been found to cause cancer. And research shows that red No. 3 can cause cancer in laboratory rats when they are exposed to high levels. Food companies still have a couple of years to eliminate petroleum-based red No. 3 from their products. And there are other synthetic food dyes – in all sorts of different colors – that remain on the market.	https://apnews.com/article/bird-flu-georgia-chicken-commercial-flock-af	2025/01/20
Beyond red dye No. 3: Here's what parents should know about food colorings	Health- Food coloring	By the time she succumbed to her injuries in intensive care one week later, investigators had begun to unearth a scandal shocking even by the rock-bottom standards of the Andersen nation's ethically-challenged Congress – a prostitution ring allegedly operating within the legislative palace itself. Politicians initially sought to ignore the mushrooming scandal, which Ms Vidal, who was part of the ring, had reportedly been on the point of revealing when she was killed.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/health-news/2025/01/18/nx-1-5262	2025/01/20
Assassination of an escort leads to miniskirt ban in world's least popular parliament	Human rights	But public pressure finally forced them to act. Last week, they banned female aides from wearing miniskirts and shorts. A senior Taliban figure has urged the group's leader to scrap education bans on Afghan women and girls, saying there is no excuse for them, in a rare public rebuke of government policy. Sher Afghan Stanbakh, political deputy at the Foreign Ministry, made the remarks in a speech on Saturday in southeastern Khost province.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/escort-murder-miniskirt-ban-parliamentar	2025/01/20
Taliban deputy tells leader there is no excuse for education bans on Afghan women and girls	Human rights	He told an audience at a religious school ceremony there was no reason to deny education to women and girls. "Just as there was no justification for it in the past and there shouldn't be one at all."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/taliban-deputy-tells-leader-no-071805990	2025/01/20
More than 80 people killed in Colombia as truce between rebel groups collapses	International- Colombia	At least 80 people have been killed and thousands displaced in north-east Colombia after the collapse of a fragile truce between rebel groups vying for control of the one of the country's largest cocaine hubs. Violence between the National Liberation Army (ELN) and dissident factions of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc) has rapidly escalated in the lawless region bordering Venezuela since Thursday, forcing at least 5,000 people to flee their homes.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jan/19/colombia-national-liber	2025/01/20
Gaza ceasefire comes into effect ahead of first hostage release	International- Israel	After a three-hour delay, the ceasefire in Gaza began at 11:15 a.m. local time (4:15 a.m. ET) with Israel and Hamas agreeing to stop the fighting for 42 days. "This is the first ceasefire in the Gaza war since November 2023, when the first hostage deal led to an 8-day pause in the fighting. The war, which started with the Hamas terror attack against Israel on October 7, 2023, has been the bloodiest period in the Israel-Palestinian conflict since 1948. More than 46,000 Palestinians and more than 1,600 Israelis have been killed — most of them civilians."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/19/gaza-ceasefire-begins-israel-hamas	2025/01/20
Hundreds of Swedish forces arrive in Latvia in largest deployment with NATO to date	International- NATO	Hundreds of Swedish troops arrived in Latvia on Saturday to join a Canadian-led multinational brigade along NATO's eastern flank, a mission Sweden is calling its most significant operation so far as a member of the Western defense alliance. Sweden's armed forces said the mission of 550 troops will contribute to the alliance's deterrence and defense efforts, and ensure stability in the region, and that it "marks Sweden's largest commitment yet since joining NATO" last year. Democrats are down in the dumps this inauguration weekend, and their hopes are not being lifted when they look at their prospects for winning back the White House in 2028. Two months of introspection and analysis have left party operatives feeling the best-known hopefuls could suffer the same fate as Harris. They say their party needs to find a candidate who better appeals to not only Democrats but the electorate as a whole.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hundreds-swedish-forces-arrive-latvia-13	2025/01/20
Democrats nonplussed by their prospects want 'political exorcism'	Politics	"They all talk out of the same playbook and that same playbook has failed again and again and again. We have a major –ing problem." The strategist said of the list of potential candidates being bandied about. "And we're headed to a multi-cycle wilderness if we think any of those people can fix it."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/democrats-nonplussed-prospects-want-p	2025/01/20
Behind the Curtain — Coming soon: Ph.D.-level super-agents	Technology- AI	"We've learned that OpenAI CEO Sam Altman — who in September dubbed this "The Intelligence Age," and is in Washington this weekend for the inauguration — has scheduled a closed-door briefing for U.S. government officials in Washington on Jan. 30. "I [probably] in 2025," Zuckerberg told Joe Rogan 10 days ago, "we all Metas, as well as the other companies that are basically working on this, are going to have an AI that can effectively be a sort of midlevel engineer that you have at your company that can write code."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/19/ai-superagent-openai-meta	2025/01/20
Behind the Curtain: A chilling, "catastrophic" warning	Technology- AI	"O'Jover time, we'll get to the point where a lot of the code in our apps, and including the AI that we generate, is actually going to be built by AI engineers instead of people engineers," he added. The next few years will determine whether artificial intelligence leads to catastrophe — and whether China or America prevails in the AI arms race. Sullivan said in our phone interview that unlike previous dramatic technology advancements (atomic weapons, space, the internet), AI development sits outside of government and security clearances, and in the hands of private companies with the power of nation-states.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/19/behind-sullivan-ai-race-trump-china	2025/01/20
More teens say they're using ChatGPT for schoolwork, a new study finds	Technology- AI	Underlining the gravity of his message, Sullivan spoke with an urgency and directness that were rarely heard during his decade-plus in public life. According to the survey, 26% of students ages 13-17 are using the artificial intelligence bot to help them with their assignments. That's double the number from 2023, when 13% reported the same habit when completing assignments. Comfort levels with using ChatGPT for different types of assignments vary among students: 54% found that using it to research new topics, for example, was an acceptable use of the tool. But only 18% said the same for using it to write an essay. City workers in Atlanta have killed a man living in a tent while clearing a homeless encampment with construction equipment near Martin Luther King's famous Georgia church.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/18/s1-43115/chatgpt-teen-school-homey	2025/01/20
Bulldozers kill man in tent in Atlanta clearing homeless camp near MLK's church	Tragic	"The sweep, prior to which the city failed completely to check the tents, is a stopgap measure to try to project a false, sanitized vision of Atlanta," activists from the Housing Justice League said in a statement. "Taylor and everyone else living on the streets deserved much more than to be bulldozed out of the way for MLK Weekend festivities. Everyone deserves to live in dignity." Sullivan said in our phone interview that unlike previous dramatic technology advancements (atomic weapons, space, the internet), AI development sits outside of government and security clearances, and in the hands of private companies with the power of nation-states.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/18/atlanta-homeless-er	2025/01/20
Donald Trump, crypto billionaire	Trump Bullshit	The coin (technically a token that's issued on the Solana blockchain) has massively enriched Trump personally, enabled a mechanism for the crypto industry to funnel cash to him, and created a volatile financial asset that allows anyone in the world to financially speculate on Trump's political fortunes. The coin's official website, —, urges visitors to buy coins with either dollars or crypto in order to "Celebrate Our Win & Have Fun!" The coin is "not intended to be... an investment opportunity," per the site, which says that it "has nothing to do with any political campaign or any political office."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/19/donald-trump-crypto-billionaire	2025/01/20
3 Things Trump Wants You To Forget Before He Takes Power	Trump Bullshit	Here's what Trump might try to distance himself from, once he's back in office: 1. The Span Of Stand Back, Stand By As Trump promises to pardon Jan. 6 rioters who stormed the Capitol on his behalf, prosecutors, FBI agents and even Proud Boys who've testified in court have pointed to one comment from Trump in the lead-up to the 2020 election that helped spark the violence to come. 2. A Close Connection Between The Trump White House And An Extremist Group Testimony provided to the congressional committee investigating Jan. 6, as well as records, witness testimony and evidence from the Oath Keepers seditious conspiracy trial in 2022 showed that there were few degrees of separation between Trump and associates or members of the extremist groups that stormed the Capitol. 3. The January 6 Committee Was Properly Formed, According to a Trump-Appointed Judge The final report, released by the Jan. 6 committee in December 2022, detailed what its members, the Cheney, said showed an unprecedented effort to defraud the American people with "horrific" allegations that were "designed to prey upon the patriotism of millions of men and women who love our country."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/3-things-trump-wants-forget-1300033491	2025/01/20
Pence to Kiss the Ring Where Trump's Supporters Set up Gallova	Trump Bullshit	Former Vice President Mike Pence will likely see Donald Trump sworn in as the 47th president in person Monday in the U.S. Capitol, where Trump's supporters scoured the halls four years ago chanting for Pence to be hanged for refusing to give in to Trump's demand that he help overturn the 2020 presidential election. Pence is planning on attending the inauguration, The New York Times reported Friday, citing two individuals with knowledge of his schedule, one of whom told the paper that the former vice president was invited by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. That committee is comprised of three Democrats and three Republicans.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pence-kiss-ring-where-trump-p35039467	2025/01/20
Trump tasks congressman with writing executive order he could issue to halt offshore wind	Trump Bullshit	President-elect Donald Trump tasked a New Jersey congressman and vocal critic of offshore wind with writing an executive order he could issue to halt wind energy projects. Offshore wind is a major part of transitioning to an electric grid powered entirely by sources that don't emit carbon dioxide when generating electricity. The power sector is responsible for nearly a third of the nation's planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions. On the campaign trail, Trump vowed to end the offshore wind industry as soon as he returned to the White House. He wants to boost production of fossil fuels such as oil, natural gas and coal, which cause climate change, in order for the U.S. to have the lowest-cost energy and electricity of any nation in the world, he says. As Trump gears up to retake power, Bannon is celebrating, while also plotting two billion-dollar over the new administration's approach to immigration. Bannon says he is part of a populist revolution, while a glance at the inauguration might suggest the opposite is happening. Monday's attendees are expected to include three of the richest and most influential men in the world: Amazon's Jeff Bezos, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, and Tesla and X CEO Elon Musk. Bannon calls them "oligarchs" — the same word President Biden used in his farewell address last week — and his recent social media battle with Musk shows some of the differences in Trump's coalition. Bannon is seeking crackdowns on both illegal and legal immigration, as well as confrontation with China. Musk, the South African immigrant who does much business in China, would seem to represent the "globalists" that Trump's movement rails against, but also played a significant and costly role in Trump's victory.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-offshore-wind-climate-change-new-jer	2025/01/20
Steve Bannon says MAGA populism will win — as Trump is surrounded by billionaires	Trump Cesspool	At Trump's inauguration, Bannon is celebrating, while also plotting two billion-dollar over the new administration's approach to immigration. Bannon says he is part of a populist revolution, while a glance at the inauguration might suggest the opposite is happening. Monday's attendees are expected to include three of the richest and most influential men in the world: Amazon's Jeff Bezos, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, and Tesla and X CEO Elon Musk. Bannon calls them "oligarchs" — the same word President Biden used in his farewell address last week — and his recent social media battle with Musk shows some of the differences in Trump's coalition. Bannon is seeking crackdowns on both illegal and legal immigration, as well as confrontation with China. Musk, the South African immigrant who does much business in China, would seem to represent the "globalists" that Trump's movement rails against, but also played a significant and costly role in Trump's victory.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/19/mx-s1-5254112/donald-trump-elon-mus	2025/01/20

		In the farms and fields of Darke and Shelby counties in western Ohio, Donald Trump enjoys near-unfettered support. In the 5 November election, more than 80% of voters here backed the president-elect – the highest rates of any counties in Ohio.			
		About 90m acres of land – an area larger than Greece – is used to produce corn in the US every year. About 8% of that is used to produce corn sweeteners, say experts.			
RFK Jr's vow to ban syrup sows concern among corn farmers in Trump heartland	Trump Cesspool	Several corn growers and Republican party voters in Ohio's Darke and Shelby counties declined to offer their views on Kennedy's potential appointment. One grower interviewed declined to share what candidate they voted for in the November presidential election.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-vow-ban-syrup-130026854.html	2025/01/20	
Vivek Ramaswamy Plans to Bail on MAGA Pat Musk at DOGE	Trump Cesspool	Other farmers have expressed concern about speaking in critical terms of President-elect Trump or Kennedy for fear of being turned down for subsidy programs or agriculture loans from the US Department of Agriculture under the incoming administration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/vivek-ramaswamy-plans-to-bail-on-president-elect-donald-trump-s department-of-government-efficiency-doge-to-focus-on-his-ambitions-to-become-governor-of-ohio-according-to-reports-sources-close-to-the-situation-told-cbs-news-that-his-counterpart-at-the-newly-formed-panel-billionaire-elon-musk-has-undercut-ramaswamy-for-much-of-the-last-few-weeks-134155499.html	2025/01/20	
Guard troops will wear a special patch at Trump's inauguration to make it clear they aren't police	Trump Cesspool	Ramaswamy was tasked with the deregulation file, while "big picture" issues were left to Musk. With the Tesla and SpaceX CEO potentially on his own at the top of the DOGE hierarchy, some inside Trumpworld told the outlet Musk will be able to proceed unencumbered.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/guard-troops-wear-special-patch-132109	2025/01/20	
It's not clear who will lead the Pentagon when Trump takes office. What happens then?	Trump Cesspool	When thousands of National Guard forces and law enforcement officers locked down Washington during racial protests and the Jan. 6 riot four years ago, the blur of camouflage and helmets made it nearly impossible to tell the difference between cops and troops.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/it-s-not-clear-who-will-lead-the-pentagon-when-trump-takes-office-what-happens-then-12542048	2025/01/20	
Trump border czar: 'We are going to take the handcuffs off ICE after inauguration'	Trump Cesspool	This year's inauguration will be different.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-border-czar-going-handcuffs-1525	2025/01/20	
'A troubling trend': Experts say Republicans are continuing to undermine democracy in North Carolina	Voting Fucker	National Guard leaders have authorized the use of a special shoulder patch with the Guard motto "Always Ready, Always There." to ensure that people coming to the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump on Monday will know who is who.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/a-troubling-trend-experts-say-republicans-continue-to-undermine-democracy-in-north-carolina-130026854.html	2025/01/20	
'Passive House' Survives Fire in California. How It Avoided Total Destruction, According to Architect	Weird world	It's tough these days where it feels like every law enforcement agency and everybody out there wants to wear the same camouflage pattern that I'm wearing," Diane said. "There's a very long tradition in our country about discomfort with the military policing a population, and we want to stay in step with that."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/passive-house-survives-fire-california-how-it-avoided-total-destruction-according-to-architect-130026854.html	2025/01/20	
Former Georgia prosecutor faces trial for allegedly obstructing Ahmaud Arbery killing investigation. Here's what we know	ACAB	As of Friday, officials said they had not yet heard who will become the acting defense secretary. Officials said the military chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force were getting ready to step in as acting service secretaries — a rare move — because no civilians had been named or, in some cases, had turned down the opportunity.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/former-georgia-prosecutor-faces-trial-121	2025/01/21	
Biden pardons family members minutes before leaving office	Biden Admin	"ICE is finally going to go out and do their job. We're going to take the handcuffs off ICE and let them get on some criminal alerts. That's what's going to happen," Homan said during his Friday night appearance on Fox News' "Jesse Walters Primetime."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/biden-family-pardons-white-house-d	2025/01/21	
Florida is first to use 'Gulf of America' in official weather advisory	Cesspool-Florida	President Biden preemptively pardoned five family members on Monday, minutes before turning the office of the presidency over to Donald Trump.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/florida-weather-advisory-130026854.html	2025/01/21	
The common thread between hurricanes and wildfires? Increasingly strong winds	Environment-Climate crisis	Biden said the pardons protect his family against political attacks motivated "solely by a desire to hurt me."	https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/news/los-angeles-santa-clarita-fire-130026854.html	2025/01/21	
'Catastrophic': Great Barrier Reef hit by its most widespread coral bleaching, study finds	Environment-Oceans	It's an extraordinary move that shields members of the Biden family from any efforts by the new administration to prosecute them.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jan/21/catastrophic-pr	2025/01/21	
With a forecast of dangerous winds, LAFD pre-deploys to avoid fatalities of Palisades fire	Environment-Wildfires	Biden earlier on Monday issued preemptive pardons for former NIAD Director Anthony Fauci and members of the House Jan. 6 committee, including former Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) and Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.).	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-tariffs-china-inauguration-18tok-latiff	2025/01/21	
Some Florida counties could see 1 to 3 inches of snow. Watch for ice, what to expect	Environment-Winter weather	Florida has become the first state to refer to the Gulf of Mexico as "The Gulf of America" following in lockstep with Donald Trump's explosive inaugural speech, according to an official emergency weather advisory.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-biden-policies-reverse-execut	2025/01/21	
Right-Wing Extremists Are Abuzz Over Musk's Straight-Arm Salute	Fuck that guy	"There are a lot of people that believe that climate change is happening and real, but not many people believe that they are actually currently experiencing climate change themselves personally. But they are," Daniel Gifford, a meteorologist and atmospheric scientist with Climate Central, told The Independent on Friday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-tariffs-china-inauguration-18tok-latiff	2025/01/21	
Trump Administration Immediately Sued Over Elon Musk's DOGE	Fuck that guy	Climate change is creating conditions ripe for fire growth in areas affected by the winds. Warmer temperatures caused by climate change and atmospheric warming fuel droughts – notably, Southern California hasn't seen rain for months – that dry out fuels like grasses. As the climate warms, more water evaporates from the ground and vegetation.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-tariffs-china-inauguration-18tok-latiff	2025/01/21	
Thousands of guns intercepted at US airports last year – and 84% were loaded	Guns Nuts	And, wildfire is also driven by hydroclimate whiplash and volatility: rapid swings between unusually wet and dry periods. Warmer temperatures can also result in more rain and heavier precipitation events, like the atmospheric river storms that have slammed the Golden State over the last couple of years. The precipitation allows for intense growth of grasses that will die out.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-tariffs-china-inauguration-18tok-latiff	2025/01/21	
Israel expects meteorologists at The Weather Channel in Atlanta producing content for local stations across the country. The team under the new initiative will be led by Carl Parker, a meteorologist at The Weather Channel, and include some meteorologists from local TV stations moving to Atlanta, the media group said in a statement.	International-Israel	More than 40% of individual corals monitored around a Great Barrier Reef island were killed last year in the most widespread coral bleaching outbreak to hit the reef system, a study has found. Scientists tracked 462 colonies of corals at One Tree Island in the southern part of the Great Barrier Reef after heat stress began to turn the corals white in early 2024. Researchers said they encountered "catastrophic" scenes at the reef.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-tariffs-china-inauguration-18tok-latiff	2025/01/21	
Local meteorologists could face layoffs amid new initiative with The Weather Channel	Media-news	Only 92 coral colonies escaped bleaching entirely and by July, when the analysis for the study ended, 193 were dead and a further 113 were still showing signs of bleaching.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-tariffs-china-inauguration-18tok-latiff	2025/01/21	
Texas could join Louisiana with a law to require the Ten Commandments in classrooms	Religious bullshit	Bracing for another round of extreme fire weather conditions, Los Angeles Fire Department officials on Monday had started at of its available extra engines and staged 30 engines in fire risk areas, measures they failed to take before the deadly Palisades fire, according to internal records and officials.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-tariffs-china-inauguration-18tok-latiff	2025/01/21	
At least 66 dead and 81 injured in a hotel fire at a ski resort in northwestern Turkey	Tragic	Fire officials told reporters Monday that the agency also ordered the outgoing shift of about 1,000 firefighters to remain on duty to staff the extra engines.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-tariffs-china-inauguration-18tok-latiff	2025/01/21	
Trump's 'softening tone toward China' seen in inaugural address and TikTok action	Trump Bullshit	The actions came after The Times found that the LAFD decided not to take those drastic measures Jan. 7, despite extraordinary warnings from the National Weather Service that a life-threatening and destructive windstorm was going to hit the region.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-tariffs-china-inauguration-18tok-latiff	2025/01/21	
Biden-era policies on the Trump 2.0 chopping block	Trump Bullshit	One to 3 inches of snow — and a small chance of up to 5 inches — could be ahead as the rare combination of freezing temperatures and moisture arrive in some areas of Florida this week, according to the National Weather Service's Mobile.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-tariffs-china-inauguration-18tok-latiff	2025/01/21	
Trump to hold off on tariffs, report says, cheering markets	Trump bullshit	Andrew Torba is the founder of the far-right Christian Nationalist social media platform Gab, which pioneered AI-powered Nazi chatbots. He shared the clip on his account with the caption: "Incredible things are happening already frax."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-tariffs-china-inauguration-18tok-latiff	2025/01/21	
Day 1: Trump to revoke security clearances of 51 former intelligence officials	Trump bullshit	However, Musk has allied himself with far-right movements in Europe, including the extremist German party AfD. After purchasing Twitter, which he renamed X, he welcomed long-banned white nationalists back to the platform in the name of free speech. And his X account is sometimes hard to distinguish from far-right extremists. In late 2023 he went on a so-called "apology tour" to Israel after responding to a post about an antisemitic conspiracy theory on X with the words "The actual truth," then posted Pepe frogs, and other images and memes associated with the alt-right, including recently adopting the handle "Kekius Maximus."	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/20/trump-tariffs-china-inauguration-18tok-latiff	2025/01/21	

		Declare a national emergency at the border "Clarify" the military's role in border security: End "catch and release," continue building the wall, and end "Remain in Mexico" Designate criminal cartels as terrorists Suspend refugee resettlement End asylum and close the border to those without legal status via proclamation End birthright citizenship Enhance vetting and screening "Protect American citizens against invasion" Restore the death penalty Defining "war" and ending DEI programs National energy emergency and "electric vehicle mandate"		
All of the Day 1 executive actions Trump has announced so far	Trump Bulshit	President Trump is expected to kick-start the process to revoke birthright citizenship after years of proposing the constitutional change as a way to reduce undocumented immigration. "Ending birthright citizenship would be a really huge change in how we handle immigration and the right to belong in the United States," said Julia Gelatt, associate director of the U.S. immigration policy program at the Migration Policy Institute, adding that this law contributes to the economic and educational success rates of immigrants' children. President Trump says he will declare a "national energy emergency" as one of his first acts as president, pledging to support the domestic production of fossil fuels. Declaring an energy emergency would be a first for the federal government, and it's unclear what exactly it would entail. The Brennan Center and E&E News took a look at historical uses of these powers. No president has ever declared a "national energy emergency," but regional "energy emergencies" were declared in the 1970s, when there were shortages of fossil fuels. Then-President Jimmy Carter gave state governors the authority to suspend some environmental regulations as a result, but urged them to "act with due care" because of the implications for public health, and suspend some rules only "as a last resort." But the U.S. is not currently facing a fuel shortage. The U.S. is a net exporter of fossil fuels, producing more oil and gas than any other country in the world, at any point in history, and production is growing slightly. Meanwhile many analysts currently project that the world as a whole is facing a near-term oversupply of oil and natural gas, where supply will increase faster than demand.	https://www.rpt.org/2025/01/20/as-1-43688/trump-inauguration-execu	2025/01/21
Trump to make historic move toward revoking birthright citizenship	Trump Bulshit		https://thn.liv.usaid-day-for-the-usa	2025/01/21
Trump plans to declare a "national energy emergency." What does that mean?	Trump Bulshit		https://www.rpt.org/2025/01/20/as-1-5268853/energy-emergency-tru	2025/01/21
3 key takeaways from Trump's inauguration and 1st day back in office	Trump Bulshit	A new 'Manifest Destiny' The 'resistance' rebuts A flurry of executive orders Among the slew of executive orders signed after reaching the White House Monday night, President Donald Trump formally withdrew the United States from the World Health Organization (WHO), saying the far-reaching pandemic monitoring organization had "ripped off" the U.S. The U.S. is the largest funder of the WHO, which monitors disease outbreaks around the world. The U.S. also majorly contributes to the WHO's work — including collaborations with the CDC and NIH on issues like cancer prevention and global health security. President Donald Trump on Monday rescinded executive orders that had promoted diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and promoted rights for LGBTQ+ people and racial minorities, fulfilling promises to curtail protections for the most marginalized Americans. Shortly after taking office, Trump repealed 78 executive orders signed by his predecessor Joe Biden, including at least a dozen measures supporting racial equity and combating discrimination against gay and transgender people.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/3-key-takeaways-from-trumps-inaugura	2025/01/21
Trump withdraws US from World Health Organization, finishing what he started	Trump Bulshit	President-elect Donald Trump will declare shortly after taking office on Monday that the federal government only recognizes two sexes — male and female — a move that reverses protections for transgender people put in place under outgoing President Joe Biden. Within hours of taking office, Trump ended the court, Congress and his fragmented opposition to stand in the way of what could be his most enduring legacy: a radical expansion of presidential power. He did so publicly and with a flourish — signing an initial batch of executive orders in front of a roaring crowd at Capitol One Arena, before returning to the White House. There, Trump signed a barrage of executive orders, announced that Canada and Mexico are likely to face 25% tariffs beginning Feb. 1, and pardoned roughly 1,500 Jan. 6 defendants.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-withdraws-us-world-health-031703	2025/01/21
Trump rescinds executive orders protecting diversity, LGBTQ rights	Trump Bulshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-sign-orders-ending-diversity-1423	2025/01/21
Donald Trump to declare federal government recognizes two sexes — male and female	Trump Bulshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-declare-federal-governme	2025/01/21
Trump tests limits of presidential power with Day 1 barrage	Trump Bulshit	Still, new evidence has emerged to suggest that Trump — emboldened by his historic political comeback and a record-high approval rating — may be willing to circumvent or openly defy U.S. law in his second term. Trump 2.0 vs. Trump 1.0. The orders reflect, from the outside at least, something missing the first go-round. It's a methodical, sweeping approach enabled by four years of Trump-orbit and industry planning while out of power.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/21/trump-executive-orders-authority-li	2025/01/21
Several themes apparent in Trump's Day 1 energy frenzy	Trump Bulshit	President Trump has signed an executive order attempting to end birthright citizenship in the U.S. — a right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and affirmed by the Supreme Court more than 125 years ago. A coalition of civil rights and civil liberties groups filed a lawsuit on Monday night in an effort to halt the executive order. The order is also expected to face legal challenges from state attorneys general since it conflicts with decisions of Supreme Court precedent and the 14th Amendment — with the AGs of California and New York among those indicating they would do so.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/21/trump-day-1-energy-frenzy	2025/01/21
Trump signs executive order aimed at ending birthright citizenship	Trump Bulshit	President Trump is making good on his pre-election pledge to withdraw from the World Health Organization, in one of many orders issued after his inauguration, he announced the start of the process for terminating U.S. membership in the U.N. agency that oversees global health issues. It will take a year for Trump's pledge to become official. That's the time frame the U.S. set for any future withdrawal when it joined the global health body in 1948. In Trump's first term, he halted funding to WHO and isolated the process of withdrawing. But before the one-year mark had been reached, Biden took office and reversed course immediately.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/21/trump-birthright-citizenship-14th-ay	2025/01/21
Trump declares U.S. will withdraw from the World Health Organization	Trump Bulshit	Heads of all departments and agencies in the executive branch of Government shall, as soon as practicable, take all necessary steps to terminate remote work arrangements and require employees to return to work in-person at their respective duty stations on a full-time basis, provided that the department and agency heads shall make exceptions they deem necessary, the executive memo states. In a report to Congress issued last August, OPM noted that 54% of the 2.3 million civilians employed by the federal government work entirely in-person given the nature of their jobs. About 10%, or 228,000 employees, work entirely remotely. "He also warned that given the success federal agencies have had consolidating unused office space and selling off properties that were costly to maintain, there may no longer be enough office space to accommodate an influx of on-site workers." The AFGE warned that the freeze will impair federal programs. "Make no mistake — this action is not about making the federal government run more efficiently but rather about sowing chaos and targeting a group of patriotic Americans that President Trump openly calls cowards and disloyal," wrote Kelley. President Donald Trump is slashing a program that was used by the Biden administration to temporarily allow the entrance of more than half a million migrants fleeing Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. In an executive order signed Monday evening, Trump instructed the Department of Homeland Security to "terminate all categorical parole programs that are contrary to the policies of the United States established in my Executive Order," including the humanitarian parole program for those four countries.	https://www.rpt.org/objectors/goals-and-solve/2025/01/20/as-1-429130	2025/01/21
Trump seeks to end telework for federal workers	Trump Bulshit	Since the last U.S. census in 1970, no resident has ever been omitted from those numbers because of immigration status. And after the Civil War, the 14th Amendment has called for the population counts that determine each state's share of U.S. House seats and Electoral College votes to include the "whole number of persons in each state." Biden's now-revoked 2021 order affirmed the longstanding practice of including the total number of persons residing in each state in those census results. It was issued in response to Trump's attempt during the national tally in 2020 to exclude millions of U.S. residents without legal status. Conservative groups behind the "Project 2025" plan have included adding a citizenship question among their priorities for a conservative administration. And a growing number of Republican members of Congress, including Rep. Chuck Edwards of North Carolina, have introduced bills that call for using the next head count to tally non-U.S. citizens living in the country and then subtract some or all of those residents from what are known as the congressional apportionment counts. Robert Salesses, deputy director of the Pentagon's Washington Headquarters Service, will fit in as acting secretary of defense, and three other career Defense Department civilians will be filling in as acting heads of the Army, Navy and Air Force. To serve in the post 4, the incoming Trump administration needed senior executives at the Pentagon who had already been confirmed by the Senate. Salesses is a retired Marine who served in the Gulf War and earned a Bronze Star. Donald Trump was accused of corruption as he returned to the White House days after launching a multibillion-dollar cryptocurrency meme coin. Former government ethics officials and presidential experts said the venture amounted to a "shameful" conflict of interest. "There are shameful and major conflicts of interest with respect to his family business benefiting from his cryptocurrency policies," said James Thurber, the founder and former director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies. "America voted for corruption, and Trump is wasting no time delivering it," said Walter Shaub, the former director of the US Office of Government Ethics, who served under former presidents Barack Obama and Trump. "What was once a government ethics program, made partly of laws and partly of norms, is a smoldering crater." The White House was approached for comment.	https://www.rpt.org/2025/01/20/as-1-5268852/trump-telework-executi	2025/01/21
Trump orders end of humanitarian parole for migrants of four countries	Trump Bulshit		https://www.rpt.org/2025/01/20/as-1-5268388/trump-humanitarian-par	2025/01/21
Trump rescinds Biden's census order, clearing a path for reshaping election maps	Trump Bulshit		https://www.rpt.org/2025/01/20/as-1-5268852/trump-census-de	2025/01/21
Trump names acting defense secretary with Hegseth not yet confirmed	Trump Bulshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-names-acting-defense-secretary-1	2025/01/21
Experts alarmed by Trump's crypto meme coins. America votes for corruption.	Trump Bulshit		https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jan/21/trump-meme-crypt	2025/01/21
Trump plans to axe US education department out marginalized students most at risk, experts warn	Trump Bulshit	In addition to nominating for education secretary the former WWE executive Linda McMahon, who served on Connecticut's state board of education for one year and has no other notable education experience, Trump has pledged to "jolt" up the department and "return" education rights to the states. Though Trump alone cannot eliminate the federal agency, as such an act requires congressional approval beyond a simple majority, experts have warned that any type of overhaul could disrupt the department's critical roles, especially for marginalized students. Investigating civil rights violations is a critical function of the department, carried out by their Office of Civil Rights (OCR). In 2023, OCR received a record 19,201 complaints, according to the department's annual report, with 46% of complaints relating to sex discrimination. Amid an onslaught of legislation targeting transgender youth last year, the OCR fielded several complaints from LGBTQ+ students against their school districts. Under Trump, the department could be underfunded or further understaffed, and offices such as OCR already struggle to investigate an increasing number of complaints. Disenfranchised students, including students of color and those with disabilities, who rely on Title I funding, would be affected as Trump could make further cuts to the underfunded program. "About 50% of school funding comes from local and state sources, but 10% comes from the federal government," said Periera. "That 10% is oriented toward poor communities, communities that are disproportionately of color, [where if that money were to go away overnight, those schools would be in it in a very difficult position." In a country where birthright citizenship regardless of lineage is a deeply held value, the president's attempt to cut that right for future generations could create a permanent underclass, through policy change that would specifically target communities of color. The first line of the 14th amendment reads: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." Known as the Citizenship Clause, this phrase — alongside a string of more related statutes and regulations — establishes the modern basis for birthright citizenship. In fact, dozens of countries have a right to citizenship based on place of birth. Like the U.S., most of these countries are within the Western hemisphere, including Canada and Mexico. That said, birthright citizenship is less common in other regions of the world. Notably, the executive order targets kids born to both unauthorized immigrants and people legal in the US on temporary visas.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jan/21/trump-education-de	2025/01/21
What is US birthright citizenship and what does Trump	Trump Bulshit		https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jan/21/birthright-citizensh	2025/01/21

		There is no formal international agreement or protocol for the naming of maritime areas, and no international body has the final word on maritime names, although the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) seeks to standardize names and resolve disputes. Unlike other measures announced by Trump on his first day as the 47th US president, the name change was not the subject of an executive order – although he said that would happen in “a short time from now”.		
Can Trump really rename the Gulf of Mexico the Gulf of America?	Trump Bullshit	In theory, Trump action would be sufficient to change the Gulf's name in official documents within the US, but other countries would not be obliged to follow suit. “Because of the gravity and emergency of this present danger and imminent threat, it is necessary for the Armed Forces to take all appropriate action to assist the Department of Homeland Security in obtaining full operational control of the southern border,” the executive order said. This despite a sharp drop in the last six months in the numbers of people crossing the border without authorization, after the Biden administration's crackdown on access. “Birthright – that's a big one,” Trump told reporters, as he signed an order that attempts to deny automatic citizenship to the US-born children of undocumented immigrants, a guarantee bestowed by the 14th amendment. The president cannot unilaterally change the constitution, and civil rights groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), have already vowed immediately to challenge such a directive in court. The order, which applies prospectively to children born 30 days after the measure's implementation, instructs federal agencies not to issue certain documents that would normally be provided to those born in the US, regardless of their parents' immigration status. Donald Trump has announced that the US will exit the World Health Organization and suspend all foreign aid for three months, in a move that will leave critical humanitarian work in jeopardy and threaten the global fight against infectious diseases. In a separate executive order, Trump announced a pause on foreign development assistance for 90 days pending a review, in a move that will leave aid organizations scrambling to see if they are affected. Members of the global health community said that Trump's decision could backfire on the US. “Trump could be sowing the seeds for the next pandemic.” This was the moment it really hit home. Trump is back. The human wrecking ball who left a trail of chaos and division in his first four years has returned with a vengeance. America voted for this. People will get hurt. Monday's first batch of executive orders, contained in black folders, was also a reminder of Trump's insatiable appetite for spectacle. His swearing in and inauguration parade had been brought indoors because of extreme cold weather. Naturally he saw an opportunity to turn it into a reality TV show. Thanks to Trump, the US will join Iran, Libya and Yemen as the only four countries not party to the Paris agreement. Apparently, this is a great victory for the forgotten men and women of America. Once the orders were signed, the president celebrated by tossing the pens out into the crowd, setting off a scramble as if for a home run baseball.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/20/trump-gulf-mexico	2025/01/21
Trump declares national border emergency in immigration crackdown	Trump Bullshit		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/20/trump-immigration	2025/01/21
'Sowing seeds for next pandemic': Trump order for US to exit WHO prompts alarm	Trump Bullshit		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/20/trump-executive-or	2025/01/21
Trump the wrecking ball brings cheers to order, escalating a parade of grievances	Trump Bullshit	Vance cracked and slapped his boss on the back. Trump pumped his fist and there was another chant of "USA! USA! USA!" Eight years ago he was willing to settle for American carnage. Now he and his MAGA movement seem ready to set the world on fire.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/21/donald-trump-inaug	2025/01/21
FACT FOCUS: A look at false and misleading claims Trump made at inaugural events	Trump Bullshit	Summary Laurence Rees, a lifelong and acclaimed historian of the Nazis, does not invoke this context as a British intellectual. He does not need to. The making of “the Nazi mind” from 1919 to 1945 is both enthralling and chilling on its own terms. As a “warning from history” in the age of Trump 2.0, it's compulsive reading. Here, Thompson's analysis morphs with Rees's “12 warnings”. The evolution of Hitler's grip on the German people begins, says Rees, with three specific corruptions of democracy in the aftermath of the First World War: first, the spreading of conspiracy theories (about the role of the Jews in Germany's 1918 defeat); second, the promulgation of a rhetorical “Them vs Us” narrative; and third, Hitler's self-invention as a heroic leader who would become a quasi-parental figure within the German psyche. Here, Thompson's analysis morphs with Rees's “12 warnings”. The evolution of Hitler's grip on the German people begins, says Rees, with three specific corruptions of democracy in the aftermath of the First World War: first, the spreading of conspiracy theories (about the role of the Jews in Germany's 1918 defeat); second, the promulgation of a rhetorical “Them vs Us” narrative; and third, Hitler's self-invention as a heroic leader who would become a quasi-parental figure within the German psyche. From the process of corrupting young people to finally seizing supreme power by conking with the German elite, principally Hindenburg, Rees explains how Hitler ran his absolute dictatorship on surprisingly conventional lines. As Führer, he eliminated human rights, terrorised the free press, diverted his voters (the Berlin Olympics became Goebbels's bread and circuses), and promoted a utopian fantasy about a new holy Roman empire (shades of MAGA here).	https://apnews.com/article/trump-inauguration-fact-check-b52016186b	2025/01/21
The nine warnings from history about the rise of the Nazis that already strike a chord	Trump Bullshit	U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday signed an executive order that he said aims to restore freedom of speech and end censorship, drawing fire from critics who point to his past actions threatening and suing journalists, critics and political opponents.	https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/features/elect	2025/01/21
Trump executive order on free speech draws criticism	Trump Bullshit	President-elect Trump is expected to reinstate a controversial policy soon after taking office that would further bar foreign non-governmental organizations that perform, counsel on or provide information on abortions abroad from receiving U.S. funding.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-signs-executive-order-says-00192	2025/01/21
Trump expected to quickly revive 'global gag rule' on abortion	Trump Bullshit	Incoming administration staffers are being warned to waver the threat of a pricey legal defense and consider purchasing a form of legal insurance that would provide them a lawyer if needed, a protection that many now consider part of doing business after former Trump aides were hauled before congressional committees and grand juries over the past eight years, the former senior administration officials and longtime Washington advisers said.	https://thn.lny.us/free-speech-as-trump-as-is-praise	2025/01/21
Former Trump aides are warning newbies: Buy legal insurance or risk a hefty bill	Trump Bullshit	A Trump loyalist, Ratcliffe faced accusations of politicizing his post as director of national intelligence in Trump's first term. He's vowed to eliminate political biases and “vokenance” in the agency's workforce policies, and instead focus on “the mission.” In announcing Ratcliffe's selection, Trump thanked him for “helping take Russian collusion” and “telling the truth” about Hunter Biden's laptop — signs the president-elect sees him as aligned with his political goals.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/former-trump-aides-warning-newbies-135	2025/01/21
Senate panels move fast on Ratcliffe, Rubio	Trump Cesspool	So far, he has selected at least 19 former Fox News hosts, journalists and commentators for senior positions in his second White House term. “It's ironic that as much as President Trump has criticized Fox News over the last few years for being allegedly unfair to him, he's still apparently enamored with the bright lights and star power of so many of the Fox News television hosts,” former Fox & Friends host Gretchen Carlson tells NPR. He promised to and he did: on day one of his second term, President Donald Trump pardoned almost all of the nearly 1,800 Jan. 6 rioters. About 140 of them were from Florida. Not everyone got a pardon. Fourteen people involved from across the country who were charged with seditious conspiracy, including top members of two militia groups — the Oath Keepers and the Proud Boys — had their sentences commuted instead. Several Florida names are on that list, including Joe Biggs of Citronet Beach, the leader of the Volusia County Proud Boys, and Oath Keepers Joseph Hackett, Kenneth Harrelson, Kelly Meggs and David Moerschel. The Proud Boys national chairman, Enrique Tarrio of Miami, who received the longest sentence handed down in connection with the insurrection (22 years), received a pardon. The Senate Armed Services Committee has voted in favor of Pete Hegseth, President Donald Trump's pick to lead the Pentagon. “There's too much red tape, there are too many stumbling blocks, there are too many boxes to check and the bureaucracy has become creaky over time,” Wickler said. “So this is part of the Trump Administration's mandate to shake things up and do things differently.” Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and a member of the Armed Services Committee, contends Republicans failed to vet Hegseth sufficiently.	https://www.axis.com/2025/01/20/john-ratcliffe-cia-senate-intel-marco	2025/01/21
Trump taps 19 Fox pundits, personalities and producers for second term	Trump Cesspool		https://www.npr.com/2025/01/20/m-t-5368791-fox-news-trump-inaug	2025/01/21
Trump pardons Jan. 6 Florida rioters including Enrique Tarrio, commutes sentence for Joe Biggs	Trump Cesspool		https://thn.lny.us/next-pandemic-incoming	2025/01/21
Armed Services Committee approves Donald Trump's defense secretary nominee Pete Hegseth	Trump Cesspool	“There's too much red tape, there are too many stumbling blocks, there are too many boxes to check and the bureaucracy has become creaky over time,” Wickler said. “So this is part of the Trump Administration's mandate to shake things up and do things differently.” Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and a member of the Armed Services Committee, contends Republicans failed to vet Hegseth sufficiently. “Senate Republicans are rushing through the most unqualified nominee for U.S. secretary of Defense in modern history,” Warren said in a statement. “This confirmation process has made a mockery of the Senate's constitutional responsibility with profound national security consequences.” An eccentric former Democratic congressman from Hawaii, who switched to MAGA Republican after losing a tie-fetched bid for the presidency, Gabbard's utter lack of experience at running an organization of any size—much less coordinating at 18 U.S. intelligence agencies—constitutes only the least compelling cause for greeting her nomination with laughter or tears. To the extent she discusses foreign affairs, she tends to parrot Kremlin propaganda points. Her own staff have revealed that she frequently cites RT, Moscow's main outlet for these points, as her source of news—especially about the war in Ukraine and the role of NATO, including the lie that the U.S. has set up bioweapons labs on Ukrainian soil. The host of Channel One, the Russian government's main TV outlet, reeled with glee to Gabbard's nomination, calling her “our girlfriend.” But the DNI can wield enormous power, if he or she decides to grasp it. Gabbard would have access to all intelligence, not just from the various U.S. agencies but from allies that share their intel with us. She would be in charge of national intelligence estimates on specific issues. And she would both organize and present the “President's Daily Briefing”—the summary of worldwide threats and trends compiled for the president on a daily basis or however often it's desired.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/armed-services-committee-approves-don	2025/01/21
The Terrifying Power Now in the Hands of One of Trump's Most Dangerous Picks	Trump Cesspool	In other words, the very presence of Tuli Gabbard at the top of the “free world's” intelligence community will be widely seen—by friends, foes, and those in-between—as a risk to U.S. security. Corporate America has a new top priority: Give Donald Trump what he wants. The next four years will be dominated not by technocratic rule of law but rather by the whims of America's most mercenary president. Getting into his good graces — and staying there — has taken on existential importance for many corporations. The big picture: Trump is probably the most transactional president in U.S. history, and a seat at his table can be worth billions of dollars. (Even more in the case of first buddy Elon Musk, whose net worth has increased by some \$170 billion since Election Day.)	https://www.yahoo.com/news/terrifying-power-now-tuli-gabbard-10340	2025/01/21
Corporate America's new first commandment: Honor thy Trump	Trump Cesspool	President Trump's Day 1 move to begin the process of withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement for a second time sends a clear signal to international partners that the U.S. is not hot and cold on climate action. To have the U.S., which is the second-largest emitter behind China, exit the agreement even temporarily has the potential for other countries to start viewing the U.S. as an unreliable partner on climate and potentially other issues as well. Do fish get lonely? Apparently so, according to staff at an aquarium in Japan, who have provided cut-out human companions for a solitary sunfish they noticed had started to look unwell. Aquarium staff feared the sunfish, which had been caught in Japanese coastal waters, was suffering from parasites or digestive problems. One, however, suggested it might be struggling to adapt to the absence of visitors as well as the noise and vibrations made by the construction work. Their colleagues were sceptical, but the theory proved correct. A day after staff taped large photos of human faces attached to a row of uniforms on the side of the tank, the fish regained its appetite and looked generally more content, according to the Mainichi Shimbun.	https://www.axis.com/2025/01/21/trump-crypte-8kik-musk-business	2025/01/21
Japan aquarium cheers up lonely sunfish by taping photos of human faces to its tank	Weird world		https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jan/21/japan-shimonoseki-aq	2025/01/21
Kentucky KKK distributing flyers warning immigrants 'leave now'	Cesspool- KKK	A rare winter storm that's slamming the southern U.S. with “dangerously cold temperatures,” historic snow and icy conditions has been linked to at least 10 deaths as it disrupts travel across the region. Lake Charles, La., saw its first-ever blizzard warning on Tuesday due to heavy snow and high winds from the extreme weather that's tied to the polar vortex event across the Lower 48 states, as it left some 300 million people under cold weather alerts. States of emergency were declared in states including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi ahead of the extreme weather event, but storm-related deaths have been reported across the region. Georgia officials said at least one person had died of hypothermia in the Atlanta area.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/kkk-bar	2025/01/22
Deaths reported as rare winter storm sweeps southern U.S.	Environment-Winter weather		https://www.axis.com/2025/01/22/rare-winter-storm-us-south-texas-ky	2025/01/22
Police union that endorsed Trump blasts Jan. 6 pardons	FAFO		https://www.axis.com/2025/01/22/police-union-trump-jan-6-pardons	2025/01/22

		Republican leadership can lose only a handful of votes, making cuts to the safety net program a high-stakes loyalty test that could deliver an early legislative win but result in millions of people losing their health coverage. House Republicans have discussed far-reaching changes to the Medicaid program, including new caps on how much is spent per person — an idea that was part of the GOP's ill-fated 2017 plan to repeal the Affordable Care Act.			
GOP lawmakers coy on Medicaid cuts for tax extension	Government-GOP	Another proposal under consideration would reduce how much the federal government pays for the Medicaid expansion under the ACA, which would automatically trigger the loss of coverage for millions of residents in some states. Over just eight hours on Inauguration Day, Presidents Trump and Biden forever stretched the immense public and private power of the presidency to once-unimaginable dimensions. Presidents can preemptively pardon family and friends in case of any accusation of graft or crimes. Presidents can pardon violent criminals convicted of execution and violence in defense of the politics. Presidents and their families can start businesses — or even currencies — and profit without restriction or outcry. Oh, and they can do this with the presumption of presidential immunity.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/22/gop-lawmakers-medic-aid-cuts	2025/01/22	
Behind the Curtain: The new judge and jury	Government-Presidential powers	America doesn't have a king. But we're dancing close to king-like power. The escalating bird flu crisis is ravaging the nation's supply of eggs, leading to increased prices and presenting an immediate challenge for the Trump administration.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/22/trump-presidency-biden-pardons-2	2025/01/22	
Egg shortages, higher prices spike as bird flu grows	health- Bird flu	An outbreak of avian influenza is growing and has affected nearly 13 million birds in the last 30 days, according to USDA data. Some retailers are limiting how many eggs consumers can purchase while others are having a hard time keeping shelves stocked.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/21/bird-flu-egg-prices-avian-influenza-8	2025/01/22	
FDA allows standalone use of nasal spray antidepressant Spravato (esketamine)	Health-Medication	The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has expanded its approval of Spravato, an antidepressant nasal spray. The drug is now cleared for use as a standalone treatment for depression. The original approval required that patients on Spravato also receive an oral antidepressant. Now, the FDA says the drug can be used on its own. The decision came after a large study found that Spravato alone worked better than a placebo. In the first nine months of 2024, the drug generated sales of about \$760 million for its maker, Johnson & Johnson.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/01/21/tx-st-5269	2025/01/22	
U.S. exit from the WHO may hamstring global health	Health- WHO	Trump's reluctance to pay the freight for the global health partnership could come back to bite him if surveillance efforts break down and a regional outbreak turns into another pandemic. Leaving WHO "could put the U.S. at a disadvantage if the U.S. is not at the table, not being privy to all the cooperation and information that others may be getting," said Jennifer Kales, senior vice president and director of the Global Health & HIV Policy Program at KFF.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/22/trump-who-withdrawal-global-health	2025/01/22	
The end of women and children's rights' outrage as Israel law allows child marriage	Human rights	Tuberculosis is having a resurgence and now is the world's leading infectious disease killer. Climate change could put billions of people at risk for malaria. And while the HSN1 bird flu isn't yet a threat to the general public, that could quickly change. WHO issues alerts on disease outbreaks around the world almost weekly. It mobilizes the response to crises like Ebola in West Africa and "prequalified" medical products for safety and efficacy before they're bought and distributed in developing countries.	https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/jan/22/women-	2025/01/22	
Families fear for Cuban prisoners after Trump reneges on release deal	International-Cuba	While marriage is presented to some underage girls as a chance to escape poverty, many of the marriages end in failure, bringing lifelong consequences for young women, including social shame and a lack of opportunities because of unfinished schooling. Instead of tightening laws against underage marriage and helping girls from poorer backgrounds to complete their education, the new law allows the marriage of minors according to the religious sect under which the marriage contract is concluded.	https://www.theguardian.com/news/2025/jan/22/cuban-prisoner-release	2025/01/22	
Russia warns Trump against seizing Panama Canal	International-Panama	For Shia Muslims, which make up the majority in Iraq, the lowest age of marriage for girls will be nine years old, while for Sunnis, the official age will be 15. The families of Cuban protesters jailed in anti-government demonstrations are waiting anxiously to see if the government will continue with a planned prisoner release after Donald Trump reneged on a deal made last week by Joe Biden.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/russia-warns-trump-against-seizing-1608	2025/01/22	
Trump gave pardons to hundreds of violent Jan. 6 rioters. Here's what they did	January Six	Less than a week after it was taken off a US list of state sponsors of terror (SSOT), Cuba was returned to at alongside Syria, North Korea and Iran — with grim implications for tourism and trade. Trump reversed Biden's decision late on Monday, amid a flurry of executive orders overturning domestic and international policies of the previous administration.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/21/tx-st-52688919/trump-issues-jan-6-par	2025/01/22	
Trump rewrites the violence of January 6 and legitimizes future ones. Trump starts military overhaul by ousting first female Coast Guard commandant	January Six Trump Bufluhli	"We expected that during the expected discussions between the leadership of Panama and US President Donald Trump on issues of control over the Panama Canal, which certainly falls within the sphere of their bilateral relations, the parties will respect the current international legal regime of this key waterway," said Alexander Shchegolev, director of the Latin American Department of the Russian Foreign Ministry, according to Russian state media outlet, TASS. More than 1,500 people who had been charged in connection with the attack, received a "full, complete and unconditional pardon."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/22/trump-january-6-par	2025/01/22	
Trump tests limits of presidential power with Day 1 berrage	Trump Bufluhli	14 people — all of whom were linked to the Oath Keepers and Proud Boys, extremist groups that planned elements of the attack — received commutations. While those defendants' felony convictions will stand, Trump cleared the path for their imminent release from prison. Meanwhile, in federal court in Washington, D.C., Trump's new appointee at the Justice Department began filing motions to dismiss ongoing cases related to Jan. 6. Over 1,100 people had already pleaded guilty or been convicted at trial, and sentenced in connection with these cases. Most had finished their punishments, except for those who were serving longer sentences for engaging in violence at the Capitol, Graves said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/21/trumps-executive-orders-authority-11	2025/01/22	
Trump's federal health website scrubs 'abortion' search results	Trump Bufluhli	Trump's bizzard of executive orders has exhilarated his base, who see it as proof that he's willing to abandon the "Deep State" to fulfill his campaign promises. On the second day of the second Trump administration, a search for the term "abortion" on the website for the federal Department of Health and Human Services brings up 168 results. The top hit is from January 24, 2020, during President Trump's first term, and is about how California violated the rights of two religious organizations that wanted to offer health plans that excluded coverage for abortion.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/21/tx-st-5269	2025/01/22	reproductive rights
Trump says ICE can arrest people at churches and schools, directs agency to use 'common sense'	Trump Bufluhli	Federal immigration authorities will be permitted to arrest people and carry out enforcement actions in and near places such as churches and schools, marking a departure from long-standing policy to avoid so-called sensitive areas. Aiding Homeland Security Secretary Benjamin Huffman announced the end of two directives in a statement, giving agents more authority over whether they carry out enforcement and eliminating a legal pathway for migrants seeking to come to the United States.	https://www.axios.com/news/trump-says-ice-arrest-people-204630905	2025/01/22	
Trump terminates John Bolton's security detail within hours of taking office	Trump Bufluhli	Immigration and Customs Enforcement set a policy in 2011 preventing agents from making arrests in sensitive locations. The Biden administration put out similar guidance. Immigrant advocates have raised concerns over stripping that policy, arguing that doing so would stoke fear in immigrant communities and keep children from going to school or people from seeking care at hospitals. Within hours of taking office, President Donald Trump terminated the Secret Service detail that was assigned to his former national security adviser John Bolton. Bolton confirmed to CNN on Tuesday Bolton, who left the Trump White House in November 2019, has required ongoing US Secret Service protection because of threats against him from Iran. Trump initially terminated his protection after he left his administration in the first term, but President Joe Biden restored it once he took office.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-terminates-john-bolton-security-19	2025/01/22	
Trump admin orders federal DEI staff to be placed on paid leave by Wednesday	Trump Bufluhli	"The Justice Department filed criminal charges against an Iranian Revolutionary Guard official in 2022 for attempting to hire a hit man to target me. That threat remains today, as also demonstrated by the recent arrest of someone trying to arrange for President Trump's own assassination. The American people can judge for themselves which President made the right call." The Trump administration is directing agencies to move to close federal diversity, equity and inclusion offices and place DEI staff on paid leave by 5pm Wednesday ET ahead of being laid off.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/22/trump-dei-staff-leaves-offices-close	2025/01/22	
Trump administration strips schools, churches of immigration enforcement protections	Trump Bufluhli	The OPM's memo instructs agencies to take offline all websites and social media accounts associated with DEI by the Wednesday deadline. The next action is for agencies to report on steps taken to implement the order by 12pm Thursday ET.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/21/tx-st-52688939/trump-immigration-enf	2025/01/22	
Trump fired four top immigration court officials hours after taking office	Trump Bufluhli	This includes providing a "complete list" of DEI offices and workers as of Election Day 2024, according to the memo. The agencies must provide a written plan for "executing reduction-in-force action" for DEI employees by 5pm Friday ET, the memo says.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-fired-four-top-immigration-2351517	2025/01/22	
Sarah McBride laughs off Trump's anti-trans executive order. 'He just declared everyone a woman'	Trump Bufluhli	Homan said arrests of migrants without a criminal record could also be swept up by ICE, especially those living in sanctuary jurisdictions, cities where local law enforcement is prohibited from assisting federal immigration officials. He declined to provide specific information on locations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/sarah-mcbride-laughs-off-trump-0242125	2025/01/22	
Trump does out security clearances to unelected officials	Trump bufluhli	"There are going to be more collateral arrests in sanctuary cities because they forced us to go into the community and find the guy we are looking for," Homan said. The Trump administration fired four top officials at the Justice Department's Executive Office of Immigration Review, which oversees U.S. immigration courts, late Monday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-does-security-clearances-unelected-officials	2025/01/22	

		President Donald Trump's political retribution tour began this week with firings of his perceived enemies inside the federal government, the targeting of former intelligence and national security officials and a directive to investigate actions by the Biden administration. The actions are all part of an initial wave of Trump's efforts to remove the so-called "deep state" from the federal government, as he and his team have pledged to ensure those working inside the government are loyal to the president. Trump has long complained that he was undermined by anti-Trump officials across the federal workforce in his first administration, particularly from the Justice Department and the intelligence community. But Trump has also made a show of the firings he's carried out, taking to his social media to boast about removing more than 1,000 Biden administration political appointees – and to announce the removal of four individuals from presidential advisory boards, including prominent critics such as former Joint Chiefs Chairman Mark Milley and José Andrés, the celebrity chef and restaurateur. President Donald Trump moved quickly to remake the Department of Homeland Security Tuesday, firing the heads of the Transportation Security Administration and Coast Guard before their terms are up and eliminated all the members of a key aviation security advisory group. I think we need to not our steps up, deliver reforms and make sure that our dollars are going to programs within the U.N. that work, that have a basis in the rule of law, that have a basis in transparency and accountability and strength in our national security, in our partnerships, she said. Democrats at the hearing, like Maryland Sen. Chris Van Hollen, raised concerns about Trump's initial foreign policy moves – taking the U.S. out of the Paris Climate accord and the WHO. Van Hollen said these actions will only cede ground to U.S. adversaries in the United Nations.		
Trump touts political firings and retribution as he begins a government overhaul in his image	Trump bulletin	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-touts-political-firings-retribution-22	2025/01/22	
Trump fires heads of TSA, Coast Guard and quits key aviation safety advisory committee	Trump bulletin	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-fires-heads-tsa-coast-guard-224441644-z	2025/01/22	
Trump's pick for U.N. ambassador is Elise Stefanik. Here's what to know	Trump Cesspool	https://www.rnr.org/2025/01/21/trump-cabinet-picks-elsie-stefanik	2025/01/22	
Affidavit by Hegseth's ex-sister-in-law makes new claims about his behavior	Trump Cesspool	https://www.rnr.org/2025/01/21/trump-cabinet-picks-elsie-stefanik	2025/01/22	
Trump pardons dark web marketplace creator Ross Ulbricht	Trump Cesspool	https://www.rnr.org/2025/01/21/trump-cabinet-picks-elsie-stefanik	2025/01/22	
Judge Alleen Cannon says Justice Department can't share Trump classified documents report with Congress	Trump Cesspool	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-alleen-cannon-says-justice-152742	2025/01/22	
'QAnon Shaman' Jacob Chansley says he will 'buy some motha f**in guns' after Trump pardon	Trump Cesspool	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/qanon-shaman-jacob-chansley-says-he-will-buy-some-motha-f-in-guns-after-trump-pardon	2025/01/22	
Cat becomes accidental frequent flyer after being left on a plane by mistake	Weird world	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jan/22/milans-maine-coon-cat	2025/01/22	
Split-second decision: Supreme Court returns to the question of police killings	ACAB	https://www.yahoo.com/news/split-second-decision-supreme-court-140	2025/01/23	
"Just the beginning": Pentagon sending 1,000 troops to U.S.-Mexico border	Borders and immigration	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/22/troops-us-mexico-border-trump	2025/01/23	
Scop: ICE returns to calling immigrants "aliens"	Borders and immigration	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/22/trump-dhs-ice-immigration-noncitizens	2025/01/23	
Katie Britt: ICE arrests 300+ migrants day after Donald Trump inauguration	Borders and immigration	https://www.yahoo.com/news/katie-britt-ice-arrests-300-151058326.html	2025/01/23	
IRS is cracking down on your online income. What to know	Economy-income	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/irs-online-income	2025/01/23	
'Awe-inspiring and harrowing': how two orcas with a taste for live decimated the great white shark capital of the world	Environment-Animals	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jan/23/south-africa-orca	2025/01/23	
There are no "acts of God" anymore	Environment-Climate crisis	https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/39057109-los-angeles-wildfires-insura	2025/01/23	
Hughes fire explodes north of Castaic, shuts down S. Freeway and forces evacuations	Environment-wildfires	https://www.yahoo.com/news/expected-rain-sno-1-dry-110005816.html	2025/01/23	
Not even sea life is safe from the L.A. fires	Environment-wildfires	https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2025/01/22/la-fires-ash-sno/	2025/01/23	
Musk's salute leads Reddit forums to block links to X	Fuck that guy	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/22/reddit-elon-musk-x-links-block	2025/01/23	
Justice Department freezes all cases in civil rights division	Government-DOJ	https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/security/2025/01/22/justice-civil-rights/	2025/01/23	
Trump admin orders federal health agencies to halt communications	Government-health agencies	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/22/trump-cdc-nih-hhs-health-agencies	2025/01/23	

		Two students died and another was injured in a shooting at a Nashville high school on Wednesday morning. ... The Metro Nashville Police Department reported the shooting took place inside Antioch High School's cafeteria. Police say 17-year-old Solomon Henderson shot two students and then himself. Josestin Corea Escalante, 16, died after being transferred to Vanderbilt University Medical Center. A third student went to the hospital with what police described as a "graze wound" and was in stable condition. ... Following the news, BuzzFeed spoke to Kellan Baker, PhD, MPH, MA. He's the Executive Director of the Institute for Health Research & Policy at Whitman-Walker and was part of a committee that informed the National Institutes of Health's definition of sex and gender. "Having read literally every definition of sex that's out there, this one is shockingly inaccurate. It is bad science. It's also bad policy," he told BuzzFeed. "There is no easy, simple, straightforward, binary, immutable definition of sex. It simply doesn't exist from a biological standpoint," he continued. "There are any number of elements that go into what we think of as sex. For example, chromosomes, gonads, external genitalia, and hormones."			
2 dead, 1 injured in shooting at Nashville high school	Guns- school shooting	https://wpin.org/post/shots-fired-inside-nashville-high-school/	2025/01/23		
Here's Why Donald Trump's Executive Order On Transgender People Should Be Concerning To Everyone, Including Cis Women	Health- science	https://www.yahoo.com/news/heres-why-donald-trumps-executive-192f	2025/01/23		
'Quad-demic' of illnesses hitting US as virus season surges	Health- Winter ick	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/virus-surge-flu-infl	2025/01/23		
Trump says China is 'operating' the Panama Canal - here are the facts	International- Panama	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jan/22/donald-trump-panama-	2025/01/23		
Russian attack drones are killing civilians for target practice, Ukraine says	International- Russia	https://www.rpr.org/2025/01/22/trs-st-5267413/ukraine-ukraine-war-dro	2025/01/23		
Skeptical of Russia's data, some Western officials judge its economy by looking at Moscow from space	International- Russia	https://www.yahoo.com/news/skeptical-russias-data-western-officials-1	2025/01/23		
Russia is escalating its dangerous shadow war against NATO, and there are fears it could get a lot worse	International- Russia	https://www.yahoo.com/news/russia-escalating-dangerous-shadow-war	2025/01/23		
House GOP launches new panel to investigate Jan. 6	January Six	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/22/house-republicans-jan-6-committee	2025/01/23		
'Very minor incidents': Trump defends January 6 pardons in first interview since inauguration	January Six	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/23/donald-trump-sean-	2025/01/23		
Jan. 6 rioter pardoned by Trump arrested again one day later	January Six	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/crime/jan-6-rioter-	2025/01/23		
Freeed Capitol riot ringleaders regroup - and vow 'retribution'	January Six	https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c20fnpd2g	2025/01/23		
CNN and NBC News to lay off employees, CNBC reports	News media	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cnn-lay-off-hundreds-employees-2142f8	2025/01/23		
Trump's immigration orders rebuked by Christian leaders	Trump bulleti	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/22/trump-immigration-religious-leaders-	2025/01/23		
White House asks key government privacy watchdogs to resign	Trump bulleti	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/22/white-house-pclob-democrats-termi	2025/01/23		
National Security Council staffers grilled about loyalty to Trump	Trump bulleti	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/22/trump-national-security-council-criti-	2025/01/23		
Trump's energy emergency is a gift to fossil fuel firms, it's likely headed to court	Trump Bulleti	https://www.rpr.org/2025/01/22/trs-st-52667172/trump-energy-emergen	2025/01/23		
Trump executive orders threaten healthcare of millions of Americans	Trump Bulleti	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/22/trump-executive-or	2025/01/23		
Trump claims FEMA is getting 'in the way' and pitches abolishing it during first interview since return to White House	Trump Bulleti	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-f	2025/01/23		
Federal employees are told to name colleagues who work in DEI roles or risk 'adverse consequences'	Trump Bulleti	https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-employees-told-name-colleagues	2025/01/23	Trump brown shirts	

		There's a dominant narrative in the media about why tech billionaires are sucking up to Donald Trump: Elon Musk, Mark Zuckerberg, and Jeff Bezos, all of whom have descended on the nation's capital for the presidential inauguration, either happily support or have largely acquiesced to Trump because they think he'll offer lower taxes and friendlier regulations. In other words, it's just about protecting their own selfish business interests. That narrative is not exactly wrong — Trump has in fact promised massive tax cuts for billionaires — but it leaves out the deeper, darker forces at work here. For the tech bros — or as some say, the brologarchs — this is about much more than just maintaining and growing their riches. It's about ideology. An ideology inspired by science fiction and fantasy. An ideology that says they are supermen, and supermen should not be subject to rules, because they're doing something incredibly important: remaking the world in their image.		
The brologarchs have a vision for the new Trump term. It's darker than you think.	Trump Cesspool	It's this ideology that makes MAGA a godsend for the brologarchs, who include Musk, Zuck, and Bezos as well as the venture capitalists Peter Thiel and Marc Andreessen. That's because MAGA is all about granting unchecked power to the powerful.	https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/395664/trump-inauguration-brologarches	2025/01/23
The waiting stinks, but Sydney may soon enjoy the aroma of its 'corpse flower'.	Weird world	Staff and visitors at Australia's Royal Botanic Garden Sydney are hoping to see — and smell — a rare event that could come at any moment: the blooming of a giant anemophilous titmouse, also known as the "corpse flower." The flower's Latin scientific name translates as "giant, misshapen penis."	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/22/mx-1-5270914/corpse-flower-pultricia-s	2025/01/23
These Corals Are Made for Walking	Weird world	But there's another, lesser-known and understudied kind of coral that's completely solitary. And some of these animals, known as mushroom corals, can walk.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/22/science/walking-coral.html	2025/01/23
Watch: Moose rescued after falling through ice into New York lake	Weird world	The responders found the moose had fallen into the water and was surrounded on all sides by ice, about 200 feet from the town's beach.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/watch-moose-rescued-falling-ice-181416	2025/01/23
Name a cricket during Black Pine Animal Sanctuary's 'Cricket Karma' Valentine's Day fundraiser	Weird world	Black Pine Animal Sanctuary's 'Cricket Karma' fundraiser returns this Valentine's Day, allowing community members to name a cricket, which will be fed to one of its animals, after someone who annoys you most.		
Mayor accuses ICE of detaining vet, U.S. citizens in N.J. immigration raid	Borders and immigration	Black Pine Animal Sanctuary is a multi-species animal sanctuary accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. It provides refuge to displaced, captive-raised exotic animals for the rest of their lives and educates people about responsible animal care and conservation.	https://www.21stnews.com/2025/01/22/name-cricket-during-black-pine	2025/01/23
Republicans shoot down Democratic request for a bipartisan immigration bill	Borders and immigration	The organization says to participate in the fundraiser all you have to do is send a donation and name the cricket. From there, its staff will feed the crickets to one of their animals and let you watch.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/24/ice-raid-newark-new-jersey-immigration	2025/01/24
Analysis of 40 cities shows violent crime dropped in 2024, report	Crime	ICE agents entered the Ocean Food Depot restaurant where owner Luis Janota said around a dozen immigration authorities detained three people after receiving a complaint, PD11 News in New York reports.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/23/violent-crime-murder-rate-2024-bids	2025/01/24
Thousands under evacuation orders as fresh blazes erupt in California	Environment-wildfires	Violent crime in 40 U.S. cities dropped in 2024 to at or near pre-pandemic levels, according to a new report out Thursday that shows the COVID-era crime wave evaporating.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/23/hughes-fire-california-wildfires-la-co	2025/01/24
House Republicans pass 'born-alive' abortion bill	GOP Bullypit	An examination of 40 cities found 6% fewer homicides in 2024 than in 2019.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-republicans-pass-born-alive-2101	2025/01/24
Republicans Don't Seem Interested In Probing Donald Trump's Family Business	GOP Bullypit	Similarly, sexual assault fell 26%, domestic violence decreased 11% and robbery dropped 19% in 2024 compared to 2019.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-dont-seem-interested-1500	2025/01/24
National Institutes of Health cancel scientific meetings after Trump directives	Government-NIH	Meanwhile, aggravated assaults rose 4%, gun assaults increased 5% and carjackings skyrocketed 25% during the same time period.		
North Korea preparing to send more troops to Ukraine, war says South Korea	International-North Korea	Fresh California wildfires ignited in the Southern California on Thursday during "critical" fire weather, leaving tens of thousands of people under evacuation orders.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jan/24/north-korea-preparing	2025/01/24
One of the Jan. 6 defendants has turned down Trump's pardon	January Six	The Hughes Fire, north of Los Angeles, and San Diego County's Border 2 Fire were among the biggest threats as the destructive Eaton and Palisades fires continued to burn during the fourth straight day of hot, dry conditions.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/23/gp-s-1-444573/pamela-hemphill-trump-par	2025/01/24
Trump plunges into weekend standoff over Trump confirmations	Political Cesspool	The bill requires health care practitioners to provide the "same degree of professional skill, care, and diligence" for a child born alive during an attempted abortion as they would during normal childbirth.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/24/trump-venue-senate-confirmation	2025/01/24
GOP lawmakers' lewd texts kept House from subpoenaing Hutchinson in Jan. 6 probe, report	Political Cesspool	Republicans have framed the bill as not being anti-abortion but anti-infanticide. Democrats have criticized the legislation as being redundant, as killing infants born alive after an attempted termination, a rare occurrence, is already illegal, and the bill only serves to "criminalize" doctors.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-lawmakers-lewd-texts-kept-10211404	2025/01/24
Lauren Boebert Offers Guided Capitol Tours To Jan. 6 Rosters And Critics Make Same Brutal Point	Political Cesspool	It's looking like House Oversight Committee chair James Comer (R-Ky.) might not investigate corruption allegations against President Donald Trump as vigorously as he did the allegations against former President Joe Biden.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lauren-boebert-offers-guided-capitol-1114	2025/01/24
RFC Jr. says he'll keep making money on anti-vaccine lawsuits while in office	Political Cesspool	Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-Va.), the top Democrat on the oversight committee, asked Comer in a letter Tuesday to take a look at Trump's various financial entanglements. In response, a Comer spokesperson suggested it wouldn't be a priority, calling Democrats hypocrites.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfc-jr-says-keep-191343350.html	2025/01/24
Republican senator goes to war on mascots designed to teach children about soil, pests and the US Mint	Political Cesspool	Scientific researchers around the country are concerned after the Nat Had Institutes of Health canceled meetings this week with very little explanation. The move comes after federal health officials were told to halt public communications until they could be reviewed by a Trump appointee.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/mascot	2025/01/24
Mississippi bill limiting men's sexual rights takes aim at laws targeting women	Political Karma	She explains that these aren't the kinds of meetings that can easily be rescheduled. There are a lot of moving parts, involving different institutions all operating on different timetables. A delay especially an indefinite delay, like this one — could have a negative impact on important cancer research, Starbird says.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mississippi-bill-limiting-mens-sexual-235	2025/01/24
Rubio instructs staff to freeze passport applications with 'X' sex markers	Rainbow threats	It's possible this is just a temporary pause on meetings to allow the new Trump team to get their bearings, Starbird says. And indeed, the freeze on public communications for all of the Department of Health and Human Services — NIH is part of HHS — has an end date of Feb. 1, according to a memo obtained by NPR.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/23/rubio-a-gend	2025/01/24
As Trump returns, state lawmakers pursue bills that would treat abortion as homicide	Reproductive rights	North Korea is preparing to send more soldiers to fight in the Ukraine war, military officials in South Korea have said, despite reports of heavy casualties among troops from the communist state who have already been sent to the battlefield.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jan/23/abortion-homicide-bills	2025/01/24
Emergency contraception pill could be an alternative to mifepristone for abortions, study suggests	Reproductive rights	The claim that Pyongyang could be planning to increase its support for the Kremlin came as Donald Trump suggested he would attempt to rekindle his relationship with Kim Jong-un, describing the North Korean leader as a "smart guy" in an interview with Fox News.	https://www.ignews.com/article/abortion-pill-mifepristone-ella-emergency-co	2025/01/24
The U.S. is trying to unravel a hacking plot that targeted climate activists	Technology-Security	South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said in a statement on Friday that four months after the North sent an estimated 11,000 troops to the Ukraine conflict — a significant number of whom have been killed or wounded — the regime "is suspected of accelerating follow-up measures and preparation for an additional dispatch of troops."	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/24/mx-1-5271530/hacking-investigation-d	2025/01/24
Trump says he will "demand" interest rates come down, setting us clash with Fed	Trump Bullypit	President Trump this week issued pardons to more than 1,500 Jan. 6 defendants, but one 71-year-old woman turned down the president's offer of clemency, telling NPR it would be a dishonor to the truth of what happened that day.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/24/trump-davos-world-economic-forum	2025/01/24
Trump pardons 23 anti-abortion activists on eve of March for Life rally	Trump Bullypit	Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) is making good on his threat to keep the Senate working after hours, vowing to go straight through the weekend if Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) doesn't cut a deal to speed things up.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/24/trump-pardons-anti-abortion-activists	2025/01/24

		The attack on DEI from the Trump administration could set back recent progress for disabled workers, particularly within the federal workforce, according to advocates and legal experts. People with disabilities face obstacles in landing jobs, but their employment rates soared in the wake of the pandemic as remote work became more common. At the same time there was a big push within the federal government to hire folks with disabilities. Now both these vectors are getting pushback. Accessibility matters for disabled folks, who need accommodations to be able to work, like software that allows visually impaired people to read computer monitors, or desk setups that allow for wheelchairs. Trump reversed a 2021 Biden order that prioritized, among other things, making the federal workplace more accessible for employees, part of a push that first gained steam in the Obama administration, said Mia Ives-Rublee, senior director of the disability justice initiative at the Center for American Progress. A House Republican on Thursday introduced a proposed change to the Constitution that would allow President Trump to seek a third term in office. Rep. Andy Ogles (R-Tenn.) said Thursday he is introducing a two-page joint resolution to amend the 22nd Amendment, which sets the current two-term limit for presidents. Ogles' amendment would allow any president to serve a third term if their first two terms were non-consecutive. The text of the amendment would still prohibit a third term if the first two were consecutive — prohibiting former Presidents Bush, Obama and Clinton from running again — or a third full term for anyone who has served more than two years of someone else's term. President Trump's executive order on birthright citizenship is "blatantly unconstitutional," a federal judge said Thursday, temporarily blocking it nationwide, multiple outlets reported. President Donald Trump will tour damage on Friday caused by wildfires in Los Angeles on Friday as he continues to feud with California Gov. Gavin Newsom over his handling of the disaster and federal aid. California officials have repeatedly refuted Trump's assertions. Trump's claims that measures to protect the delta smelt, an endangered fish, upstate affected LA's water supply is false, according to Ashley Overhouse, a California water policy adviser for the nonprofit conservation organization Defenders of Wildlife. Overhouse told ABC News that even the most protective regulations for delta smelt, during former President Barack Obama's administration, accounted for only about 1.2% of additional outflow. Trump's latest money-making moves are raising alarms among ethics watchdogs who say that, just days into his presidency, the Republican appears poised to benefit financially from his final term in office in new and lucrative ways. "This time, it feels like the gloves are off, and they have no intention of comporting themselves with the decorum and ethical standards of other administrations," Gilbert said. "They truly mean to make as much as they can on the backs of the American taxpayer." US health agency employees are now banned from nearly all travel and certain agencies and programs have been ordered to stop issuing new contracts and grants until further notice. The limits on travel and spending, announced internally on Wednesday, add to previous indefinite halts on external communications, including publishing new reports or even posting to social media, and on reviewing and approving new medical research, a nearly \$50bn industry in the US. Employees of the 13 agencies overseen by US Health and Human Services (HHS) may only travel to return from assignments or to escape life-threatening situations. That means regular meetings with state and local health officials, training sessions and grant reviews are now on hold. Shifting the burden of disaster aid to the states, an idea outlined by the rightwing Project 2025 manifesto before the election, would hit Republican-leaning states hardest, federal spending figures suggest. Since 2015, states that voted for Trump last year have received \$31bn in assistance from FEMA, with storm-prone Florida, Texas and Louisiana leading the way, compared with just \$7bn for states that voted Democratic. US territories have been able to get \$27bn in FEMA funding, a figure boosted by the disastrous Hurricane Maria, which hit Puerto Rico in 2017. In a series of newly unearthed podcasts, Pete Hegseth, Donald Trump's pick for defense secretary, appears to endorse the theocratic and authoritarian doctrine of "sphere sovereignty," a worldview derived from the extremist beliefs of Christian reconstructionism (CR) and espoused by churches aligned with far-right Idaho pastor Douglas Wilson. The recordings, Hegseth rails against "cultural Marxism," feminism, "critical race theory," and even democracy itself, which he says "our founders blatantly rejected as being completely dangerous." The GOP is trying to overturn a closely watched North Carolina Supreme Court election where two recruits show Democratic Justice Allison Riggs holding on to her seat, with 234 votes putting her ahead of her GOP opponent, Judge Jefferson Griffin. As they've press forward in multiple legal forums, Republicans have not put forward evidence that voter fraud occurred in the election. For the vast majority of the ballots being challenged, they're instead relying on what likely amounts to clerical errors by election officials to argue that those votes should be thrown out. They're also challenging a few thousand overseas ballots, including ballots cast by military members and their families abroad, and for some ballots, they're using arguments that were rejected by courts in pre-election court battles in the state. The GOP approach is "undemocratic" and "radical," said David Becker, a former DOJ attorney and election law expert who, from his perch leading the Center for Election Innovation & Research, advises state election officials of both parties. Big oil spent a stunning \$445m throughout the last election cycle to influence Donald Trump and Congress, a new analysis has found. That figure includes funding from January 2023 and November 2024 for political donations, lobbying and advertising to support elected officials and specific policies. Because it does not include money funneled through dark-money groups – which do not have to reveal their donors – it is almost certainly a vast underestimation, says the report from green advocacy group Climate Power, which is based on campaign finance disclosures and advertising industry data. Fossil fuel interests poured \$96m into Donald Trump's re-election campaign and affiliated political action committees, the report found. Much of that was covered by megadonor oil billionaires, such as the fracking magnate Harold Hamm, the pipeline mogul Kelcy Warren and the drilling tycoon Jeffrey Hirschbrand. Donald Trump has tasked the attorney general in two executive orders to conduct far-reaching investigations into the previous administration, using the weight of the justice department to pursue what are effectively politically charged reviews into his personal grievances. But the weaponization order was particularly unusual in making the incoming attorney general examine alleged misconduct at the justice department – rather than the department's office of professional responsibility or inspector general – and then to deliver findings to a political appointee at the White House. A pair of dogs, tails wagging, had come by a nearby nursing station, causing about a dozen medical professionals to melt into a collective puddle of affection. A yellow Lab named Peppi showered Fraser in nuzzles and kisses. "I don't know if a human baby smells as good as that puppy breath!" Fraser had said as her colleagues laughed. The dogs aren't visitors. They work here, too, specifically for the benefit of the staff. "I feel like that dog just walks on and everybody takes a big deep breath and gets down on the ground and has a few moments of just decompressing," Fraser said. "It's great, it's amazing." Stick Nuts is a worldwide movement that thrives on reinvention, fantastical and downright wholesome descriptions of sticks and the people who rank them. An account posting videos of people and their sticks has nearly 3 million followers on Instagram. On TikTok, it's known, appropriately, as StickTok. There are posts about sticks shaped like hands, ones that resemble snakes, slingshot sticks, wizard staffs, curved canes and spiraled, twisted and beetle-grawed sticks. The sticks are said to have mystical powers, and the puns are plentiful, like the "Log Ness Monster," found on the banks of Loch Ness in Scotland. In Svabard, residents need a special card to purchase alcohol, and a monthly limit regulates how much a resident can buy. Most residents can buy up to two bottles of spirits and 24 cans of beer each month. When I got the keys to my first apartment, I was told that all houses must have a garbage disposal to ensure no food scraps that might attract bears are left outside. ... Despite Longyearbyen's remote location, the internet connection here is exceptional. That's because high-speed underwater fiber cables connect communities between Svabard and mainland Norway. ... One of the most surprising aspects of life in Longyearbyen is that residents are encouraged to carry a rifle and a flare gun when venturing beyond the settlement. As has been widely noted, and as an official with extensive experience in airport operations affirmed to the Daily Beast on Thursday, the whole system is still suffering from the firing of 11,000 striking air traffic controllers in 1981 by the president for whom Reagan National Airport is named. The new controllers who took their place had a mandatory retirement age of 56, and many of them have been departing in recent years. An early FAA report after Wednesday's crash noted that a single air traffic controller was doing work that customarily would have been done by two. The shortage in personnel is accompanied by a dangerous deficiency in technology and equipment. The GAO noted that a nationwide air traffic control shutdown in 2023 prompted the FAA to conduct a risk evaluation that determined that 51 of its 138 air traffic control systems were so aged and underfunded as to be "unsustainable." "Every senior in particular wants a nonstop flight to and from wherever they live," said DeFazio, an Oregon Democrat. He noted that a reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration passed last year added even more flights to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. "The airport said, 'Don't do it.' And they did it. So they added to what DCA said is already an overly congested and over-capacity airport." President Trump's planned tariffs could effectively tax the average U.S. household an extra \$830 this year, an analysis from the nonpartisan nonprofit Tax Foundation finds. ... The foundation estimated Friday that Trump's proposed 25% tariffs on Canada and Mexico, as well as 10% tariffs on China, would shrink the economic output of the U.S. by 0.4% and increase taxes by \$1.2 trillion between 2025 and 2034. The devastating firestorm that rained embers and terror across Los Angeles County has officially come to an end, with fire crews reaching 100% containment on the Palisades and Eaton fires Friday evening. But a long road to recovery looms ahead, with thousands of Angelenos left without homes, and entire neighborhoods left flattened. Estimates of the total economic loss are more than \$250 billion, which would make the fires one of the costliest natural disasters in U.S. history. More than 124,000 individuals have registered for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, according to Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass' office. "We encourage you to find a job in the private sector as soon as you would like to do so," read an email that went out to FAA workers, as well as those at the CDC and Departments of Homeland Security and Justice, which was obtained by The New York Times. "The way to greater American prosperity is encouraging people to move from lower productivity jobs in the public sector to higher productivity jobs in the private sector." Turns out that putting underqualified kids in charge of the federal government's HR agency wasn't the smartest move. Last night, an exploit in the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) new home-cooked email server seems to have made it possible for anyone with an email address to blast messages to vast numbers of federal employees. If you feel this paints a pretty grim picture of the state of our government agencies, you're not alone. "Goes to show you how fast this [new comms system] was cobbed together," one NOAA employee told Ken Kippenstein. "No security or screening on this address."	https://www.avox.com/2025/01/24/dei-orders-disabled-workers-felner	2025/01/24	
Trump's DEI orders may halt progress for disabled workers	Trump Bulshit				
House GOP measure would let Trump seek third term "blatantly unconstitutional". Judge blocks Trump's birthright citizenship order	Trump Bulshit	https://www.avox.com/2025/01/24/trump-third-term-republican-constitu	2025/01/24		
House GOP measure would let Trump seek third term "blatantly unconstitutional". Judge blocks Trump's birthright citizenship order	Trump Bulshit	https://www.avox.com/2025/01/24/trump-birthright-citizenship-judge-36	2025/01/24		
Trump plans visit to LA wildfire zones, pushes to withhold aid	Trump Bulshit	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-plans-visit-la-wildfire-1007248694	2025/01/24		
'The gloves are off': Trump appears poised to cash in from his presidency in new ways	Trump Bulshit	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gloves-off-trump-appears-poised-120058	2025/01/24		
Travel, grant and funding cuts 'stifling' US health agencies in new Trump era	Trump Bulshit	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/24/us-health-agencies	2025/01/24		
'Setting us up for catastrophe': alarm at Trump attack on federal disaster agency	Trump Bulshit	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/23/trump-fema-natural	2025/01/24		
Revealed: Trump Pentagon nominee endorsed extremist Christian doctrine on podcast	Trump Censpool	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/24/trump-pete-hegseth	2025/01/24		
Ballots from Helene-damaged areas are among the \$4,000 that Republicans want to throw out in North Carolina	Voting Fuckery	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ballots-helene-damaged-areas-among-16	2025/01/24		
Big oil spent \$445m in last election cycle to influence Trump and Congress, report says	Voting Fuckery	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/23/big-oil-445m-trump	2025/01/24		
Trump enlists attorney general to investigate Biden administration	Weaponizing the office	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/24/trump-executive-or	2025/01/24		
Trained dogs working inside hospitals help ease burnout among health care staff	Weird world	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/01/24/nx-1-5271	2025/01/24		
Stick with us: Why the internet is obsessed with one of the simplest tools known to man	Weird world	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/23/stick-nuts-stick-nation-stickdog	2025/01/24		
Live in the northernmost town on Earth, where alcohol is rationed and polar bears are a common threat	Weird world	https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/live-northernmost-town-earth-where-14	2025/01/24		
Don't Blame DEI for Crash at Reagan National Airport, Blame Ronald Reagan	Aviation	https://www.yahoo.com/news/air-problem-core-d-044107177.html	2025/02/01		
'The Airport Said Don't Do It. And They Did It.'	Aviation	https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2025/01/01/defazio-plane-crash	2025/02/01		
Trump tariffs will cost U.S. households \$830 a year, study says	Economy-Tariffs	https://www.avox.com/2025/01/31/trump-tariffs-mexico-canada-taxs	2025/02/01		
Palisades and Eaton fires now 100% contained. But a long road to recovery looms	Environment-Wildfires	https://nhi.knyu.com/payment-dispute	2025/02/01		
Federal employees ordered to remove pronouns from their email signature and urged to find 'higher productivity jobs'	Federal Employees	https://news.yahoo.com/news/federal-employees-ordered-remove-pron	2025/02/01		
Trump Broke the Federal Email System and Government Employees Got Blasted With Astonishingly Vulgar Messages	Government Emails	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-broke-federal-email-system-16332	2025/02/01		

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Trump administration's halt of CDC's weekly scientific report stalls bird flu studies	Government- CDC	"This idea that science cannot continue until there's a political lens over it is unprecedented," said Anne Schuchat, a former principal deputy director at the CDC. "I hope it's going to be very short-lived, but if it's not short-lived, it's censoring."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-halt-cdc-weekly-152	2025/02/01	Health
Struggling with your nomination? 4 takeaways from RFK Jr., Gabbard, Patel hearings	Government- Confirmation hearings	'Struggling' with Kennedy Gabbard grieved about Sweden Patel breaks with Trump on Jan. 6 Democrats boycott as Vought advances to Senate floor	https://www.yahoo.com/news/struggling-nomination-4-takeaways-rfk-22	2025/02/01	
Agriculture Department staff told to 'unpublish' pages focused on climate change	Government- Department of Agriculture	Public affairs personnel at the Agriculture Department were told to "unpublish" pages focused on climate change, according to guidelines obtained by The Hill. The Hill obtained an email sent to the department's public affairs directors on Friday that instructed them to "Archive or Unpublish landing pages focused on climate change."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ag/culture-department-staff-told-unpublish	2025/02/01	
Trump's Justice Department launches sweeping cuts, targeting Jan. 6 prosecutors, FBI agents	Government- DOJ	President Donald Trump's administration launched a sweeping round of cuts at the Justice Department on Friday that appeared to focus on FBI agents and others who worked on cases related to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack by his supporters on the U.S. Capitol. The shakeup, detailed in two memos seen by Reuters and by three sources familiar with the matter, is the Trump administration's latest move to remake the U.S. criminal justice system since he returned to the presidency last week. A group representing FBI agents issued a rare public warning of the potential for hundreds of firings at the nation's top law enforcement agency.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tr-jd-launches-wide-ranging-round-202343f	2025/02/01	retaliation, revenge
EPA workers receive emails warning their employment could be terminated	Government- EPA	More than 1,100 employees at the Environmental Protection Agency received notice this week that they were deemed to be on probationary status and warning they could be fired immediately, according to an email obtained by CNN.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/epa-workers-receive-emails-warning-171	2025/02/01	
Senior U.S. official to exit after rift with Musk allies over payment system	Government- Treasury department	The highest-ranking career official at the Treasury Department is departing after a clash with allies of billionaire Elon Musk over access to sensitive payment systems, according to three people with knowledge of the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private talks. David A. Lebryk, who served in nonpolitical roles at Treasury for several decades, announced his retirement Friday in an email to colleagues obtained by The Washington Post. President Donald Trump named Lebryk as acting secretary upon taking office last week. Lebryk had a dispute with Musk's surrogates over access to the payment system the U.S. government uses to disburse trillions of dollars every year, the people said. The exact nature of the disagreement was not immediately clear, they said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senior-official-exit-rft-14540308.html	2025/02/01	
Panama's president says there will be no negotiation, about ownership of canal	International- Panama	Panama President José Raúl Mulino said Thursday there will be no negotiation with the United States over ownership of the Panama Canal, and he hopes U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio's upcoming visit will allow them to focus on shared interests including migration and combating drug trafficking.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/panamas-president-says-no-negotiation-1	2025/02/01	
Arrest warrant issued for New York doctor indicted in Louisiana for prescribing abortion pill	Reproductive rights	An arrest warrant has been issued for a New York doctor indicted on Friday by a Louisiana grand jury for allegedly prescribing abortion pills online to a pregnant minor in the Deep South state, which has one of the strictest near-total abortion bans in the country. Grand jurors at the District Court for the Parish of West Baton Rouge unanimously issued an indictment against Dr. Margaret Carpenter, her company, Nightingale Medical, PC, and the minor's mother. All three were charged with criminal abortion by means of abortion-inducing drugs, a felony. An air ambulance carrying six people crashed near a mall in northeast Philadelphia on Friday evening, the company that operates the aircraft said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ar-jd-doctor-indicted-prescribing-abortion-1	2025/02/01	
No survivors expected after air ambulance carrying 6 crashes in Philadelphia, aircraft company says	Tragic	Mayor Cherelle Parker said at an evening news conference that the total number of fatalities was not yet known. She said "several dwellings and vehicles were impacted."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/no-survivors-expected-air-ambulance-08	2025/02/01	
Trump's Driving Legal Principle This Time: 'What Are You Gonna Do About It?'	Trump Bullshit	During such of Joe Biden's presidency, Donald Trump and some of his closest allies were plotting how to stock the various offices and departments of second administration with extremely MAGA attorneys who would tell Trump "yes" instead of a squishy "no," regardless of how many judges or legal experts squeaked about quaint considerations like law, and the U.S. Constitution. "Get me the right lawyers," Trump would say during his post-presidency and his 2024 presidential campaign, according to a source with direct knowledge of the matter, including in conversations about birthright citizenship or purging different parts of the government. Now that he is back in power, the Trump administration appears to be operating based on one specific legal principle, lowering above all others. "What are you gonna do about it?" says one conservative lawyer who helped plan Trump's ongoing legal onslaught, characterizing Trumpland's attitude toward and their plans for handling the Democrats complaining about his moves and the activist groups that try to stop him.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-driving-legal-principle-time-150000	2025/02/01	
OOJ sidesteps language endorsing legality of buyouts, in email to staff	Trump Bullshit	A small tweak to an email encouraging federal employees to take a buyout indicates the Justice Department wouldn't vouch for the legality of the program.			
Health data, entire pages wiped from federal websites as Trump officials target 'gender ideology'	Trump Bullshit	Across government Friday, employees were sent emails seeking to assuage concerns about the deal, with officials vouching "on behalf" of their agency that the offer is "valid, lawful, and will be honored."			
Wrecking ball: Trump's power-hungry orders wage war on US government	Trump Bullshit	But the assistant attorney general for administration at the Justice Department declined to directly make that endorsement, writing instead that "OPM assures the federal workforce" that the deal is lawful.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/01/trump-executive-or	2025/02/01	
FBI pick Kash Patel refuses to answer if he would target Trump opponents at hearing	Trump Cesspool	Some parts of government websites appeared with the message: "The page you're looking for was not found." Some pages disappeared and came back intermittently. Asked by reporters Friday about reports that government websites were being shut down to eliminate mentions of diversity, equity and inclusion, Trump said he didn't know anything about it but that he'd e-mail such a move.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fbi-pick-kash-patel-face-110034787.html	2025/02/01	FBI, Patel
A plane and a tug vehicle collide at Chicago's O'Hare airport, injuring the driver	Aviation	But the most far-reaching orders amounted to a power grab by the White House, with a purge of senior officials regarded as insufficiently deferential to Trump from the justice department to the national security council, a demand for the mass resignations of civil servants and an illegal attempt to snatch control of trillions of dollars in government spending from Congress.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/02/mx-s1-5284007/chicago-ohare-airport-6	2025/02/03	
FAA warning system outage leads to flight delays	Aviation	William Galston, former deputy assistant for domestic policy to President Bill Clinton, said Trump had unleashed a "deluge" of policies to overwhelm opponents, from pardoning about 1,600 rioters convicted of the January 6 insurrection to attempting to strike down the constitutional right of citizenship for anyone born in the US.	https://www.avios.com/2025/02/02/faq-warning-system-outage-flight-de	2025/02/03	
National Air Traffic Controllers Association president addresses staffing shortage	Aviation	"This offer should not be viewed as voluntary. Between the fury of anti-worker executive orders and policies, it is clear that the Trump administration's goal is to turn the federal government into a toxic environment where workers cannot stay even if they want to," he said. Kash Patel sought to allay concerns about his fitness to serve as the FBI director at his Senate confirmation hearing on Thursday, but declined to engage with questioning that explicitly asked whether he would use his position to investigate some of Donald Trump's top political opponents.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/01/mx-s1-5283118/dtc-plane-crash-investig	2025/02/03	
D.C. crash investigators focus on altitude and vision, quality of helicopter crew	Aviation tragedy	But, when pressed in other exchanges, Patel refused to say explicitly that he would not use his position to investigate the former FBI director James Comey or others on the list, and said only that he would not investigate anyone unless they had broken the law. He also said the FBI was amenable to the justice department and, ultimately, the White House. That response was notably different from the reply given by Trump's attorney general nominee Pam Bondi, who said the justice department was amenable to the constitution.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/01/mx-s1-5277084/trump-immigration-rlw	2025/02/03	
Black History Month faces uncertainty under President Trump's diversity rollback	Black history month	A plane struck an aircraft tug vehicle at Chicago O'Hare International Airport on Saturday, sending the 64-year-old driver to the hospital with multiple injuries. The tug driver sustained head and lower body injuries and was transported to Lutheran General Hospital in critical condition but was later stabilized, police said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/03/dtc-planes-warning-system-outage-flight-de	2025/02/03	
Immigrants are being swamped with social media rumors about possible raids	Borders and immigration	A Federal Aviation Administration warning system is back online Sunday after a temporary outage that Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said could trigger "residual delays" if it is unclear if the outage was tied to the broad changes and deletions across federal sites, which led to several pages and datasets going dark.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/03/dtc-planes-warning-system-outage-flight-de	2025/02/03	
Trump administration escalates showdown with local authorities over enforcement	Borders and immigration	"I'm here to tell you there are not enough air traffic controllers, and we absolutely have to continue addressing it. We do thank Secretary Duffy, he did fit the hiring freeze on air traffic controllers now, but there's only 10,800 certified controllers in the entire country right now," NATCA Nick Daniels said on air. "We are supposed to be at 14,335. It's a rigorous training process. So it's not like today we could go out and hire the 3,600," he stated.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/01/president-trump-recognizes-black-h	2025/02/03	
Ron DeSantis tried to crusade against undocumented students, Florida is fighting back	Borders and immigration	"It takes two to three years to get a controller from being qualified conditionally just to enter the job, and there are more multiple points where they can fail out of being an air traffic controller. Everything from Academy to simulation training locally, and then eventually taking to aircraft on their own," Daniels continued.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald	2025/02/03	
Donald Trump's military deportation flight 'cost more than first class ticket'	Borders and immigration	They are looking into whether the pilots from the Army's Black Hawk helicopter experienced vision impairment while flying in the dark skies and whether the cooler deviated from its normal route. The Black Hawk may have been flying higher than it should have been, said representatives from the National Transportation Safety Board, an independent federal agency leading the investigation, during a briefing on Saturday evening.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald	2025/02/03	
Thousands rally in downtown Los Angeles, shut down 101 Freeway to protest Trump's immigration policies	Borders and immigration	Black History Month arrives under a new threat as President Trump aims to eliminate diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and establish federal guidance against heritage months. As every president since 1976 has done, President Trump signed a proclamation recognizing Black History Month on Friday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/thousands-protesters-rally-downtown-lo	2025/02/03	

		Along the way, the Clinton administration built a mass detention facility for 12,500 inmates in Guantanamo Bay. (Currently only about 4 percent of jails in the U.S. hold more than 1,000 inmates.) The detention center operated for three years and was eventually closed under great political pressure, not without first subjecting thousands of people to deplorable conditions, being housed in makeshift barracks with windows covered by taped garbage bags and fed rotten food sometimes infested with maggots. Officially, the detention center in Guantanamo was a response to a problem of immigration enforcement, not security concerns. Like Ellis and Angel islands before it, the government's idea was that by setting up a "processing facility" offshore it could properly analyze the legal case of each individual before affording them legal entry. The line around, there is no precedent. Trump has consistently vilified migrants and equated them with criminals. His entire political rise is tethered to the idea that immigrants are invading the country and that only he can fix it. As Trump himself said in his statements to the press, the facility in Guantanamo is to "deter the most criminal legal aliens threatening the American people." The threat is so dire, apparently, that he plans to build a detention facility of unprecedented size in the American context. The Tule Lake Japanese internment camp, for example, had a capacity of around 18,000. If the Trump administration actually builds the detention camp in Guantanamo, it'll enable in size Auschwitz-Birkenau's original design and be bigger than Dachau and Treblinka combined.		
Trump's Gilmo Detention Center Would Be Bigger Than History's Worst Concentration Camps	Borders and immigration	The emails call into question prior and newly issued statements by New Orleans' two major professional sports franchises as they denied being overly entwined in the archdiocese's most damning affairs — while fighting to keep their communications with the church out of public view. After first seeing the so-called Saints emails in 2013 through a subpoena, abuse survivors' attorneys alleged that the two franchises' top officials had a significant hand in trying to minimize what was then a public-relations nightmare for the city's archdiocese — but has since triggered a full-blown child sex-trafficking investigation aimed at the church by law enforcement. The way that the archbishop of New Orleans' Roman Catholic archdiocese fired leaders at a church-affiliated food bank Thursday has angered many congregants of the bankrupt organization. ... A statement released on behalf of some of the ousted leaders said they had been removed for refusing to send the archdiocese up to \$16m to pay settlements for child molestation committed by Catholic clergy. Concerns ranging from limited access to STEM careers to feeling unwelcome under the new administration, women scientists, engineers and other women federal employees told NBC News that they fear for their professional future. STEM fields have long been criticized for their lack of diversity. While women make up more than half of the U.S. population, they constituted about a third of all people in STEM jobs in 2021, according to the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics. And their wages were consistently lower than that of men. Black and Hispanic workers represented 9% and 15% of the workforce respectively, despite constituting 13% and 19% of the U.S. population, the data showed. For as much that has happened in these first two weeks of the Trump presidency — and it's been a lot — one particular thing has been conspicuously absent: a focus on lowering prices. Trump's promises to bring down the cost of living were a big reason he was elected, but since taking office he has now twice said that's not his top priority.	https://news.yahoo.com/news/trump-gilmo-detention-center-bigger-150	2025/02/03
'Crisis communications': emails show how NFL's Saints and NBA's Pelicans helped New Orleans church spin abuse scandal	Cesspool-Abuse	...	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/01/new-orleans-archbishop	2025/02/03
'Disgusting': New Orleans archbishop condemned over food bank firings	Cesspool-Abuse	...	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/01/archbishop-new-orl	2025/02/03
Trump's DEI policy threatens already thin share of women and minorities in STEM, workers say	Economy- DEI	...	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-dei-policy-threatens-already-2113	2025/02/03
Prices were a key issue in 2024, but Trump makes clear they're not his top priority	Economy- Duped	...	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/01/twp-st-5292353/trump-economy-prices	2025/02/03
US egg prices expected to climb further as farmers strained by bird flu outbreak	Economy- Health	Egg prices in the US have risen steeply over the last several weeks. Experts say they are likely to climb further as an avian flu outbreak decimates flocks across the country. In December the number of table eggs produced fell 4.5% compared with the same period last year, according to the USDA. With more hens infected with the avian flu in January, the number of eggs will probably continue to drop. State Farm General, California's largest home insurer, is seeking an emergency rate increase for homeowners following the Los Angeles wildfires last month. If approved, the hike would average a 22% increase for policyholders. The insurance giant claims that the fires have put the company under increased financial strain. The company has already received at least 8,700 claims and paid more than \$1bn to customers and expects to pay out "significantly more," according to a press release. On Jan. 26, Face the Nation host Margaret Brennan grilled Vice President JD Vance on the administration's plans to tackle rising grocery prices. Her question was straightforward: "You campaigned on lowering prices for consumers. Which executive order lowers prices?" Still, many experts say lowering food prices isn't as simple as signing executive orders. Patrick Penfield, a supply chain expert at Syracuse University, told the New York Post that egg prices could climb another 20% this year, possibly reaching \$5 a dozen in some areas. "The avian flu outbreak has been devastating, and complying with cage-free laws adds significant costs," he explained.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/02/egg-prices-bird-flu	2025/02/03
State Farm seeks emergency 22% rate hike in California after LA wildfires	Economy- Insurance	...	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/03/state-farm-emergen	2025/02/03
Which Executive Order Lowers Prices? - CBS Host, Brennan Grills JD Vance On Trump's Economic Promises	Economy- Prices	Brennan also called out the administration's priorities, noting that most of Trump's recent executive orders haven't focused on the economy. While Vance claimed "many of them were," he didn't back it up with examples. Many Americans, especially female content creators, are pushing back against overconsumption and pledging to buy less — or even nothing beyond essentials — as well as not repurchasing a product they own until it has expired or no longer has use. The campaigns now have coined names such as the "No Buy 2025 Challenge" and "Pledge Pan." Consumer confidence fell for the second straight month in January, according to data from The Conference Board, reflecting how consumers feel about the present economy and the future one reflected by the new administration's policies. That means Americans are still feeling down about inflation. The pledge has been easier in January because the current administration is "fueling my fire," Snowden said, and reduces her urge to contribute to companies she feels don't align with her values. President Trump on Saturday imposed across-the-board tariffs on North American allies and China, which sparked immediate retaliation against domestic manufacturers. ... Mexican and Canadian reports are now subject to 25% tariffs — with the exception of energy from Canada, which will face 10% tariffs. The White House also announced additional 10% tariffs on Chinese goods — many of which already face import taxes heit over from Trump's first term. The Tax Foundation estimated Friday that the proposed tariffs would effectively be a tax of \$830 a year on the average U.S. household. President Donald Trump on Saturday signed an order to impose stiff tariffs on imports from Mexico, Canada and China, drawing swift retaliation and an undeniable sense of betrayal from the country's North American neighbors as a trade war erupted among the longtime allies. The tariffs, if sustained, could cause inflation to significantly worsen, threatening the trust that many voters placed in Trump to lower the prices of groceries, gasoline, housing, autos and other goods as he promised. They also risked throwing the global economy and Trump's political mandate into turmoil just two weeks into his second term. Trump declared an economic emergency in order to place duties of 10% on all imports from China and 25% on imports from Mexico and Canada. Energy imported from Canada, including oil, natural gas and electricity, would be taxed at a 10% rate. Trump's order includes a mechanism to escalate the rates charged by the U.S. against retaliation by the other countries, raising the specter of an even more severe economic disruption.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/executive-order-lowers-prices-cbs-183	2025/02/03
These Americans don't think the economy is getting any better. Welcome to 'No Buy 2025'	Economy- Spending	...	https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/02/business/no-buy-2025-economy/index	2025/02/03
Trump tariffs begin, with levies on Canada, Mexico, China	Economy- Tariffs	...	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/01/trump-tariffs-mexico-tariffs	2025/02/03
Trump puts tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China, sparking trade war as North American allies respond	Economy- Tariffs	...	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-tariffs-canada-mexico-china-1414	2025/02/03
What items will cost more? What to know about Trump's tariffs on Canada, Mexico, and China	Economy- Tariffs	...	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/items-cost-more-know-trumps-215904	2025/02/03
Dow futures slammed by 575 points after Trump hits Canada, Mexico and China with tariffs: Live updates	Economy- Tariffs	...	https://www.cnbc.com/2025/02/02/stock-market-today-live-updates.html	2025/02/03
Trump says Americans could feel 'some pain' from tariffs as he threatens more import taxes	Economy- Tariffs	...	https://apnews.com/article/trump-tariffs-canada-mexico-china-trade-war	2025/02/03
Trump, Shelnbaum agree to pause U.S.-Mexico tariffs for a month	Economy- Tariffs	...	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/03/trump-tariffs-mexico-deal	2025/02/03
What Trump's tariffs mean for your wallet	Economy- Tariffs	Can my profit margins absorb — or survive — any of this price increase? Will customers accept any of that price increase, or just stop buying? President Donald Trump has issued a slew of executive orders (EO) since beginning his second term, including one that may have an impact on your tax refund. One of Trump's EOs initiated a hiring freeze at the IRS on new jobs and rescinded any job offers for IRS employees who would have started after Feb. 8. ... A wave of early retirements could leave some key IRS positions unfilled, which could significantly affect the IRS' ability to process tax refunds in a timely manner. And regardless of whether Trump's promised tariffs go into effect, Canadians' newfound open hostility to the United States is an example of the longer-term economic risks at play. There are estimates floating around on what the new import taxes mean for GDP and inflation, but the numerical details miss the point. This will prove a very difficult bell to untangle and points to a new era in which businesses cannot count on any one country to be a permanent partner of the United States. Moments after US tariffs of 10% came into effect, China swiftly announced an anti-trust investigation into Google. China's finance ministry also announced 15% tariffs on coal and liquefied natural gas, and 10% on crude oil, farm equipment, large-displacement vehicles and pickup trucks from the US. China's commerce ministry and its customs administration said on Tuesday that to "safeguard national security interests" the country was imposing export controls on a raft of critical minerals: tungsten, tellurium, ruthenium, molybdenum and ruthenium-related items. The commerce ministry also said it was adding the US companies PVH Group and Illumina Inc to its unreliable entity list, opening them to restrictions or penalties, without detailing what the companies were accused of. PVH is a clothing company that owns brands including Tommy Hilfiter and Calvin Klein. Illumina is a biotech company specializing in genomic sequencing that recently partnered with Nvidia on health-related AI tech. Costco is raising pay — above \$30 an hour for many workers — as the deadline looms for the company to reach a new contract with its unionized employees. The powerful International Brotherhood of Teamsters represents about 18,000 Costco employees, or roughly 8% of the company's U.S. workers. The union's current collective-bargaining contract expires at the end of Friday, and the union members have voted to authorize a strike if negotiations fail. New Costco CEO Ron Vachris has announced pay increases for nonunionized workers over the next three years, according to an internal memo viewed by NPR.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/03/trump-tariffs-mexico-canada-china-c	2025/02/03
Trump's Executive Orders Could Delay Your Tax Refund This Year: Here's What You Can Do	Economy- Taxes	...	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trumps-executive-orders-could-delay-16	2025/02/03
A trade war bell is hard to untangle	Economy- Trade war	...	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/03/trump-mexico-canada-tariffs-trade	2025/02/03
China unveils US tariffs and Google investigation in response to Trump levies	Economy- Trade war	...	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/04/trump-china-tariffs	2025/02/03
Costco raises pay above \$30 an hour for many as Teamsters union threatens strike	Economy- Wages	...	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/01/twp-st-5280640/costco-pay-raises-team	2025/02/03

Greece on high alert as multiple earthquakes shake island of Santorini	Environment- Earthquakes	A series of earthquakes near the Greek island of Santorini have led authorities to shut down schools, dispatch rescue teams with sniffer dogs and send instructions to residents including a request to drain their swimming pools. Even though earthquake experts say the more than 200 tremors that have hit the area since early Friday are not related to the volcano in Santorini, which once produced one of the biggest eruptions in human history, locals are on edge.	https://www.cbcnews.com/news/greece-earthquakes-santorini-island-1.6685870	2025/02/03	
How Trump is targeting wind and solar energy – and, delighting his oil	Environment- Fossil Fuels	In the first two weeks of his return as president, Trump has, like his first term, issued orders to open up more American land and waters for fossil fuel extraction and started the process to junk the US from the Paris climate agreement. “We will drill, baby drill,” said Trump, who has promised to cut energy and electricity prices in half within 18 months. But Trump has this time also launched a blitzkrieg against renewable energy, with his department of interior temporarily suspending all clean energy development – but telling not oil and gas – on federal land.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/03/trump-war-on-clean	2025/02/03	
Heavy snow hits northern Japan, disrupting daily life	Environment- Winter weather	In Obihiro, record-breaking snowfall of 129 centimeters (4 feet) was detected earlier Tuesday.	https://apnews.com/article/japan-snow-hobbit-hole-d-95b0f16f1045b897a	2025/02/03	
"Americans were sleep-marched into fascism": Signs of creeping authoritarianism we can't miss, again	Fascism	Elon Musk's X broadened an existing lawsuit on Saturday to include several major brands – accusing more companies of illegally boycotting the social media platform in 2022 following Musk's acquisition.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/americans-were-sleep-marched-fascism-134426430	2025/02/03	
Elon Musk's X sues Lego, Nestlé and more brands, accusing them of advertising boycott	Fuck that guy	But early on Saturday, Musk's lawyers filed an amended complaint, adding several new defendants, including Lego, Nestlé, Tyson Foods, Abbott Laboratories, Colgate-Palmolive, Pinterest and Shell International.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/01/mx-41-5283271/elon-musk-lawsuit-advc	2025/02/03	
Opinion There are several reasons Musk wants to control Treasury payments. None of them are good.	Fuck that guy	First, accessing the Treasury's payment system could be a path to freezing government funding, as the administration attempted earlier this week. Musk could halt payments to programs like Medicaid, Meals on Wheels, Head Start and more, maneuvering around the courts. Musk has already directed his engineers to find ways to turn off the flow of money to programs he and President Donald Trump oppose. With the keys to the Treasury's payment system, he can unilaterally cut off these funds right at the source. Musk could also get his hands on the "Do Not Pay" system that lists individuals or contractors the government has blacklisted, theoretically granting him control over whom the government does business with. Government contracts have been central to Musk's \$400 billion net worth; his companies have signed billions of dollars' worth of government contracts. He could easily place his rivals on the Do Not Pay list or turn the spigot back on for friends who have been blacklisted.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-several-reasons-musk-wants-113	2025/02/03	
'Utterly terrifying' poll reveals Elon Musk effect pushing far-right AfD closer to power in Germany	Fuck that guy	A new poll has fuelled growing fears that the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party could be on the cusp of winning power. The findings are even more problematic given that this week Merz broke an 80-year convention of not working with the far right and siding with them in votes on migration.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/afid-elon-musk-gnm	2025/02/03	
Trump and Elon Musk Just Pulled Off Another Pump—and It's a Scary One	Fuck that guy	President Donald Trump has granted Elon Musk unprecedented power to carry out his war on the "deep state." The justification for this is supposed to be that the government is corrupted to its core precisely because it is stocked with unelected bureaucrats who are unaccountable to the people. Musk, given this story, will employ his financial tech wizardry to root them out, restoring not just efficiency to government but also the democratic accountability that "deep state" denizens have snuffed out—supposedly a major cause of many of our social ills.			
Musk 'could shut off welfare programmes' after gaining access to \$6 trillion payment system	Fuck that guy	The starting news that a top Treasury Department official is departing after a dispute with Musk shows how deeply wrong that story truly is—and why it's actively dangerous. The Washington Post reports that David Lofsky, who has carried out senior nonpolitical roles at the department for decades, is leaving after officials on Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, sought access to Treasury's payment system.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-elon-musk-just-pulled-134426430	2025/02/03	
Trump and Elon Musk Just Pulled Off Another Pump—and It's a Scary One	Fuck that guy	The news raises a complicated question: WTF???? Why is Musk's DOGE trying to access payment systems inside the Treasury Department? It's not clear what relevance this would have to his ostensible role, which is to search for savings and inefficiencies in government, not to directly influence whether previously authorized government obligations are honored.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-could-shut-off-welfare-165934827	2025/02/03	
Musk's Lackeys Seize Control of Social Security Check System	Fuck that guy	Another question: Did Trump directly authorize Musk to do this, or did he not? Either answer is bad. If Trump did, he may be authorizing an unelected billionaire to exert unprecedented control over the internal workings of government payment systems. If he did not, then Musk may be going rogue to an even greater extent than we thought.			
Elon Musk is reportedly taking control of the inner workings of US government agencies	Fuck that guy	The payment system – which is essentially a checkbook for the entire federal government – is a closely held operation run by career officials, with a limited number of people authorized to access the information given it contains sensitive information about hundreds of millions of Americans.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-musk	2025/02/03	
Treasury Dept. gives Elon Musk's team access to federal payment system, Sources	Fuck that guy	The two officials, who spoke to Reuters on condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation, said some senior career employees at OPM have had their access revoked to some of the department's data systems.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-musk	2025/02/03	
Exclusive: Musk aides lock workers out of OPM computer systems	Fuck that guy	The systems include a vast database called Enterprise Human Resources Integration, which contains dates of birth, Social Security numbers, appraisals, home addresses, pay grades and length of service of government workers, the officials said. “We have no visibility into what they are doing with the computer and data systems,” one of the officials said. “That is creating great concern. There is no oversight. It creates real cybersecurity and hacking implications.”	https://www.reuters.com/world/us/musk-aides-lock-government-workers-2025-02-03/	2025/02/03	
Musk's wrecking ball pierces government's inner sanctum	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk and his cost-slashing allies are taking a hammer to the massive bureaucracy that staffs the U.S. government – and is poised to try any senior officials who dare put up a fight.	https://www.foxnews.com/2025/02/03/elon-musk-federal-agencies-doge	2025/02/03	
Elon Musk Says DOGE Will Now Shut Down Government Payments He Doesn't Like	Fuck that guy	According to the NYT, no government payments have actually been blocked yet, because Musk doesn't possess the operational capabilities to do so. Though we emphasize: not yet. The Treasury payment system is one considered off-limits, too.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-says-doge-now-162304330	2025/02/03	
Progressive Democrats accuse Trump and Musk of 'a plutocratic coup'	Fuck that guy	Progressive lawmakers condemned Donald Trump and Elon Musk on Monday, pointing to the attempted shuttering of the foreign aid agency USAID and the accessing of the treasury department's federal payment system as the makings of a "constitutional crisis".	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/03/trump-musk-plutocrat	2025/02/03	
The Guardian view on Donald Trump's power grab: a coup led by chaos	Fuck that guy	"We are witnessing a constitutional crisis," Omar said. "We talked about Trump wanting to be a dictator on day one, and here we are. This is what the beginning of dictatorship looks like. When you gut the constitution and you install yourself as the sole power, that is how dictators are made."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/03/trump-musk-plutocrat	2025/02/03	
Ontario premier 'ripping up' contract with Musk's Starlink over US tariffs	Fuck that guy	By usurping the authority to shut down government programmes at will – even those funded by Congress – Mr Trump could slash federal spending and taxes while pretending to balance the books. In reality, he'd be robbing the poor to enrich the wealthy, in a world where economic jargon has been corrupted by deceit exploitation aka "wealth creation", the audacity of Mr Trump – and his lackies – to personally profit is breathtaking. Mr Trump's philosophy is simple: let the uber-rich do whatever they want, with little or no oversight. The result will be vast wealth for a select few while life grows harder and shorter for the many.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/03/ontario-musk-starlink	2025/02/03	
Next Musk DOGE target: Department of Education, according to reports	Fuck that guy	The contract, first signed in November, aimed to provide high-speed internet access through Starlink's satellite service to 15,000 eligible homes and businesses, notably those in remote, rural and northern communities of Canada, by June 2025.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/next-musk	2025/02/03	
Why Musk's access to the Treasury payment system is so dangerous	Fuck that guy	Donald Trump and Elon Musk are considering an executive order that would gut the Department of Education and take a first step toward abolishing it entirely, according to reports.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-musk	2025/02/03	
EPA warns more than 1,100 employees could be fired 'immediately' amid Trump government cutbacks	Government- EPA	Last week President Donald Trump's Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent reportedly gave DOGE representatives – whom nobody elected or have little oversight – access to the internal federal payment system that dispenses trillions of dollars each year, including Social Security and Medicare benefits, the New York Times first reported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/epa-warns-more-1-100-173933692.html	2025/02/03	
Exclusive: NTSB fought to retain employees after Trump's federal worker resignation offer	Government- NTSB	The system, run by non-political staff, is also responsible for paying out tax credits for individuals and businesses, and, crucially, grants and payments to government contractors. Some of those include organizations that compete with Musk's companies.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/exclusive-ntsb-scrambled-retain-employees-22214	2025/02/03	
Education Dept. workers put on leave after taking diversity training during Trump's 1st term, union says	Government- DOE	Musk and his DOGE team "think the payment system should be overseen by political appointees selected by President Trump," according to the Wall Street Journal. Now, he has control of the payment system which is a vital lifeline to millions of Americans.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/education-dept-workers-pull-leave-22214	2025/02/03	
Trump advisers weigh actions to dismantle education department – report	Government- DOE	The Trump administration has reportedly warned more than 1,100 Environmental Protection Agency employees working on climate change, reducing air pollution, and other programs that they could be "immediately" laid off at any time.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/03/trump-education-dept	2025/02/03	
EPA dismisses science advisers	Government- EPA	In the wake of the worst American air disaster in two decades, the understaffed and cash-strapped National Transportation Safety Board was scrambling to keep investigators from leaving after federal employees received an offer by the Trump administration to resign and be paid through September.	https://thehill.com/news/energy-environment/5117647-epa-dismiss	2025/02/03	
Sean Duffy: Biden administration 'lost sight of the mission' at FAA	Government- FAA	NTSB, an independent and apolitical agency that does not report to the executive branch, investigates transportation accidents, provides aid to those affected by them and recommends safety measures. Multiple sources confirmed to CNN that all 400 of its staffers received the email titled "Fork in the Road" – effectively offering a buyout from the federal government.	https://www.politico.com/news/2025/02/02/sean-duffy-biden-del-plane-5	2025/02/03	

		As fear of mass firings swirls through the FBI, acting Director Brian Driscoll, the head of the bureau's New York field office, and an agents group reassured staffers and pushed back against Trump administration efforts to force out FBI officials. On Sunday afternoon, the FBI Agents Association sent employees a notice that some agents had received an email from senior officials ordering them to respond to a "12-question survey" asking about their involvement in Jan. 6 cases, according to two people who received it. "We have confirmed that this is accurate and we anticipate a large majority of our members will receive this," write the association, which represents agents but is not a union. "At this point in time, we recommend deferring to your division leadership on how to handle these surveys." Regarding one of the questions, the association recommended that agents respond with the following wording: "I have been told I am 'required' to respond to this survey, without being afforded appropriate time to research my answers, speak with others, speak with counsel or other representation." "Today, we find ourselves in the middle of a battle of our own, as good people are being walked out of the F.B.I. and others are being targeted because they did their jobs in accordance with the law and F.B.I. policy," Dennerty wrote in the email according to The New York Times, which was first to report the news Sunday. But disaster aid — for decades a mostly bipartisan issue — is suddenly a political hot button after Hurricane Helene last year and this year's California wildfires. President Donald Trump and a conservative think tank have floated the possibility of shifting disaster response to the states, including eliminating FEMA or curtailing federal handouts. Experts worry about that. "Most states don't even have the ability, including Florida, to manage these disasters," without federal money and help, said Craig Fugate. Fugate has been a county emergency manager in Florida, head of the state of Florida's disaster office under a Republican governor and director of FEMA under President Barack Obama. ... Experts say every state gets millions in federal help — and a little more goes to Republican states and congressional districts. States that now have Republican governors have gotten an average of \$222 per person in FEMA aid since 2011 with 475 federal declared disasters in 27 states. The 23 states with Democratic governors average 15% less at \$193 per person over 330 disasters.		
Agents 'have started to pack up their desks' as fear of FBI mass firings swirls	Government-FBI		https://www.rbcbnews.com/politics/national-security/agents-started-pack-up-their-desks-as-fear-of-fbi-mass-firings-swirls/	2025/02/03
Top FBI Agent Warns Staff: We're in a 'Battle' After Trump's Purge	Government-FBI		https://www.yahoo.com/news/top-fbi-agent-warns-staff-232038954.html	2025/02/03
Who gets more disaster aid? Republican states. Experts explain that and more about FEMA	Government-FEMA		https://news.yahoo.com/news/gets-more-disaster-aid-republican-14305/	2025/02/03
Elon Musk said Donald Trump agreed USAID needs to be 'shut down'	Government-USAID	Elon Musk said President Donald Trump agreed the US Agency for International Development needs to be "shut down," following days of speculation over the future of the agency after its funding was frozen and dozens of its employees were put on leave. "With regards to the USAID stuff, I went over it (with the president) in detail and he agreed that we should shut it (down)," Musk said in a X Spaces conversation early Monday. By ending humanitarian assistance and proactive climate resilience and adaptation programs, the U.S. military could get pulled into responding to more future crises. Experts tell Axios that axing the agency completely, or even significantly downsizing it, would have security implications when it comes to climate change. Catch up fast: USAID, an independent, operational agency now potentially moving under the State Department, conducts a variety of projects in climate-vulnerable locations such as Africa, Central America and parts of Asia.	https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/02/politics/usa-id-officials-leave-musk-04g/	2025/02/03
Ending USAID climate programs could increase security risks	Government-USAID	These include programs meant to help boost the resilience of agricultural production to extreme weather events and make infrastructure better able to withstand such events. A Nashville school district invested about \$1 million in AI gun identification software, the school district said, leaving some to wonder what went wrong in detecting a school shooter in the halls. The gun detection system at the school failed to detect Henderson's weapon during the January 22 shooting because he was too far away from the surveillance cameras used to identify a weapon and activate an alarm, according to district officials. Meanwhile, the system's CEO says the gun could not be detected because it was not visible.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/03/usa-id-programs-climate-adaptation/	2025/02/03
This AI technology was supposed to detect guns in school. Here's what happened outside Nashville	Guns-AI	Greg Herbruck knew 6.5 million of his birds needed to die, and fast. "The mental toll on our team of dealing with that many dead chickens is just, I mean, you can't imagine it," Herbruck said. "I didn't sleep. Our team didn't sleep." Within 24-48 hours of the first detection of the virus, state and federal animal health officials work with farms to cull infected flocks to reduce the risk of transmission. That's followed by extensive disinfection and months of surveillance and testing to make sure the virus isn't lurking somewhere on site. Since then, egg farms have had to invest millions of dollars into biosecurity. Employees shower in and shower out, before they start working and after their shifts ends to prevent spreading the virus.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ai-technology-supposed-detect-guns-170/	2025/02/03
On the frontline against bird flu, egg farmers fear they're losing the battle	Health-Bird flu	"The last six months have accelerated my concern, which was already high," said Dr. Nahid Bhadelani, an infectious diseases physician and the founding director of Boston University's Center on Emerging Infectious Diseases. In a breakthrough achievement, a team of researchers has successfully engineered a bi-parental mouse — a mouse with two dads — that survived until adulthood. The experts targeted specific imprinting genes to overcome key barriers that previously prevented unusual reproduction in mammals.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/02/02/nx-1-5292	2025/02/03
Mouse with two dads survives to adulthood, major implications for same-sex human couples	Health-Breakthroughs	More specifically, by modifying a set of genes involved in reproduction, the experts successfully bypassed developmental roadblocks that had historically halted bi-parental embryo growth before birth. The CDC's main HIV page was down temporarily but has been restored. The CDC began removing all content related to gender identity on Friday, according to one government staffer. HIV-related pages were apparently caught up in that action.	https://www.earth.com/news/mouse-with-two-dads-survives-to-adulthood/	2025/02/03
CDC site scrubs HIV content following Trump DEI policies	Health-CDC		https://www.yahoo.com/news/cdc-scrubs-hiv-content-following-205414/	2025/02/03
Long COVID impacting more than 1 million children: CDC study suggests	Health-Covid	More than 1 million children may have been affected by long COVID in 2023, new federal data published Monday suggests. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates nearly 48 million people a year are sickened by foodborne diseases, an average of 91 people every minute. The FDA upgraded its December recall on Walmart broccoli from the brand Marketplace to its highest risk level.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/long-covid-impacting-more-1-160017166/	2025/02/03
Walmart broccoli joins mounting list of FDA food recalls	Health- food recall	The FDA reclassified the recall to Class I last week, which is described as the "reasonable probability that the use of, or exposure to, a violative product will cause serious adverse health consequences or death." The agency issued its original recall on December 31, targeting 12 ounces bags of washed and ready-to-eat Marketplace broccoli florets in 20 states including Texas and California. The agency cited "potential contamination with <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>" as the reason for the recall, saying that it only applied to Marketplace florets with a "best if used by" date of December 10, 2024.	https://www.axios.com/2024/12/26/walmart-eggs-pizza-recall-fda	2025/02/03
Lung cancer diagnoses on the rise among never-smokers worldwide	Health- Lung cancer	The proportion of people being diagnosed with lung cancer who have never smoked is increasing, with air pollution an "important factor," the World Health Organization's cancer agency has said. Lung cancer in people who have never smoked cigarettes or tobacco is now estimated to be the fifth highest cause of cancer deaths worldwide, according to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025-feb/03/lung-cancer-never-smokers	2025/02/03
Unvaccinated children drives Oregon's largest measles outbreak since 1991	Health-Measles	An increasing number of parents in Oregon are choosing not to vaccinate their children, according to the Oregon Health Authority. Last school year, 9% of kindergarten families sought exemptions from one or more required vaccines, marking the highest rate ever recorded in the state. This trend comes as Oregon faces its largest measles outbreak since the early 1990s, with all reported cases involving unvaccinated individuals. Despite the U.S. declaring endemic measles eliminated in 2000, importations continue, and prolonged outbreaks in 2019 threatened the nation's measles elimination status.	https://abc10.com/news/local/more-oregon-children-opt-out-of-vaccination/	2025/02/03
Study links microplastics in arteries to huge increase in heart disease and death	Health-Microplastics	Microplastics are everywhere — even in the fatty deposits called plaque that can build up in the arteries and cause heart disease and strokes. Now researchers in Italy have found that in people with microplastics in the plaque clogging their neck arteries, the risk of heart attack, stroke or death was four and a half times higher than in those whose plaque didn't contain plastic, said Dr. Eric Topol, a cardiologist and executive vice president of Scripps Research in La Jolla, California.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/microplastics-peoples-arteries-linked-lung-14305/	2025/02/03
Homeland security chief declines to say whether women, children to be held at Guantánamo	Humans rights	The head of the US Department of Homeland Security on Sunday declined to say whether migrant women, children or families would be included in Trump administration expansion plans for the infamous Guantánamo Bay detention center, saying instead the federal government would utilize all available facilities under the law.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025-feb/02/homeland-security-4	2025/02/03
Taliban minister 'forced to flee Afghanistan' after speech in support of girls' education	Humans rights	A senior Taliban minister who expressed support for reversing the ban on girls' education in Afghanistan appears to have been forced to flee the country. After this speech, and reports of Stanikzai criticising him, the Taliban's supreme leader, Hibatullah Akhundzada, allegedly ordered the minister's arrest and issued a travel ban, which pushed Stanikzai to leave Afghanistan for the United Arab Emirates.	https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025-feb/03/moham/	2025/02/03
HIV, transgender care, climate change and other federal websites go dark	Information blackout	Several federal websites tracking climate science and health care issues like HIV prevention and transgender care were down as of Friday afternoon. Trump was asked on Friday about reports that government websites were going to be shut down in compliance with an executive order on DEI content. "It doesn't sound like a bad idea to me," he said. "DEI would have ruined our country, and now it's dead. I think DEI is dead, so if they want to scrub the websites, that's OK with me." As of Friday morning, 305,575 datasets were available on data.gov, which houses the government's open data.	https://www.axios.com/2025/01/31/health-cdc-websites-data-removed-1/	2025/02/03
Trump administration's data deletions set off 'a mad scramble,' researcher says	Information blackout	Researchers are in what one described as "a mad scramble" to sort out what public data the Trump administration has deleted from government websites and electronic publications. Late last week, federal agencies took down scores of government webpages as staffers hurried to comply with President Donald Trump's order rolling back protections for transgender people, which required the removal of "gender ideology" language from websites, contracts and emails.	https://agnews.com/article/cdc-usa-federal-data-trump-deb0a7c01a	2025/02/03
Three things to know about Rubio's first international trip	International Relations	Latin America has rarely been front and center This trip is about Latin America, but really about China As Cuban-American, Rubio represents a first, but he's in line with a mainstream American foreign policy	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/03/tne-41-52775641marco-rubio-makes-first	2025/02/03
Rubio tells Panama to reduce Chinese influence in canal area or face US action	International Relations	In a summary of the meeting released by the US state department, Rubio told Mulino that Trump believed the current situation at the canal was "unacceptable and that absent immediate changes, it would require the United States to take measures necessary to protect its rights" under a US treaty with Panama.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025-feb/02/marco-rubio-holds-4	2025/02/03
Mexico's president calls on Google to identify US as 'America Mexicana'	International Relations	Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum has blasted Google for kowtowing to Donald Trump by changing the name of the Gulf of Mexico — and wants the United States to be identified as "America Mexicana."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-mexico-14305/	2025/02/03
Trump's antagonism risks pushing U.S. allies closer to China	International Relations	If foreign leaders have learned anything about Donald Trump's presidency, it may be that they're better off as America's foe than its friend.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-antagonism-risks-pushing-u-000/	2025/02/03
Pete Hegseth refuses to rule out military strikes on Mexico: 'All options will be on the table'	International Relations	Newly confirmed Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth has refused to rule out military action in Mexico, saying that "all options will be on the table" when dealing with foreign terrorist organizations. Hegseth warned on Fox News that there would be a "shift" in military focus toward the securing of America's borders and the protection of civilians.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/pete-hegseth-14305/	2025/02/03
Trump to withdraw U.S. from UN human rights council at second time	International Relations	President Trump will sign an executive order on Tuesday withdrawing the U.S. from the UN Human Rights Council and stopping funding to the UN Relief and Works Agency, which provides services to Palestinian refugees in the Middle East, a White House official said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/03/trump-united-nations-human-rights-14305/	2025/02/03
Trump reiterates threat to retake Panama Canal 'or something very powerful' will happen	International Relations	President Donald Trump reiterated his vow to "take back" the Panama Canal on Sunday, warning of "powerful" US action in an escalating diplomatic dispute with the Central American country over China's presence around the vital waterway. "China is running the Panama Canal that was not given to China, that was given to Panama foolishly, but they violated the agreement, and we're going to take it back, or something very powerful is going to happen," Trump told reporters.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/panama-president-says-won-t-11294747/	2025/02/03

Ukraine war briefing: Trump demands rare earths from Kyiv in exchange for aid	International Relations	President Donald Trump says he wants to negotiate an agreement with Ukraine in which Kyiv guarantees supplies of rare earth metals, key elements used in electronics, in exchange for aid. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had floated such an idea last October as part of his "Victory plan" for ending the war with Russia. "We're telling Ukraine they have very valuable rare earths," Trump said on Monday. "We're looking to do a deal with Ukraine where they're going to secure what we're giving them with their rare earths and other things." Trump, speaking to reporters at the White House, said Ukraine was willing, adding that he wants "equitation" from Ukraine for Washington's "close to \$300bn" in support.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/02/ukraine-war-briefing-kyiv	2025/02/03
5 things to know about the fighting in the Democratic Republic of Congo	International- Democratic Republic of Congo	On Monday, M23 retook control by Rwandan troops entered the city of Goma, in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. They have now taken control of the city, and on Thursday, in their first press conference, declared that they were "here to stay". They raised the prospect of further expansion of territory under their control. DRC's government has taken the takeover a "declaration of war" by neighboring Rwanda.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/31/tx-41-5281422/congo-poma-fighting-m23	2025/02/03
Thousands protest against far-right in Berlin	International- Germany	Tens of thousands of people took to the streets of Berlin to protest what they see as a breach of a taboo on post-war German politics. At night, Damascus remains raucous as roadside vendors, motorbikes and traffic surge. Take just a few steps off the side of a highway blinding the Syrian capital, however, and the night envelops you. Most neighborhoods go dark at night because there is no electricity. The darkness is emblematic of the myriad challenges facing Syria's new authorities, who last December toppled a regime controlled by the Assad family for 50 years. The new interim government needs to rebuild a country where large swaths of basic infrastructure and homes have been destroyed by war and neglect, and one of its most pressing challenges is also one of the most basic: keeping the lights on.	https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-6921250	2025/02/03
Syria's new government is trying to rebuild. First it must keep the lights on	International- Syria	The new lawsuit that will be made public later on Monday contains the first seven wrongful death claims filed against Norfolk Southern railroad – including the death of a 1-week-old baby. It also alleges the railroad and its contractors botched the cleanup while officials at the EPA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention signed off on it and failed to warn residents about the health risks. Many of the other parties in the lawsuit cite lingering, unexplained health problems along with concerns something more serious could develop.	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/28/tx-41-5288427/syria-new-government-1	2025/02/03
Lawsuit alleges first deaths from disastrous 2023 train derailment in Ohio	Lawsuits	The Pentagon will begin a new annual rotation program for media that requires several outlets, including NBC News, the New York Times and National Public Radio, to vacate their physical offices to allow for others – like Breitbart News, the New York Post and One America News Network – to get their turn.	https://apnews.com/article/west-palestine-derailment-norfolk-southern-1	2025/02/03
Pentagon Removes NBC News, NYT, Other Media From Offices in New Rotation Program	News Media	The Friday announcement from the Department of Defense, now led by former Fox News host Pete Hegseth, will also remove Politico from its established in-house workspace. At the same time, and just as concerning for some media watchers, core segments of the US media landscape – via the wealthy billionaires and gigantic corporations that own them – have seemingly caved under Trump's pressure or apparently sought to curry favor with the new administration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pentagon-removes-nbc-news-nyt-173615	2025/02/03
'He's become America's assignment editor', US media owners band to Trump	News Media	The news of Paramount's decision – which has reportedly caused deep upset in the CBS newswoman – comes after ABC News agreed to pay \$15m to Trump to settle a defamation lawsuit over inaccurate comments by anchor George Stephanopoulos that Trump had been found guilty liable for rape.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/02/trump-media-press	2025/02/03
Trump's MAGA machine mobilizes to boost Gabbard	Political Cesspool	It also follows the move by social media giant Meta to pay \$25m to settle a first amendment protections claim for "impermissible censorship" when it bounced Trump from Facebook and Instagram in 2021. About \$20m of that fee will be a donation to Trump's presidential library.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/01/trump-luis-gabbard-senate-intelligence	2025/02/03
Don't Call Me ICE Barbie Says Nancy Mace After Perv Walk Canceled	Political Cesspool	The MAGA machine that helped Pete Hegseth narrowly win confirmation as defense secretary last week is now focused on Gabbard. Trump's team believes she faces the most headwinds of any of his current Cabinet nominees. "We feel OK about Tulsi's chances," one senior White House official told Axios. "But we want to feel better."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/don-t-call-me-ice-barbie-213743334.html	2025/02/03
Fact check: RFK Jr. denied saying things he did say	Political Cesspool	South Carolina Rep. Nancy Mace hit back against her characterization as an "ICE Barbie" in a Saturday tweet following her viral ride-along with Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in her state. Over and over at a confirmation hearing on Wednesday, Democratic senators confronted Robert F. Kennedy Jr. about controversial comments they said he had made in the past. And over and over, President Donald Trump's nominees for secretary of health and human services either denied hearing said those things or said he wasn't sure he had said them.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fact-check-rfk-jr-denied-185537124.html	2025/02/03
MTG-led panel plans hearing to grill NPR and PBS heads	Political Cesspool	Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) on Monday called on the CEOs of NPR and PBS to testify at a DOGE subcommittee hearing on what she described as "systemically biased content" from federally funded radio and TV organizations.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/02/marjorie-taylor-greene-hearing-npr-pbs	2025/02/03
GOP Sen. Schmitt says Gabbard will 'curb the excesses' of the intelligence community. Full interview	Political Cesspool	In letters to both CEOs, Greene wrote that the subcommittee is concerned by the two news organizations' "blatantly ideological and partisan coverage". Sen. Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.) joins Meet the Press to discuss his support for Tulsi Gabbard, after President Trump's nominee to be the nation's top spy who we not call whistleblower Edward Snowden a "traitor" during her confirmation hearing.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-sen-schmitt-says-gabbard-15073734	2025/02/03
Tulsi Gabbard faces growing concern about her nomination after a tough confirmation hearing	Political Cesspool	There is growing concern in political circles that Tulsi Gabbard's nomination for director of national intelligence could be in serious trouble after a confirmation hearing this past week that left even Republican senators openly questioning whether she should be put in such a critical role, multiple people familiar with the matter told NBC News. Democratic senators are expected to unanimously oppose Gabbard's confirmation in a full floor vote, which would mean she could afford to lose the support of only three GOP senators to get confirmed.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tulsi-gabbard-faces-growing-concern-041	2025/02/03
Old RFK Jr. mislead the Senate on measles deaths in Samoa? The island nation's health chief says yes	Political Cesspool	Ekoroma, a medical doctor who also holds a doctorate in health, said that the claim was a "huge denial" of the fact that doctors from seven other countries traveled to Samoa to treat measles patients. In a letter to Kennedy dated Sunday, Sens. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said his recently amended ethics disclosure form only raised additional questions about the scope of his potential financial conflicts of interest.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/old-rfk-jr-mislead-senate-19223113.html	2025/02/03
Democratic senators say they have 'grave concerns' over RFK Jr.'s potential financial conflicts	Political Cesspool	"What is clear is that your involvement and financial interests in vaccine litigation are broad and extensive. It seems possible that many different types of vaccine-related decisions and communications—which you would be empowered to make and influence as Secretary—could result in significant financial compensation for your family," wrote Warren and Wyden, who are on the Finance Committee.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/democratic-senators-grave-concerns-over-rfk-jr-s-potential-financial-conflicts	2025/02/03
Cowboy Kristi Puts on Pony Show to Remind Migrants Who Is Boss	Political Cesspool	Decked out in full glam, a cowboy hat and a border patrol-green jacket, Noem rode with mounted U. S. Border Patrol unit found to have used unnecessary force on a group of Italian migrants seeking asylum in 2021.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cowboy-kristi-rides-border-patrol-164617	2025/02/03
Rep. Thomas Massie co-introduces bill to abolish the Department of Education	Political Cesspool	Last week, Rep. Thomas Massie re-introduced a bill that seeks to abolish the U.S. Department of Education. The one-sentence bill was re-introduced by Massie, a Republican representing Kentucky, on Friday. According to H.R. 899's text, the Department of Education would be abolished on Dec. 31, 2026.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rep-thomas-massie-introduces-bill-20552	2025/02/03
Marco Rubio declares himself head of USAid as workers locked out of office	Political Cesspool	The secretary of state, Marco Rubio, declared himself the acting administrator of the besieged United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on Monday as staffers were locked out of its Washington DC headquarters and the White House confirmed plans to merge it into the state department.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/03/usaid-closed-trump	2025/02/03
Wyoming Republicans' anti-abortion bill inadvertently targets chemotherapy and surgeries	Reproductive rights	In an effort to restrict abortion access, Wyoming Republicans authored a bill that could choke access to a host of life-saving medical procedures, from chemotherapy to heart surgery. Steinmetz says Senate File 125 offers a new definition of healthcare in Wyoming: "No act, treatment or procedure that causes harm to the heart, respiratory system, central nervous system, brain, skeletal system, jointed or muscled appendages or organ function shall be construed as healthcare."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/02/wyoming-republican	2025/02/03
Trump diversity order hits federal workers in non-DEI jobs, Washington Post says	Trump Bullshit	But Wyoming attorneys and healthcare law professionals at Boston University, George Washington University, Johns Hopkins and Pittsburgh University, say the problem is that a broad swath of healthcare procedures can be considered to cause "harm" by design. "There's a slew of medical procedures, surgeries, treatments that can have potentially positive outcomes but may also cause harm in the short period or as an unintended consequence," the Wyoming attorney Abigail Fournier said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-diversity-order-hits-federal-workers-in-non-dei-jobs-030057	2025/02/03
Trump moves you might have missed this week	Trump Bullshit	Dozens of U.S. government workers linked to diversity initiatives but whose jobs are not directly related to diversity, equity and inclusion have been placed on leave after President Donald Trump ordered the elimination of DEI positions, the Washington Post reported on Saturday. Trump world 2.0 is moving at a pace that can be hard to follow — and that's intentional. If you missed some key White House or Capitol Hill events of the week, we've got you covered. ... Federal funding freeze and worker buyouts	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/01/trump-moves-missed-plane-crash-8	2025/02/03
Behind the Curtain: Purges, punishments, payback	Trump Bullshit	Trump blames DEI for plane crash		
Trump fires chief of the federal consumer watchdog agency	Trump Bullshit	Tariff merry-go-round		
Legal questions surround Trump's federal worker resignation offer	Trump Bullshit	DEI scrubbing on federal websites		
Trump is waging war against his own government	Trump Bullshit	America has never witnessed so many people purged or punished by an incoming president so quickly. White House sources tell us this is just the beginning.		
		The danger in moving so fast, so wide is losing vital, seasoned talent in hard-to-fill, essential governmental roles. It sets a precedent for future presidents to quickly remake the government in their image or ideological mold — and extend the power of the presidency.		
		Trump advisers see this much differently, of course. They argue the government is filled with anti-Trump activists and bureaucratic flots who can be eliminated with little cost. The depth and breadth of actions in the first two weeks show the results.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/01/trump-us-government-purge	2025/02/03
		The Trump administration has fired Rohit Chopra, the director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. ... In a resignation letter posted on X, Chopra said watchdog agencies such as the CFPB work to enforce laws to "check the enormous influence that powerful firms have over our daily lives."		
		Under Chopra, "the CFPB has fought against junk fees, repeat offenders, bad tech evasions, and corporate deception. It has championed competition, transparency, accountability, and consumer financial health," Adam Rust, director of financial services for the Consumer Federation of America, said in a statement.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/01/tx-41-5254188/cfpb-consumer-financing	2025/02/03
		Employment attorneys and union representatives emphasize that OPM, which handles many human resource matters for federal workers, lacks the authority to promise paid leave for government employees other than its own. OPM acknowledges as much in a fact sheet on its own website. It states "OPM does not regulate the use of administrative leave. This authority rests with each agency head."	https://www.npr.org/2025/01/31/tx-41-5282075/trump-federal-employees	2025/02/03
		Moreover, agency budgets are controlled by Congress, not OPM, and many agencies will run out of money on March 14 if Congress doesn't approve a new budget or pass another continuing resolution.		
		Primarily using two little-known agencies — the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Personnel Management — Trump has tried to choke off funding for a wide array of domestic and foreign assistance programs, made it easier to fire tens of thousands of federal workers, and launched a campaign to pressure more to resign from their posts.		
		Two federal judges have blocked the domestic spending freeze, and, in the face of public outcry, Trump rescinded an OMB memo implementing it this week — but the underlying executive order remains in place, with the federal workers responsible for enacting it left to choose between mandates from the courts and from the president.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-waging-war-against-own-1200000	2025/02/03

		"This is exactly the work we set out to do," former Project 2025 leader Paul Denis, who served as the program's director before stepping down in July, told CNN about Trump's early actions in office. Multiple high-level officials and nominees in Trump's second administration played a role in crafting Project 2025, including Federal Communications Commissioner Brendan Carr, senior counselor for trade and manufacturing Peter Navarro, Securities and Exchange Commission head Paul Atkins and Trump's "border czar" Tom Homan. Carr and Navarro each authored sections of Project 2025's policy blueprint, while Atkins and Homan are listed as contributors. Most notably, Trump nominated Vought to serve as the head of the Office of Management and Budget after Vought reportedly previously served as a key architect of Project 2025. He authored the policy proposal's charter on the Executive Office of the President of the United States and reportedly spearheaded the project's playbook for Trump's first 180 days. The Republican-controlled Senate Budget Committee advanced Vought's nomination Thursday with unanimous GOP support, while Democrats boycotted the vote. NBC News reports the Trump transition team also used a LinkedIn-style database of federal staffers that Project 2025 compiled to help recruit lower-level administration staffers. Project 2025's policy blueprint was initially released in 2023, part of what the Heritage Foundation has said is a long tradition of the organization crafting policy proposals for incoming GOP presidents that dates back to Ronald Reagan. Though the agenda had already been out for months, it only started garnering widespread attention last summer, ahead of the election, as Democrats started pushing the 900-page document and its policies as a key reason to oppose Trump, causing Trump to publicly denounce the plan. Trump claimed on Truth Social in July he has "nothing to do with [Project 2025]" has "no idea" who's behind the plan and finds some of its ideas "absolutely ridiculous and absurd"—even as Trump has long had significant ties to the Heritage Foundation and many of the document's contributors worked in Trump's first administration. The policy proposal continued to remain controversial within the Trump team through the election, with Trump's campaign manager Chris LaCivita calling the effort a "pain in the ass" for the Trump campaign and Trump transition head Howard Lutnick—now Trump's Commerce Secretary pick—publicly claiming he would blacklist people involved with Project 2025 from working in the second administration.		
Here's How Trump's Executive Orders Align With Project 2025	Trump Bullshit	Less than two weeks back in office, an emboldened, unapologetic Trump has launched a series of executive orders and policy changes that broadly target DEI, education curricula and political protests. The actions aim to reverse so-called "woke" policies and restore "merit-based" systems. Trump's sledgehammer, aimed at smashing decades of progressive gains, has made a mockery of "We are not going back" — the slogan of his vanquished election opponent, Kamala Harris. Trump's election victory last year took this hostility from the fringes to the Oval Office. Despite gaining less than 50% of the national popular vote, the 47th president believes he has a mandate to impose a fundamental cultural realignment, not by increments but with sudden and overwhelming force.	https://www.forbes.com/sites/alanpodurkes/2025/02/02/heres-how-trump/	2025/02/03
Wrecking ball: Trump's war on 'woke' marks US society's plunge into 'dark times'	Trump Bullshit	When President Donald Trump announced his nomination of Pam Bondi as attorney general, he extolled her "incredible job" in "working[] to stop the inflicting of deadly drugs and reducing[] the tragedy of Fentanyl Overdose Deaths." Yet those deaths exploded on Bondi's watch as Florida's attorney general.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/02/trump-woke-dei-cull	2025/02/03
Trump Praised His A.O. Pick for Reducing Opioid Overdoses. In Reality, Drug Deaths Surged Under Her Watch.	Trump Bullshit	President Trump signed an executive order Monday calling for the creation of a sovereign wealth fund, essentially a federally owned investment vehicle that takes stakes in different kinds of financial assets.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-praised-g-pick-reducing-11004186	2025/02/03
What to know about Trump's sovereign wealth fund proposal	Trump Bullshit	Trump mentioned that "we're going to be doing something perhaps with TikTok, and perhaps not." He has previously spoken of the U.S. government potentially being involved with a sale of the social media app.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/03/what-to-know-trump-sovereign-wealth	2025/02/03
Trump slams Democrats for 'purposefully delaying virtually all of my nominees'	Trump Bullshit	"Democrats are purposefully delaying virtually all of my nominees," Trump posted Sunday on Truth Social. "No matter how good and well-qualified someone is, they are taking maximum time for approval — and laughing about it."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-slams-democrats-purposefully-delaying-1526357	2025/02/03
Creating chaos and taking credit: Trump's tariff message is 'incoherent', Tim Miller says	Trump Bullshit	President Trump delayed his tariffs on Mexico for one month. NBC News correspondents Garrett Haake and Christine Romans report more. Former Communications Director for the Jeb Bush 2016 campaign Tim Miller joins Chris Jansing to react. He's throwing a lot of things at us at once. Lots of executive orders and lots of changes. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., the minority whip, told USA TODAY: "Some of them are confusing, chaotic. I don't think... we are going to keep up with it." What's different, experts say, is the rapid fire appears to be having striking accuracy even as some actions — such as freezing federal grant funding — cause heartburn for friends and foes alike.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/creating-chaos-taking-credit-trumps-1930	2025/02/03
Biliz! President Trump returns to familiar strategy that exhausts foes, delights friends	Trump Bullshit	"As chaotic as it's been in the first few weeks, Trump 2.0 came in with a much better understanding of the federal government, and a team dedicated to helping him get his wins, including members of Congress," said Casey Bugalt, director of the legislative affairs program at the George Washington University Graduate School of Management. Elon Musk's government-slashing crew, the "department of government efficiency," has been given access to the federal payment system, exposing the sensitive personal data of millions of Americans as well as details of public contractors who compete directly with Musk's own businesses, an influential US senator has confirmed. Ron Wyden, a Democratic senator from Oregon and the ranking member of the Senate finance committee, posted on Bluesky that sources had confirmed to him that the Treasury's highly sensitive database had been opened up to the tech billionaire and his team. Donald Trump's new treasury secretary, Scott Bessent, had granted the billionaire's Doge team "full access to this system".	https://www.yahoo.com/news/biliz-president-trump-returns-familiar-100	2025/02/03
Elon Musk's Doge team granted 'full access' to federal payment system	US Coup	Wyden added that the data bonanza included "social security and medicare benefits, grants, payments to government contractors... AI, AI of AI." The remains of new Ostich-like dinosaurs with exceptionally long hands in Mexico have stunned paleontologists. This new ornithomimusaur, officially named Mexdracoon longimanus, represents a brand new genus of spot-scaled within Ornithomimidae, an extinct family of ornithomimid dinosaurs.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/feb/02/elon-musk-doge-ai	2025/02/03
73 million-year-old dinosaur remains with extremely long hands stuns explorers	Weird World	In an extreme instance of life imitating art, an author of children's books about a rope-wielding hero reportedly used his jump ropes to save both a dog and a young man from drowning after they fell into an ice pond in Indiana.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/73-million-old-dinosaur-remains-1526357	2025/02/03
Jump rope pro saves neighbor and dog from ice pond — with jump rope	Weird World		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/01/jump-rope-rescue-icy	2025/02/03
1965 Today Years Old When I Learned These 14 Urban Legends Are Actually True	Weird World	Collection	https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/14-urban-legends-people-were-1	2025/02/03
		The Trump administration said Tuesday it has begun flying migrants from the U.S. to a deportation holding facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, even though some immigration lawyers question the legality of that move. Several hundred U.S. military service members have arrived at Guantanamo in recent days in preparation for the arrival of deported migrants, according to the Defense Department. I said the number of service members deployed there will "continue to fluctuate" based on guidance from the Department of Homeland Security, which will oversee the holding facility. The US technology company said on Tuesday, just before it reported lower than forecast earnings, that it had updated its ethical guidelines around AI, and they no longer refer to not pursuing technologies that could "cause or are likely to cause overall harm". Google's AI head, Demis Hassabis, said the guidelines were being overhauled in a changing world and that AI should protect "national security". The Trump administration has warmly greeted an offer from El Salvador to detain both deported undocumented migrants and criminal U.S. citizens in a sprawling high-security prison that human rights experts have dubbed a "tropical gulag." "We have a Constitution," he said at a news conference in Costa Rica. "But it's a very generous offer. No one's ever made an offer like that — and to outsource, at a fraction of the cost, at least some of the most dangerous and violent criminals that we have in the United States. But obviously, the administration will have to make a decision." Inside the facility, which was completed in 2023, prisoners are cut off from virtually all communications with the outside world, packed in cells holding up to 70 people, and not provided with family visitation or allowed into fresh air. Cells have no sheets, pillows, or mattresses, and inmates are held inside them for 23.5 hours a day, with the lights turned on 24/7. Those held in the prison's solitary confinement wing reportedly sleep on concrete beds and sit in pitch black rooms, but for a small hole in the ceiling. A group of lawmakers said Tuesday that Congress will pass legislation on stablecoins — a less-volatile cryptocurrency backed by U.S. dollars — in the first 100 days of the Trump administration. Now, with the deadline to accept the offer nearing, federal agencies have sent out new terms and conditions in the form of a sample contract agreement that employees are told they can use to "normalize" the deal. It's unclear who from the government would sign the agreements, or whether the contracts would be legally binding. Adding to the confusion, some of the sample contract language diverges from the first email, which came from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) with the subject line "Work in the Road," and other guidance presented to date. In another section, employees are asked to acknowledge that "this agreement cannot be rescinded, except in the sole discretion of the [AGENCY] HEAD," which shall not be subject to review at the Merit Systems Protection Board or otherwise. "The language indicates that federal agencies would be able to rescind the agreement and that employees would not have the opportunity to appeal."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/04/mu-st-5296238/donald-trump-migrants	2025/02/05
Google owner drops promise not to use AI for weapons	Dystopian nightmare		https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/feb/05/google-owner-drops	2025/02/05
El Salvador wants to detain deportees, including U.S. citizens, in notorious 'tropical gulag' terror prison	Dystopian nightmare		https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/el-salvador-trump	2025/02/05
Legislators push to move crypto laws within Trump's first 100 days	Economy-Crypto	Legislation to create a new regulatory framework for digital assets is being introduced in the House of Representatives. With the deadline to accept the offer nearing, federal agencies have sent out new terms and conditions in the form of a sample contract agreement that employees are told they can use to "normalize" the deal. It's unclear who from the government would sign the agreements, or whether the contracts would be legally binding. Adding to the confusion, some of the sample contract language diverges from the first email, which came from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) with the subject line "Work in the Road," and other guidance presented to date. In another section, employees are asked to acknowledge that "this agreement cannot be rescinded, except in the sole discretion of the [AGENCY] HEAD," which shall not be subject to review at the Merit Systems Protection Board or otherwise. "The language indicates that federal agencies would be able to rescind the agreement and that employees would not have the opportunity to appeal."	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/04/trump-crypto-legislation-regulations	2025/02/05
		Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., strongly disagrees. He told Morning Edition the president and his allies' moves represent "illegal seizures of power" that have thrown the U.S. into a "constitutional crisis." He said he's unwilling to vote for any Trump nominees and warns that the public may not "see us" if they see Democrats regularly collaborating with Republicans. "The focus has to be on Republicans right now and why they have been completely and utterly silenced," Murphy said. "I do want all of the pressure to be on Democrats to figure this out when Republicans should care just as much about democracy as Democrats do."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/04/mu-st-5296238/federal-employees-fork	2025/02/05
Public needs to rise up to fight 'constitutional crisis,' says Democratic senator	End of the US		https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/04/mu-st-5296238/federal-employees-fork	2025/02/05
"This is what the beginning of dictatorship looks like": Rep. Omar condemns Trump admin. trying to shutter USAID	End of the US	Rep. Ilhan Omar on Monday suggested that President Donald Trump and Elon Musk trying to gut the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) violated separation of powers, and the two were showing the "beginning of dictatorship." "We talked about Trump wanting to be a dictator on Day One, and here we are," the Minnesota Democrat said at a rally for USAID workers. "What Trump, and Elon, and all of their cronies are trying to do is take away the constitutional power of Congress." Federal health workers are expressing fear and alarm after a website called "DEI Watch List" published the photos, names and public information of a number of workers across health agencies, describing them at one point as "targets." It's unclear when the website, which lists mostly Black employees who work in agencies primarily within the Department of Health and Human Services, first appeared. "Offense" for the workers listed on the website include working on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives, donating to Democrats and using pronouns in their bios. The planet just had its hottest January on record by a considerable margin, in a surprise finding (seriously) to climate scientists. So far, there's been no way to explain the 2023 and 2024 records, but the expectation is that this year will be a top 5 hottest year — just not first place. Some of this is because of inflation. And if President Donald Trump ever goes through with the tariffs he has threatened against Mexico and Canada, orange juice—which once came to Americans from Florida, but now is generally made from a mix of international oranges—could become even more expensive. Yet orange juice also is facing a grander existential problem than the economy: The world's biggest orange producers aren't growing as much fruit as they used to. As orange availability slides, the era of orange-juice ubiquity is rapidly coming to an end. Over the weekend, Musk shockingly managed to gain access to Treasury payment systems which essentially allowed him to dig into things like people's Social Security and Medicare payment systems. This is a gross amount of power for an unelected official but it's made worse by the fact that an expose from WIREID revealed that this access has also gone to engineers between the ages of 19 and 24, and most of them have been linked to Musk's companies. It's also uncertain if any or all of these youth workers are citizens or working on an H1-B visa. Apparently, at least one of these young men is working as a volunteer. According to social media reactions, Edward Corbise is a 19-year-old Canadian who calls himself "Big Balis," and he's the biggest source of everyone's face painting and worrying about our future.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/beginning-dictatorship-looks-rep-omar-14	2025/02/05
Federal health workers terrified after 'DEI' website publishes list of 'targets'	End of the US		https://www.rbcnews.com/health/health-news/federal-health-workers-16	2025/02/05
January surprises with a global temperature record	Environment-Climate crisis		https://www.axios.com/2025/02/04/january-global-temperature-record	2025/02/05
The Last Days of American Orange Juice	Environment-Food		https://www.yahoo.com/news/last-days-american-orange-juice-1764124	2025/02/05
Elon Musk's young sons including 'Big Balis' seize the Treasury & social media reacts	Fuck that guy		https://www.yahoo.com/news/big-balis-biller-youth-seize-16381871814	2025/02/05

Elon Musk's alleged access to Treasury database sparks lawsuit by federal workers' unions	Fuck that guy	The Department of Government Efficiency's alleged access to the Treasury's payment systems has sparked a lawsuit from federal workers' unions. The evidence suggests that, at some point after 20 January 2025, OPM allowed unknown individuals to simply bypass its existing systems and security protocols and install one or more new systems to ingest and store vast quantities of PII about Executive Branch employees... for the stated purpose of being able to communicate directly with those individuals without involving other agencies," the suit states, using an abbreviation for personally identifiable information (PII).	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-s-alleged-access-treasury-145	2025/02/06
OPM employees file suit to block use of new email system	Fuck that guy	The request for a restraining order against the use of the new system comes as the federal government is paying employees to respond to the bustard offer by Feb. 6. Musk confirmed the administration was in the process of shutting USAID down. "As we dug into USAID I became apparent that what we have here is not an apple with a worm in it, but we have actually just a ball of worms. If you have an apple with a worm in it, you can take the worm out. If you have a whole ball of worms, it's hopeless," he said. "USAID is a ball of worms. There is no apple... that is why it's gotta go. It's beyond repair."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opm-employees-file-suit-block-19085959	2025/02/05
Musk: I'm Closing Entire Federal Agency Down Right Now	Fuck that guy	Billionaire tech mogul Elon Musk posted Monday on his social media site that he had "deleted" 18F, a government agency that worked on technology projects such as the IRS' Direct File program. This led to some confusion about whether Direct File is still available to taxpayers, but the free filing program is still available, at least for the coming tax season.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/beyond-repair-elon-musk-confirms-0810	2025/02/05
Elon Musk creates confusion about IRS' Direct File — but the free tax program is still available	Fuck that guy	Members of Elon Musk's secretive team reviewing federal agencies for cuts are refusing to reveal their full names to civil servants, federal employees say. Several government workers who have been interviewed by Musk's team about their work say the billionaire's representatives declined to give their surnames and refused to answer any questions themselves, according to the New York Times. The lack of transparency surrounding the work of the so-called Department of Government Efficiency is only adding to mounting anxiety within the federal workforce, the report says.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-creates-confusion-irs-0150	2025/02/05
Musk's DOGE Minions Refuse to Reveal Their Names When Grilling Civil Servants	Fuck that guy	Things seemed bleak enough when our collective assumption was that Donald Trump, having won the election, would be our president. But, proving that things can always get worse, it's increasingly clear that the real president will actually be South African tech billionaire and ketamine enthusiast Elon Musk. Calling Musk the "shadow president" may be understating the severity of the situation. Musk and his unofficial "Department of Government Efficiency" are undergoing a hostile takeover of the Treasury Department. Musk seems to believe he can ignore the legal authority of Congress to control federal spending, and instead control all decisions on how to spend taxpayer money. If successful, this effort would functionally make Musk a dictator using the elected official, Trump, as his figurehead. But while Musk ignores the Constitution's clear-cut law giving the power of the purse to Congress, he does have another group of people he thinks should have discretion over how the U.S. government spends its money: The ugly assortment of insects, white nationalists and other such far-right scum he's assembled as a cheerleading squad on X (formerly Twitter). While congressional Republicans lamely hand their spending power over to this unselected conspiracy theorist billionaire, Musk is crowdsourcing ideas of what he should unilaterally cut from the absolute worst people on the internet.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-doge-minions-refuse-reveal-1424	2025/02/05
"Hitler actually had some decent points": Musk's covert coup is guided by internet trolls	Fuck that guy	"They apparently just sort of walked past security and said: 'Get out of my way,' and they're looking for access for the IT systems, as they have in other agencies," said Andrew Rosenberg, a former Noaa official who is now a fellow at the University of New Hampshire. "They will have access to the entire computer system, a lot of which is confidential information." Subject 2025, written by several former Trump staffers, has called for the agency to be "broken up and downsized," claiming the agency is "harmful to US prosperity" for its role in climate science.	https://www.salon.com/2025/02/04/hitler-actually-had-some-good-ideas	2025/02/05
DOGE staffers enter Noaa headquarters and incite reports of cuts and threats	Fuck that guy	Musk, with the backing of Trump, is now working to shut down the US Agency for International Development (USAID) — the world's largest single supplier of humanitarian aid. He bragged on Sunday about "feeding USAID into the wood chipper". He has also targeted several other agencies in an aggressive attempt to purge and remake the federal government along ideological lines, while avoiding congressional or judicial oversight.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/04/doge-noaa-headqu	2025/02/05
How the world's richest man laid waste the US government	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk has proposed a "wholesale removal of regulations" in an intensification of his crusade to slash US federal government spending. On a call aired on X, the social media platform he owns, the multimillionaire entrepreneur said regulations should be "gone" amid growing opposition to his mission as Donald Trump's enforcer and head of a newly created "department of government efficiency" (DOGE).	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/04/trump-elon-musk-6	2025/02/05
Musk intensifies government spending attack with push to cut all regulations	Fuck that guy	"Regulations, basically, should be default gone," Musk said in call joined by Vivek Ramaswamy, until recently the joint head of, and two Republican senators, Joni Ernst and Mike Lee. "No default there, default gone. And if it turns out that we missed the mark on a regulation, we can always add it back in."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/04/musk-regulation-gu	2025/02/05
Plants and fake news: All the ways Trump and Musk have floated catching government leaks	Fuck that guy	Teams for President Donald Trump - and his right-hand man, billionaire Elon Musk - have reportedly proposed spreading fake information, planting "spies" or accessing employee emails to catch the federal workers who may be leaking internal messages to the media. Elon Musk, an unselected "special government employee" and the world's richest person, is operating with autonomy that "almost no one can control" as he overhauls the Department of Government Efficiency, a Trump administration official told The New York Times.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/musk-6	2025/02/05
Musk has autonomy 'almost no one can control' as he overhauls unprecedented overhaul of federal workforce	Fuck that guy	Musk, the world's richest man, and his team at DOGE have already acquired classified documents, gained access to financial systems with sensitive personal information and conducted "aggressive incursions" into half a dozen federal agencies during the first weeks of Donald Trump's presidency, the Times reported. But many of these moves appear to violate federal law, according to more than two dozen current and former officials, one audio recording, and several internal messages obtained by The Washington Post. Internal legal objections have been raised at the Treasury Department, the Education Department, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the General Services Administration, the Office of Personnel Management, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the White House budget office, among others.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-m	2025/02/05
U.S. government officials privately warn Musk's blitz appears illegal	Fuck that guy	"So many of these things are so wildly illegal that I think they're playing a quantity game and assuming the system can't read to all this illegality at once," said David Spur, an administrative law professor at Georgetown Law School. The Central Intelligence Agency offered buyouts to its entire workforce on Tuesday, citing an aim to bring the agency in line with Donald Trump's priorities, the Wall Street Journal and CNN have reported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-government-officials-privately-warn-00	2025/02/05
CIA reportedly offers buyouts to entire workforce in latest Trump-era purge	Government-CIA	The US spy agency is also freezing the hiring of job applicants already given a conditional offer, the WSJ reported, adding an add to CIA director John Ratcliffe. The Trump administration is exploring dramatic cuts to programs and staff at the U.S. Department of Education, including executive action shuttering department programs that are not protected by law and calling on Congress to close the department entirely.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/05/cia-reported-buyout	2025/02/05
Trump is weighing big cuts to the U.S. Education Department	Government-DOE	Project 2025, a conservative government blueprint drafted by several Trump loyalists, recommends closing the department and turning both funding streams into no-strings-attached grants, ultimately phasing out the Title I, low-income support funds within a decade. But, again, that would require an act of Congress — something that seems unlikely. Because states still largely control funding and public school curricula, though, it's unclear how Trump's plans to shape education across all classrooms would be implemented — and they would likely face legal challenges. Two of the executive orders addressed examining the redirection of funds toward K-12 schools that prioritize "patriotic education," including removing "gender ideology" from classrooms and expanding school choice initiatives.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/03/nx-1-5329233/trump-to-make-big-cut	2025/02/05
Trump rolls out his vision to reshape America's schools	Government-DOE	Jon Valant, the director of the Brown Center on Education Policy at The Brookings Institution, told Business Insider that the executive orders alone "don't actually do all that much." Rather, they direct federal agencies to prepare guidance that could determine how the orders will be carried out. Even so, Valant said they could have "a chilling effect," prompting some schools, districts, and states to obey Trump's wishes to avoid any penalty.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-rolls-vision-reshape-americas-000	2025/02/05
Trump's Plan to Gut Education Department Will Hit Red States Hardest	Government-DOE	Rather than a chart based on data from the Center for American Progress on states' K-12 education funding under Title I, the Education Department's main federal program to help low-income students, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Nevada, and Arizona — states that all went for Trump — are the most reliant on that funding, and the most likely to lose hundreds of teachers under Trump's proposals. Many other red states are not far behind. This will likely lead to a devastating domino effect of educational instability in states that need it most. A common misconception is that the Department of Education operates US schools and sets curricula — that responsibility actually belongs to states and local districts. The agency does oversee student loan programmes and administer Pell grants that help low-income students attend university. It also helps fund programmes to support students with disabilities and for students living in poverty.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-plan-gut-education-department-20	2025/02/05
What does the Department of Education do - and can Trump dismantle it?	Government-DOE	And the department enforces civil rights law designed to prevent race or sex-based discrimination in federally funded schools. As President Trump takes the reins of the federal government, one of the agencies in turmoil is the National Institutes of Health — the world's leading public funder of biomedical research. The new administration imposed a blackout on the NIH and other health agencies on most communications with the outside world and banned travel, forcing the cancellation of meetings needed for decisions about what research to fund next in the fights against cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other diseases.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/does-department-education-trump-disma	2025/02/05
A sense of foreboding hangs over the National Institutes of Health	Government-NIH	Health programs were the largest USAID funding sector since the 1990s, according to CRS. USAID and its partners supported HIV and AIDS testing for more than 79.6 million people as part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in 2019. Health remained the top USAID sector until fiscal year 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Humanitarian assistance surpassed health for a time and was then passed by governance in FY 2023, a result of U.S. support for Ukraine. By the numbers: The over \$40 billion USAID managed in FY 2023 was still less than 1% of the federal budget.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/news/2025/02/04/nx-1-5286	2025/02/05
What to know about USAID, the federal agency DOGE wants to dismantle	Government-USAID	National security, veterans care and veterans employment could all be harmed by the Trump administration's move to gut the civil service by reclassifying career government employees as policymakers working to advance the president's political agenda, both experts and employee unions are warning. One of the executive orders President Donald Trump signed on his first day in office would strip employment protections afforded to civil servants by putting anyone who works in a "policy-influencing" role into a new class of government employees called "Schedule Policy/Career" who could be fired at will for any reason, including if they are deemed insufficiently loyal to the administration's agenda.	https://www.aviva.com/2025/02/03/usaaid-musk-trump-what-to-know	2025/02/05
National Security, Veterans at Risk in Trump Effort to Reshape Federal Workforce, Experts Warn	Government-VA	National security, veterans care and veterans employment could all be harmed by the Trump administration's move to gut the civil service by reclassifying career government employees as policymakers working to advance the president's political agenda, both experts and employee unions are warning. One of the executive orders President Donald Trump signed on his first day in office would strip employment protections afforded to civil servants by putting anyone who works in a "policy-influencing" role into a new class of government employees called "Schedule Policy/Career" who could be fired at will for any reason, including if they are deemed insufficiently loyal to the administration's agenda.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/national-security-veterans-risk-trump-215	2025/02/05
About 10 people are dead in a shooting at an adult education center in Sweden	Guns-mass shooting	Swedish police said that about 10 people, including the gunman, were killed during a shooting Tuesday at an adult education center. But a final death toll and a conclusive number of wounded hadn't yet been determined. When Rwanda announced an outbreak of the highly infectious Marburg disease in September, partners from around the world, including the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), provided emergency funding to help curb it. Marburg kills 88% of the people who catch it, but this funding, in conjunction with efforts from the Rwandan ministry of health, rapidly contained and treated 51 of 66 cases in what was thought to have largely been a public health victory. On the day of President Donald Trump's inauguration, another Marburg outbreak was announced in Tanzania, where the virus has thus far killed at least eight people. Meanwhile, Ebola (a virus similar to Marburg, also with a high fatality rate) was recently detected in Uganda, public health officials are struggling to contain mpxv in Africa, and H5N1, the virus commonly referred to as bird flu continues to infect an unprecedented number of people and species around the globe.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/04/nx-1-5286474/sweden-adult-school-at	2025/02/05
"Sitting ducks": Trump's withdrawal from the WHO could put the US at risk for deadly viral outbreaks	Health-WHO	Many are concerned that the Trump Administration's actions in the first two weeks of operation, including signaling that he would withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO) and issuing a freeze on public health communications, are hampering the nation's potential to respond to these various infectious disease threats at a time when protective measures need to be ramped up most. President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he's given his advisers instructions to obliterate Iran if it assassinates him. "If they did that they would be obliterated," Trump said in an exchange with reporters while signing an executive order calling for the U.S. government to impose maximum pressure on Tehran. "I've left instructions if they do it, they get obliterated, there won't be anything left."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/sitting-ducks-trump-withdrawal-could-103	2025/02/05
Trump says he's given advisers instructions for Iran to be 'obliterated' if it assassinates him	International Relations	If Trump were assassinated, Vice President JD Vance would become president and would not necessarily be bound by any instructions left by his predecessor. Donald Trump has vowed that the US will "take over" war-ravaged Gaza and "own it", effectively endorsing the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians, in an announcement shocking even by the standards of his norm-shattering presidency. Trump, who has previously threatened Greenland and Panama and suggested that Canada should become the 51st state, added Gaza to his expansionist agenda, claiming that it could become the "Rivera of the Middle East". He declined to rule out sending US troops to make it happen.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-hes-given-advisers-2021314	2025/02/05
Trump says US will 'take over' Gaza Strip in shock announcement during Netanyahu visit	International Relations	Donald Trump has vowed that the US will "take over" war-ravaged Gaza and "own it", effectively endorsing the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians, in an announcement shocking even by the standards of his norm-shattering presidency. Trump, who has previously threatened Greenland and Panama and suggested that Canada should become the 51st state, added Gaza to his expansionist agenda, claiming that it could become the "Rivera of the Middle East". He declined to rule out sending US troops to make it happen.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/05/donald-trump-plan-to-t	2025/02/05

		Then came the stunner. "The US will take over the Gaza Strip," Trump declared, "and we'll do a job with it, too. We'll own it." What? Did he say own it? And the supposedly isolationist "America first" president did not rule out sending US troops to take control. It was the latest indication that Trump seems to be entering a new and dangerously expansionist phase. At this stage eight years ago Trump 1.0 was mired in petty concerns such as lying about the size of his inauguration crowd or trying to take away Americans' healthcare. Trump 2.0 is playing on an altogether grander stage. He said Canada should become the 51st state, prompting nervous laughter from Canadians followed by horror as it dawned that he wasn't joking. He rattled Denmark by saying it should sell Greenland and upset Panama by vowing to retake the canal. He renamed the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America and, in his inaugural address, spoke of "manifest destiny" launching American astronauts to plant the Stars and Stripes on the planet Mars. The Senate Intelligence Committee narrowly approved Tulsi Gabbard on Tuesday to be President Trump's Director of National Intelligence, voting along party lines. Gabbard has proved to be one of Trump's most controversial nominees. With both Sens. Susan Collins (R-Me.) and Todd Young (R-Ind.) sitting on the panel, her ability to get through the committee was at times in question. The vote was 9-8, according to a source familiar with the matter. President Trump on Tuesday cited inaccurate figures of autism diagnoses as a reason why the Senate should confirm Robert F. Kennedy Jr., his controversial pick to lead the Department of Health and Human Services. Andrew Wakefield's 1998 study—which built the foundation for debunked theories tying vaccines to autism—was deemed fraudulent and retracted by the medical journal that published it. Many studies conducted since have shown that vaccines are not associated with ASD. Experts say broadening diagnostic criteria and raising awareness of the disorder has contributed to an uptick in autism diagnoses—rather than something being "really wrong." In 2020, the CDC estimated that among U.S. 8-year-olds, the rate identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) was around 1 in 36, not the 1 in 34 Trump wrote about.		
Welcome to Trumpworld, where the developer-in-chief sees dollar signs in the rubble of Gaza	International Relations		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/05/welcome-to-trumpw	2025/02/05
Tulsi Gabbard survives Senate committee vote for intel chief nomination	Political Cesspool		https://www.axios.com/2025/02/04/tulsi-gabbard-wins-vote-intelligence-	2025/02/05
Trump spreads autism misinformation in RFK Jr. confirmation push	Political Cesspool		https://www.axios.com/2025/02/04/trumps-autism-rfk-jr-confirmation	2025/02/05
The Senate's vibe shift on Tulsi Gabbard	Political Cesspool		https://www.axios.com/2025/02/04/tulsi-gabbard-confirmation-vote-sen	2025/02/05
RFK Jr. appears on his way to being Trump's health secretary after a party-line vote	Political Cesspool		https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/02/04/rfk-jr-5286	2025/02/05
'Competent White Men Must Be in Charge,' High-Profile State Dept. Appointees Warn Last Year	Political Cesspool		https://www.yahoo.com/news/competent-white-men-must-charge-18111	2025/02/05
Rubio Floats Dark Plan to Deport U.S. Citizens to Third Country	Political Cesspool		https://www.yahoo.com/news/rubio-floats-dark-plan-deport-150419473	2025/02/05
Trump's pick for key national security position linked to far-right figures	Political Cesspool		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/05/trump-national-security	2025/02/05
Trump's proposed EPA leadership stacked with lobbyists and attorneys	Political Cesspool		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/05/trump-epa-lobbyists	2025/02/05
Protests against Trump and Project 2025 are planned in cities across the US	Protest		https://apnews.com/article/50501-protests-project-2025-trump-state-cap	2025/02/05
Trump's perplexing tariffs goals	Trump Bullshit		https://www.axios.com/2025/02/04/trump-tariffs-china-canada-mexico	2025/02/05
Doctors sue Trump admin over removed health data	Trump Bullshit		https://www.axios.com/2025/02/04/doctors-sue-trump-removed-health-	2025/02/05
The water unexpectedly released from dams on Trump's order didn't help farms or L.A.	Trump Bullshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/water-unexpectedly-released-dams-trump	2025/02/05 Problem Creator
Trump's race to honor his promises is bringing risk and turmoil to America and the world	Trump Bullshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-honor-his-promises-bringing-risk-050	2025/02/05
What did US get from deals to pause tariffs on Canada and Mexico? Not that much, observers say	Trump Bullshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/did-us-deals-pause-tariffs-194204933.htm	2025/02/05 International relations
Judge extends restraining order on federal funding freeze, suggesting Trump ignored initial order	Trump Bullshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-extends-restraining-order-federal-0	2025/02/05
Files in hospital wards may be spreading drug-resistant bacteria to patients	WTF		https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/feb/05/files-in-h	2025/02/05
Japan Airlines plane collides with Delta jet at Seattle airport	Aviation		https://www.yahoo.com/news/japan-airlines-plane-collides-delta-23172	2025/02/06
ICE has arrested scores of migrants in the U.S. who have no criminal records	Borders and immigration		https://www.npr.org/2025/02/04/tlx-st-5282379/trumps-mass-deportats	2025/02/06
US military aircraft transports 104 deported people to India	Borders and immigration		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/05/us-military-flight-india	2025/02/06
NBA museum covered plaques honoring women and people of color, provoking an uproar	DEI		https://www.npr.org/2025/02/05/tlx-st-5282929/nba-museum-dei-exhib	2025/02/06
6 unsettling thoughts Google's former CEO has about artificial intelligence	Dystopian nightmare		https://www.npr.org/2025/02/05/tlx-st-5278369/artificial-intelligence-go	2025/02/06

Wisconsin couple sues Walgreens and Oatium Rx, saying son died after \$500 price rise for asthma meds	Dystopian nightmare	A Wisconsin couple is suing Walgreens and a pharmacy benefits management company, alleging that their son died because he couldn't afford a sudden \$500 spike in his asthma medication. ... He stopped at a Walgreens pharmacy in Appleton on Jan. 10, 2024, to refill his prescription and was told the cost had jumped from \$66 to \$539 out-of-pocket. Unable to afford the new cost, he left the pharmacy without the medication. He tried to manage his condition with his rescue inhaler but suffered a fatal asthma attack days later according to the lawsuit. ... "We are well past euphemism about 'pushing the limits,' 'stretching the envelope' and the like," said Peter M. Shane, who is a legal scholar in residence at New York University and the author of a casebook on separation-of-powers law. The array of legal constraints Mr. Trump has violated, Mr. Shane added, amounts to "programmatic sabotage and rampant lawlessness." ... But those obstacles so far have been rare in Mr. Trump's blitzkrieg, which has raised the question of whether, in his return to office, he and his advisers feel constrained by the rule of law.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wisconsin-couple-sues-walgreens-oatium-20250206	2025/02/06		
Trump Bravely Defies Laws in Escalating Executives' Power Grab	End of the US	Mr. Trump and his appointees have also been firing people in naked defiance of statutes Congress enacted to protect against the arbitrary removal of certain officials, like civil servants or board members at independent agencies. Even if you take issue with how the site is currently framing the conflict, that doesn't justify Heritage's plan. Targeting Wikipedia editors personally, instead of debating their edits on the platform, marks a dangerous escalation. "The document [from Heritage] is sort of vague about what they would do once they ID a person," journalist and Wikipedia editor Molly White told <i>Forward</i> , "but the things that come to mind are not great." The Heritage Foundation's threats recall the methods used by pro-Chinese Communist Party editors in 2021, when a group called Wikimedians of Mainland China specifically targeted Hong Kong's pro-democracy activists. These Chinese nationalist editors were displeased with the way the Hong Kong editors were documenting the protests against Beijing's rule. Rather than continuing the discussion on Wikipedia's talk pages (places for editors to chat with one another and debate proposed changes), the pro-CCP editors resorted to doxing and reporting their opponents' real-life identities to the state police, leading some Hong Kong editors to be physically harmed. It seems that both the CCP and Heritage believe that if you can't win an argument in the digital space of Wikipedia, it's far game to destroy that person's life offline.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/05/us/trump-federal-law-power.html	2025/02/06		
Project 2025's Creators Want to Dox Wikipedia Editors. The Tool They're Using is Horrifying.	End of the US	Founded in 2020, the group received \$100,000 in funding for its first watchlist — focused on the Department of Homeland Security — from the Heritage Foundation, the right-wing thinktank behind the conservative blueprint Project 2025. The foundation called its list initiative "Project Sovereignty 2025" and said it was aimed at exposing the people behind the scenes who were advancing Biden's border policies.	https://nate.com/technology/2025/02/wikipedia-project-2025-heritage-f	2025/02/06		
Project 2025 thinktank behind lists naming 'woke' federal workers	End of the US	Donald Trump fired me on Monday from my job as a member of the bipartisan Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board — a job he nominated me for twice. Yes, I am a Democrat. He also fired every other board member who is not a registered Republican. While most Americans have never heard of our board, which oversees national security agencies such as the CIA, NSA and FBI, we should all be concerned about the undermining of an oversight agency designed by Congress to ensure that government surveillance does not infringe our privacy and civil liberties. The board I served on was created to make sure that independent bipartisan subject matter experts — such as myself and my fellow board members — could keep a close watch on the use of new national security powers presidents were given to surveil Americans after 9/11. Our job was to look for abuses that threatened Americans' privacy and freedom. Earthquakes rattled Greece's volcanic island of Santorini every few minutes through the night and into Wednesday as authorities bolstered their emergency plans in case the hundreds of tremors over the past few days are a harbinger of a larger quake to come. A coast guard vessel and a military landing craft were in the wider area as a contingency should an evacuation be required. Civil Protection Minister Vassilis Kikilias said during an emergency meeting with security officials, scientists and the prime minister in Athens Wednesday. Rescue crews with a sniffer dog and drones have been deployed on Santorini as a precaution since Sunday, while authorities have banned access to several coastal areas and ordered schools on several islands to shut for the week.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/06/project-2025-federal-workers	2025/02/06		
Trump fired me. Now it will be easier for the government to spy on Americans	End of the US	The executive branch will stop spending money on Politico subscriptions after paying millions of dollars to the news outlet last year, press secretary Karoline Leavitt said at a briefing Wednesday. ... A fake theory about Politico being funded by the government is catching fire in right-wing circles. It's a prime example of how false information sweeps through social media — and it could spell trouble for Politico and any other media organization that has contracts for subscriptions with the government. Politico has responded to Axios' request for comment. Elon Musk and the U.S. Department of Transportation will "renake" U.S. airspace, Transportation secretary Sean Duffy said at an event on Wednesday. There's general agreement in aviation circles that FAA systems and processes need updating and investment. But rapid changes could bring new safety risks if made without proper testing and implementation. What we're watching: Musk's SpaceX runs in commercial airspace, which means that the FAA oversees the company, raising questions about conflicts.	https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/feb/06/trump-overall	2025/02/06		
Earthquakes keep rattling Greece's volcanic island of Santorini every few minutes	Environment- Earthquakes	Public events on Santorini have been banned, and local authorities were restricting access to cliff-top areas that are among the biggest tourist draws to the island.	https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/earthquakes-rattling-greece-20250206	2025/02/06		
Ice storm takes aim at Midwest and Northeast. Here's the latest forecast.	Environment- Winter weather	A winter storm is expected to bring snow, sleet and freezing rain to a large swath of the Midwest and Northeast Wednesday and Thursday, causing treacherous travel conditions and potential power outages for millions of Americans, forecasters say. The executive branch will stop spending money on Politico subscriptions after paying millions of dollars to the news outlet last year, press secretary Karoline Leavitt said at a briefing Wednesday. ... A fake theory about Politico being funded by the government is catching fire in right-wing circles.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-storm-takes-aim-at-midwest-and-northeast-20250206	2025/02/06		
DOGE targets government media subscriptions after MAGA attacks	Fuck that guy	It's a prime example of how false information sweeps through social media — and it could spell trouble for Politico and any other media organization that has contracts for subscriptions with the government. Politico has responded to Axios' request for comment. Elon Musk and the U.S. Department of Transportation will "renake" U.S. airspace, Transportation secretary Sean Duffy said at an event on Wednesday. There's general agreement in aviation circles that FAA systems and processes need updating and investment. But rapid changes could bring new safety risks if made without proper testing and implementation. What we're watching: Musk's SpaceX runs in commercial airspace, which means that the FAA oversees the company, raising questions about conflicts.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/05/politico-trump-musk-government-aid	2025/02/06		
Musk sets sights on aviation reform	Fuck that guy	Last year, Musk threatened to sue the FAA over "regulatory overreach" when the agency did not approve SpaceX's launch licenses quickly enough.	https://thn.fox.us/only-free-news-for-DC	2025/02/06		
DOGE searches for DEI information at U.S. climate, oceans agency	Fuck that guy	DOGE representatives at NOAA are combing through IT databases to find employees associated with DEI initiatives, according to a source familiar at the oceans and atmosphere agency. How Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency handles NOAA's information resources and workforce is critical for Americans since the agency provides severe weather warnings, researches climate change, protects fisheries and more. Employees were told DOGE is looking for "DEI content," the person familiar stated.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/05/doge-noaa-dei-information-search	2025/02/06		
What does Elon Musk get out of remaking the government?	Fuck that guy	Schifflet says that to the extent that Musk continues to amass wealth and power, he will do so. Now in this new role, he is in the position of being able to influence which companies get government contracts. "He really has the ability to, like, overturn how government has historically worked in this country and change it. And while some of what's happening... I think that there are a lot of legal questions... they will take a while to resolve. And in the meantime, Elon and his team are really running rampant."	https://www.npr.com/2025/02/04/1228912524/what-does-elon-musk-get-out-of-remaking-the-government	2025/02/06		
Federal employee unions are suing the Treasury and alleging Elon Musk's DOGE gained illegal and 'unprecedented' access to data	Fuck that guy	Three federal employee unions have accused the Treasury Department of giving Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency unlawful access to sensitive information. In a lawsuit filed Monday, lawyers acting for the Alliance for Retired Americans, the American Federation of Government Employees, and the Service Employees International Union said Scott Bessent, the Treasury secretary, violated federal law when he shared the department's data with DOGE. Highlighting a Talking Points Memo piece about how Musk's team is implementing untested code into the U.S. Treasury to create new paths that "block payments and possibly leave less visibility into what has been blocked," Yung warned that the world's richest man was creating a "backdoor into the US Treasury." "This is incredibly dangerous both because of its intended use [by Elon and Trump] and the risk of other actors exploiting a major security vulnerability to cause a massive disruption to the US government," Yung continued.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-employee-unions-suing-treasury-20250206	2025/02/06		
The Real Threat of Elon Musk's Treasury Takeover Exposed	Fuck that guy	"There's clearly no QA process, live testing with mocks, technical support for bugs, etc.," Yung said. "This is insane. It's the coding equivalent of hammering a complex, fragile machine until it does what you want."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/most-dangerous-part-elon-musk-1613156	2025/02/06		
Trump Admin Invites Elon Musk and DOGE to Wreck Country's Places Next	Fuck that guy	The United States is now getting aviation safety consultations from the adolescent minions of a man whose cybertruck is a death trap and whose rockets often explode. That's not to mention the Tesla regularly crashing and erupting in flames.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-famous-self-crashing-213102	2025/02/06		
Elon Musk will now 'plug in' to also commandeer US air traffic control system, says Transportation Secretary	Fuck that guy	Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy announced Wednesday that Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) will take part in upgrading the U.S. aviation system following the deadliest airline accident in decades. Musk has had a difficult relationship with the Federal Aviation Administration since at least 2023, according to Time. The FAA accused Musk's company SpaceX X last September of having used a launch control room for one of its missions which had not been approved by the agency. The FAA ended up firing SpaceX for that and a number of other violations more than \$800,000. Legal experts disagree over whether Musk's widening role in government means he needs to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a cabinet officer. Generally, officials who report directly to the president and enjoy high levels of autonomy over major decisions need to be Senate-confirmed. Ethics and conflict-of-interest rules for special government employees are generally self-policed by the White House. Some lawmakers, legal experts and advocacy groups say Musk has no authority to shut down or interfere with the work of agencies set up and funded by Congress.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-musk-traffic-control	2025/02/06		
Explainer: Is Elon Musk's government efficiency drive 'legal'?	Fuck that guy	Governance experts also say Musk appears to have already exceeded the mandate granted by the executive order Trump signed setting up DOGE on Jan. 20. The interim U.S. attorney in Washington warned Monday his office would pursue charges against "anyone who impedes" the work of tech entrepreneur Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, which President Donald Trump has tasked with dismantling the federal bureaucracy. His whole operation is the definitely-not-a-real-government-agency Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) is operating in dubious territory to start with, with many charging that parts of it are wholly illegal. ... To be clear: doxing and harassment — publishing someone's address online, sending threatening emails, etc. — are indeed bad! But journalists revealing the names and ages of the young men now knees-deep in a widely decried and possibly illegal romp into the infrastructure of our government is baseline transparency. Especially because, again, DOGE is not even a real government agency, and currently seems to be enjoying little to no guardrails or oversight.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/explainer-elon-musk-s-government-efficiency-drive-20250206	2025/02/06		
DOJ threatens legal action against 'anyone who impedes' Elon Musk's DOGE work	Fuck that guy	The interim U.S. attorney in Washington warned Monday his office would pursue charges against "anyone who impedes" the work of tech entrepreneur Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, which President Donald Trump has tasked with dismantling the federal bureaucracy. His whole operation is the definitely-not-a-real-government-agency Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) is operating in dubious territory to start with, with many charging that parts of it are wholly illegal. ... To be clear: doxing and harassment — publishing someone's address online, sending threatening emails, etc. — are indeed bad! But journalists revealing the names and ages of the young men now knees-deep in a widely decried and possibly illegal romp into the infrastructure of our government is baseline transparency. Especially because, again, DOGE is not even a real government agency, and currently seems to be enjoying little to no guardrails or oversight.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doj-threatens-legal-action-against-20250206	2025/02/06		
Elon Musk Says Naming Specific Government Workers Is Illegal. After Doing Exactly That Himself	Fuck that guy	The SpaceX CEO's decrying of basic transparency as unlawful is particularly hollow given that Musk himself has a well-documented history of singling out specific federal employees by name, promoting an X post as recently as November that shared the name of a federal employee singled out for her work in "climate diversification" — and, as a result, launched a throng of woefully ill-informed harassment her way.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-says-naming-specific-2018007	2025/02/06		
DOJ says will not fire FBI agents who acted in 'ethical' way over Jan. 6 cases	Government- DOJ	A top Justice Department official said FBI agents who "simply followed orders and carried out their duties in an ethical manner" when conducting investigations into the Jan. 6 Capitol riot do not face the risk of being fired.	https://www.npr.com/2025/02/05/a-1498416-fbi-january-6-fired-justice	2025/02/06		

		But the 61-year-old building contractor was incensed to learn from ProPublica that his name, age, New Hampshire address, phone number and registered voting status were in a database compiled by the gun industry's chief lobbying group to help friendly politicians win elections. Douglas is one of millions of people whose sensitive personal information was compiled over two decades by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, working with some of America's most iconic gun-makers and retailers. As ProPublica previously reported, the industry group assembled data on this collection of gun owners and others without their knowledge or consent to persuade them to vote in the industry's interests. The NSSF credited the campaign with landmark victories that vanquished gun control efforts. In 2016, as part of a push to get Donald Trump elected president for the first time and to help Republicans keep the Senate, the NSSF worked with the consultancy Cambridge Analytica to turbocharge the information that it had on potential voters. The U.S. subsidiary of a London-based firm, which would later go out of business and a global scandal over its handling of confidential consumer data, Cambridge reached up to the people in the database with 5,000 additional facts about them that it drew from other sources. The details were far-ranging and intimate. Along with the potential voters' income, debts and religious affiliation, analysts learned whether they liked the work of the painter Thomas Kinkadee and whether the underwear women had purchased was plus size or petite. Cambridge analysts ran the enhanced data through an algorithm to create psychological profiles that allowed for more incisive targeting. Potential voters were assigned one of five personality groups: risk-takers, carers, go-getters, individuals and supporters. Each got a tailored message. Risk-takers were viewed as highly neurotic and susceptible to ads that prodded their fears. Campaign records show, Go-getters, on the other hand, would respond better to messages of optimism and the promise of a better future.		
Gun Lobbyists and Cambridge Analytica Weaponized Gun Owners' Private Details for Political Gain	Gun Nuts	Dairy cattle in Nevada have been infected with a new type of bird flu that's different from the version that has spread in US herds since last year, agriculture department officials said on Wednesday. The detection indicates that distinct flocks of the virus known as type A H5N1 have spilled over from wild birds into cattle at least twice. Experts said it raises new questions about wider spread and the difficulty of controlling infections in animals and the people who work closely with them.	https://www.propublica.org/articles/gun-lobbying-cambridge-analytica-n	2025/02/06
US officials detect second bird flu strain in dairy cattle	Health: Bird Flu	"I always thought one bird-to-cow transmission was a very rare event. Seems that may not be the case," said Richard Webby, an influenza expert at St Jude Children's Research Hospital. The newly named Camp Hill virus is part of the hennipara family, which also includes the deadly Nipah and Hendra viruses, which rank among the World Health Organization's biggest pandemic threats and kill up to 70 percent of people they infect.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/05/bird-flu-us-cattle	2025/02/06
Experts who predicted Covid years in advance reveal how new virus in Alabama could trigger pandemic	Health: Camp Hill Virus	Dr Dyck added: "I would say that there are three things that keep me up at night: One is a nuclear war. The second is the implications of a changing climate, and the third is a global pandemic. The Camp Hill virus sits squarely in the bullseye of the pandemic cone."	https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-14326817/experts-covid-pandemic.html	2025/02/06
Three Years After Experimental Vaccine, These Patients Are Still Cancer-Free	Health: Cancer	Scientists at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and elsewhere developed the vaccine, which is designed to prevent advanced cases of kidney cancer from returning. Since the trial patients received the vaccine roughly three years ago, they have stayed cancer-free. The early results suggest that these vaccines may someday be able to lockle a wider variety of cancers than expected, the researchers say.	https://vgimodo.com/three-years-after-experimental-vaccine-these-patients-are-still-cancer-free/	2025/02/06
How Trump's EPA Threatens Efforts to Clean Up Areas Affected Most by Dangerous Air Pollution	Health: EPA	President Donald Trump threatens to dismantle the steps his predecessor took to curb pollution. In just over two weeks, the Trump administration has ordered a halt to proposed regulations, fired the EPA's inspector general, frozen federal funding for community projects and launched a process that could force thousands of EPA employees from their jobs.	https://www.propublica.org/articles/donald-trump-epa-toxic-air-pollution	2025/02/06
North Carolina tuberculosis cases rising for first time in decades following one of the worst outbreaks in U.S. history	Health: TB	Cases of tuberculosis are on the rise for the first time in decades amid one of the worst outbreaks of the world's deadliest infectious disease in the nation's history. Over the course of the last week, Durham's Duke University Hospital has seen fewer than 10 cases. But that's still higher than normal, according to infectious disease scientist Dr. Nicholas Turner.		
Mitch McConnell, 82, Taken Away in Wheelchair After Falling Twice	Health: Viceses	Last year, the state saw 250 active tuberculosis cases, and 215 were reported in 2023. That marks an increase from 164 cases recorded during the previous year.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/tuberculosis-outbreak-north-carolina/	2025/02/06
‘Clear signs of authoritarianism’: Ecuador’s ‘iron fist’ leader seeks re-election	International: Ecuador	The heir to a banana fortune, Noboa, 37, became Ecuador's youngest president in 2023 after surprisingly winning a snap election to complete the term of the former president, Guillermo Lasso, who had dissolved Congress and resigned to avoid impeachment. Noboa was one of three Latin American presidents who attended Donald Trump's inauguration at the US Capitol, along with El Salvador's Nayib Bukele and Argentina's Javier Milei.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/05/ecuador-election-presidential	2025/02/06
Wyoming Senators Demand \$9 Million Cuts of Federal Land, It's Part of a Coordinated Land-Grab by Wealthy States	Land	"All Americans should be very concerned about this proposal, because I'm sure other Western states would do the same thing if this was somehow allowed," Earl DeGroot, one of the original supporters of Keep It Public Wyoming and the admin of Wyoming Sportsman for Federal Lands, tells Outdoor Life. "I moved to Wyoming forty years ago to be near public land, and I stay here for the federal land. Land that belongs to all Americans, not just the state of Wyoming or a handful of legislators".	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wyoming-senators-demand-50-million-22-15487720.html	2025/02/06
Judiciary Democrats call for second hearing on Kash Patel	Political: Ceespool	Senate Judiciary Democrats are calling for a second hearing for FBI director nominee Kash Patel, arguing he must answer questions about a surge of firings at the agency as well as "false statements" made during his hearing.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judiciary-democrats-call-second-hearing-kash-patel-175428.html	2025/02/06
Top Justice Department official accuses FBI leadership of insubordination over January 6 inquiry	Political: Ceespool	The acting deputy attorney general accused FBI leadership of "insubordination" by refusing to identify a "core team" of bureau employees who worked on January 6 investigations, while trying to assure that rank-and-file agents who "simply followed orders" will not be fired unless they "acted with cowardly or partisan intent," according to a copy of a memo obtained by CNN.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/top-justice-department-official-accuses-fbi-leadership-of-insubordination-over-january-6-inquiry-175428.html	2025/02/06
New Head of the USAID Reportedly Stormed Capitol on Jan. 6	Political: Ceespool	Rubio on Monday tapped State Department Director of Foreign Assistance Pete Marozco to take over USAID, Marozco, a former Trump appointee and longtime critic of USAID, was pushed out of the agency during Trump's first term. He also was allegedly photographed storming the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/head-usaid-reportedly-stormed-capitol-16-jan-6-2021-175428.html	2025/02/06
What's Next on Trump's Chopping Block? Look at Pete Hegseth's Vermo	Political: Ceespool	Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth's shockingly non-private Vermo account shines a light into the shadow corners of the supposedly antieestablishment warrior's completely establishment inner circle—and also illuminates the path forward for Donald Trump's Defense Department, according to a new report from The American Prospect.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/what-next-on-trumps-chopping-block-look-at-pete-hegseths-vermo-175428.html	2025/02/06
Democrat phones bombarded with calls to 'fight harder'	Politics	The call of characters listed under Hegseth's friends on the mobile payment app, which includes Washington elites, defense contractors, and private health care executives, suggests that he plans to steer the Defense Department toward widespread privatization.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/democrats-congress-trump-musk-dc-175428.html	2025/02/06
House Democrat plans articles of impeachment against Trump	Politics	Hegseth's lapse in personal security—a list of all his buddies available for public viewing—is a disturbing feature for the guy in charge of the Pentagon. Last month, Democratic Senator Tammy Duckworth warned that Hegseth was potentially "vulnerable to blackmail," given his shady dealings with a woman who accused him of sexual assault in 2017.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-democrat-plans-articles-impeachment-against-trump-175428.html	2025/02/06
Project 2025 Is Here	Project 2025	Rep. Al Green (D-Texas) said Wednesday he plans to introduce articles of impeachment against President Trump after just two weeks of the new president's second term. The effort is almost certain to fail, but it is the latest example of progressive Democrats trying to revive the anti-Trump resistance that helped sweep them into power during the last Trump administration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/project-2025-donald-trump-175428.html	2025/02/06
Trump's birthright citizenship order fires US citizens by Nevada	Trump bushit	Project 2025 looked very much like the agenda for a second Trump term, as I wrote at the time, even if then candidate Trump was keeping it at arm's length. That's understandable given how unpopular this right-wing road map was during the presidential race—even among Republicans. About 33% of Republicans say they view the plan negatively," NBC News found in a September poll, "with just 17% saying they have positive views of the plan." The Project 2025 wish list included rolling back LGBTQ+ protections, curbing abortion rights, and banning pornography, as well as greatly increasing presidential powers.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-birthright-citizenship-federal-judges-175428.html	2025/02/06
Would it be legal for Trump to send US citizens to El Salvador jails?	Trump Bushit	In fact, no court has endorsed the president's interpretation, and this court will not be the first," she said, according to ABC News.	https://www.rsr.org/2025/02/05/mx-s1-5487720/trump-el-salvador-americans-take-them-seriously/	2025/02/06
Ex-Prosecutor Draws Dark Historical Comparison Over Trump's Jan 6 Killing Moment	Trump Bushit	With Trump, Weissmann argued: "This is saying, 'I am a king. I can disobey all civil service rules.' He has the No. 2 at the Justice Department agreeing. So this is unlike what happened in the 'Saturday Night Massacre,' where the Justice Department saying, 'Fire me because I'm not doing something that's illegal."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ex-prosecutor-draws-dark-historical-comparison-over-trumps-jan-6-killing-moment-1053-175428.html	2025/02/06
VA nurses are in short supply, unions say Trump's deferred resignation plan could make things worse	Trump Bushit	For the federal government's largest group of employees — nurses caring for military veterans through the Department of Veterans Affairs — the Trump administration's deferred resignation offer and its looming Thursday deadline come amid longstanding staffing shortages, deemed severe at more than half of all facilities. Unions are discouraging nurses from accepting the offer, and leaders say an exodus would directly and immediately affect the care of its 9.1 million enrolled veterans.	https://nnews.com/articles/news/veterans-military-veterans-affairs-trump-defer	2025/02/06
Donald Trump has imperial ambitions. Why won't anyone take him seriously?	Trump Bushit	If Vladimir Putin said it, the Security Council would have already met to condemn the Russian leader and push for binding resolutions. NATO jets would be scrambled. The Pentagon budget would double overnight along with Raytheon's stock price. Instead, Trump's imperial ambitions have been met with shrug, both at home and abroad.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/politics-us-take/	2025/02/06

199,869 Eggs Stolen From US Supplier in \$49K Heist	Weird World	And now we've come, coming to us from Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Approximately 100,000 eggs, totaling around \$40,000 worth of yolks, were stolen from a distribution trailer at Pete and ... The eggs were warehouse in Astoria, Oregon.	https://www.vice.com/en/article/t100000-eggs-stolen-from-us-supplier-in-49k-heist	2025/02/06	
Adorable endangered Malaysian tapir calf born at Washington zoo	Weird World	An endangered and rare Malaysian tapir calf was born this weekend at Washington's Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium. Only the second tapir birth there in more than a hundred years, the unnamed newborn resembles a "fuzzy, walking watermelon."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/nature/tapir-born-point-defiance-zoo-washington-182538331	2025/02/06	
Key safety system off in Army helicopter that collided with American Airlines jet, senator says	Aviation	A key safety system was turned off on the U.S. Army helicopter that collided with an American Airlines regional jet last week near Washington's Reagan Airport, killing 67. A search of Alaskan waters is underway in rough weather after a regional airline flight with 10 people on board went missing, according to local and state officials. The Cessna aircraft, operated by Bering Air, was en route Thursday from Unalakleet to Nome, cities in western Alaska separated by the Norton Sound inlet, according to the Alaska State Troopers. The state police agency was notified at 4 p.m. "an overture aircraft" had gone missing with nine passengers and a pilot on board, I said in a dispatch message shared on its website.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/aviation/wp/2025/02/07/bering-air-cessna-bering-air-hk/index/	2025/02/07	
Crews searching open waters in Alaska for flight that went missing with 16 on board	Aviation	It was a bad few weeks for one particular Boeing plane, which appears to have been diverted four times in 25 days. An American Airlines 787-8 Dreamliner with the registration code N819AN appeared to repeatedly take off and then changing its direction back to its departure airport throughout January into February.	https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/07/us/alaska-cessna-bering-air-hk/index/	2025/02/07	
The same Boeing passenger plane keeps being diverted after take-off...what's going on?	Aviation	A federal judge Wednesday furthered a block of President Trump's executive order preventing the children of migrants without legal status from receiving birthright citizenship.	https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/american-airline-blocked-182621626	2025/02/07	
Crews block on Trump's order restricting birthright citizenship	Borders and immigration	A former police officer attacked during the January 6 insurrection was heckled outside the Capitol by a roller pardoned by Donald Trump. Former U.S. Capitol Police officer Harry Dunn was confronted after gathering on the Capitol steps Wednesday honoring fellow fallen officer Brian Sicknick, who died after suffering two strokes the day after he was attacked and sprayed with bear mace during the riot.	https://news.yahoo.com/news/federal-judge-cerente-block-trump-order-182621626	2025/02/07	
Pardoned Jan 6 felon heckles former Capitol police officer Harry Dunn outside building	Census-january six	Fellows brawled to Dunn that he "had a blast" at the White House, and "took some epic selfies." He told the former officer: "You should probably lose some weight."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/harry-dunn-182621626	2025/02/07	
Exclusive: OM, Pepsi, Disney, others scrub some DEI references from investor reports	Economy- DEI	At least a dozen of the largest U.S. companies have deleted some, or all, references to "diversity, equity, and inclusion" and "DEI" from their most recent annual reports to investors, an NPR analysis of regulatory filings has found. In some cases, all of these companies made references to diversity and inclusion in their disclosures — in it in their reports, all of these companies have rewritten at least some of this language. In a year ago, they no longer mention "diversity" at all.	https://www.npr.com/2025/02/07/mx-1-5288947/trump-dei-disney-pepsi/	2025/02/07	
River near Buenos Aires turns bright red after suspected industrial dye leak	Environment-Pollution	A small river in greater Buenos Aires was dyed a deep and worrying shade of red on Thursday after what is thought to have been a leak of dye from a nearby factory. "A local paper, La Verdad, reported residents saying that a "nauseating" smell was coming off the water, and that they suspected the culprit was a nearby tannery. President Trump and Elon Musk's assault on government data is fueling concerns in business, academia, newsmen and beyond that critical information about vital subjects may be unreliable — if it exists at all. Everything from how we allocate Congressional seats to the weather app on your phone relies at least in part on accurate government data. If that data becomes unavailable or is seen as untrustworthy, it could have far-reaching consequences across politics, business, health and beyond. Government data collection is taxpayer-funded — Americans have paid to collect this knowledge, so we're all entitled to use it.	https://www.theguardian.com/weather/2025/feb/07/river-near-buenos-aires/	2025/02/07	
What we all lose in Trump and Musk's attack on government data	Fuck that guy	A federal judge signed an order on Thursday temporarily restricting the Elon Musk-headed Department of Government Efficiency's access to sensitive Treasury payment system information. The order limits Treasury Department employees affiliated with DOGE to just two individuals with "read-only" access to the data. This comes in response to a lawsuit aiming at blocking DOGE's access to sensitive information.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/07/trump-musk-doge-government-data	2025/02/07	information blackout
DOGE's Treasury access limited amid privacy lawsuit	Fuck that guy	Marko Elez, a 25-year-old software engineer, was working inside the Treasury Department to cut costs and not out of fear, as part of Musk's DOGE effort. Elez, who formerly worked at Musk companies X and SpaceX, was one of two temporary appointees at Treasury connected to DOGE who have been granted access to a highly sensitive Treasury system that processes billions of dollars in payments every year.	https://www.npr.com/2025/02/06/mx-1-5289337/elon-musk-doge-treasury	2025/02/07	
Member of Elon Musk's DOGE team resigns after racist posts resurface	Fuck that guy	Former Republican congressman Liz Cheney has attacked the world's richest man Elon Musk and drawn attention to the fact that he has not always been a US citizen as part of a social media spat between the pair.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-arrived-u-s-age-170400299.html	2025/02/07	
Elon Musk, who arrived in the U.S. at age 21, is being questioned on his citizenship again. What to know	Fuck that guy	In addition to his American citizenship, Musk also retains South Africa citizenship and is also a Canadian citizen through his mother Maye Musk, who was born and raised in Canada but lived most of the adult life in South Africa. The impoundment issue is also part of the back and forth over cutting foreign aid as well as plans for scaling back green energy projects. It's even an element of the opposition to access that Musk's team has gained to a sensitive \$5 trillion payments system at the US Treasury Department. "There is real danger," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said Tuesday, that Musk's team "let not only have access to Americans' private information but they will use that to cut programs left and right." According to Wired's reporting, there's growing concern that the binding number of policy decisions are being made at such a breakneck pace that even the president's office isn't capable of keeping track — an unease that highlights just how chaotic and destructive the first two weeks of Trump's tenure have been. Many have also pointed out that Musk and Trump's on-and-off-again relationship could be greatly strained by having the former actively pull the purse strings and assume control — actions that could directly undermine the agency of the president himself.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/the-early-trump-and-musk-fights-over-170400299.html	2025/02/07	
The early Trump and Musk fights over spending could be just a taste of the chaos to come	Fuck that guy	Trump also appears to be fairly clueless about what it is DOGE is actually doing. The president told Fox News on Tuesday that he had no idea where DOGE staffers were working, despite getting office space inside the White House itself, as flagged by Wired. White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt raised eyebrows during a briefing Wednesday when he said Elon Musk is self-policing potential conflicts of interest that may arise between his business empire and his role in running the nonofficial Department of Government Efficiency, which is seeking to slash public spending. The press secretary replied: "The president was already asked and answered this question this week, and he said if Elon Musk comes across a conflict of interest with the contracts and the funding that DOGE is overseeing, then Elon will excuse himself from those contracts. And he has again answered by all applicable laws."	https://news.yahoo.com/news/trump-loyalties-reportedly-furious-elon-d-170400299.html	2025/02/07	
Trump Loyalties Reportedly Furious With Elon Musk Over DOGE Coup	Fuck that guy	The press secretary replied: "The president was already asked and answered this question this week, and he said if Elon Musk comes across a conflict of interest with the contracts and the funding that DOGE is overseeing, then Elon will excuse himself from those contracts. And he has again answered by all applicable laws."	https://news.yahoo.com/news/trump-administrations-defense-elon-musk-170400299.html	2025/02/07	
Trump Administration's Defense Of Musk Leaves Critics In Disbelief	Fuck that guy	"Things Are Going to Get Intense": How a Musk Ally Plans to Push AI on the Government	https://www.404media.com/things-are-going-to-get-intense-how-a-musk-ally-plans-to-push-ai-on-the-government	2025/02/07	
'Things Are Going to Get Intense': How a Musk Ally Plans to Push AI on the Government	Fuck that guy	The AI probe includes data with personally identifiable information for people who manage grants, as well as sensitive internal financial data, the two people said. They described DOGE activities at the Education Department on the condition of anonymity due to fear of retaliation. The DOGE team is using AI software accessed through Microsoft's cloud computing service Azure to pore over every dollar of money the department disburses, from contracts to grants to work trip expenses, one of the people said. Lower-level department staffers were confused by agency leadership to let Musk's teams access the sensitive financial data, the person said.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/mallon/2025/02/06/elon-musk-doge-ai/	2025/02/07	
Elon Musk's DOGE is feeding sensitive federal data into AI to target cuts	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk's bid through the US federal government has triggered a "constitutional emergency", a senior Democrat has warned, demanding the launch of an impartial investigation into billionaire tycoon's access to sensitive data. "This is a constitutional emergency," he wrote. "Insofar as the Inspectors General of the Departments of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services have been fired by President Trump, there is now a void of oversight for a very young and inexperienced team and their leader, the world's richest man — as they gain dangerously broad powers." Scott calls for the agency to provide answers into the legality and impacts of DOGE infringing private and sensitive data as these federal departments.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/mallon/2025/02/06/elon-musk-doge-ai/	2025/02/07	
'Constitutional emergency': senior US Democrat demands inquiry into Musk's government bid	Fuck that guy	The emergence of X owner Elon Musk as the most influential figure around President Donald Trump has created an extraordinary dynamic — a White House adviser who's using one of the world's most powerful information platforms to sell the government's talking points while intimidating its detractors. ... Musk isn't bound to all the same ethics and financial disclosures as some other federal workers because he is classified as a special government employee. Trump earlier this week dismissed concerns about Musk's conflicts of interest, saying, "Where we think there's a conflict of there's a problem, we will hot him go near it." We are deeply concerned that unauthorized system access could be occurring across the federal government and could pose a major threat to the personal privacy of all Americans and to the national security of our nation, the lawmakers said in the letter. "Outbreaks are not contained because scientists are ordered to stop talking about them," Sen. Dick Durbin, a Democrat from Illinois, said in a Wednesday night statement calling for the publication to be restarted. MMWR issues typically run 20 to 25 pages and contain four or more reports about disease investigations, health trends or other public health developments. Thursday's publication was shorter than usual: just over eight pages, with two short reports. Democratic attorneys general in several states vowed Thursday to file a lawsuit to stop Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency from accessing federal payment systems containing Americans' sensitive personal information. Government officials and labor unions have been among those raising concerns about DOGE's involvement with the payment system for the federal government, saying it could lead to security risks or leaked payments data for programs such as Social Security and Medicare. Congressional Republicans have offered scant criticism of Trump's power plays, but Democrats have accelerated their attacks on Trump's moves: about two dozen Democratic state attorneys general have filed lawsuits, and federal court judges have temporarily halted two of Trump's more extremist moves. I'd like to first start with the elephant in the room, began the committee's top Democrat, Rep. Bobby Scott of Virginia. "The irony is not lost on me that we're here to discuss the state of American education while the current administration is actively discussing how to dismantle the main federal agency responsible for ensuring a safe, quality education for all students." Nearly 170 employees at the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR) were placed on paid administrative leave on Thursday, according to agency officials speaking on the condition of anonymity because they fear retaliation. Many of the employees put on leave worked part-time or primarily on environmental justice efforts designed to reduce environmental harms to poor and minority communities that have, historically and at present, faced disproportionate harm from environmental and climate pollution. While the implications aren't entirely clear, scientists say it's a concerning development that could mark a new chapter in the outbreak. The news comes at a time when a pause in routine communication from federal health agencies has made it hard to discern exactly what's going on. "We really haven't heard a word about how the CDC is continuing to respond, or if they're responding at all, which makes it very, very difficult for academics and people outside the government to contribute," says Angela Rasmussen, a virologist at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada. An unprecedented number of people in the U.S. were infected with bird flu this past year. In this country, a lot of science focused on the virus in dairy cows and in poultry. But researchers say something ominous is happening in wild animals and not just birds. NPR's Gabrielle Emanuel reports. The beaches were just loaded with carcasses. We estimate about 18,000 dead baby elephant seals. When Uhart was standing on that beach, she says she could see birds stumbling around, having seizures on the sand. If she looked up? UHART: It was just, like, birds flying, you know, falling out of the sky dead. So, yeah, I mean, it is very dramatic. It is very dramatic. Dramatic and worrisome because what she saw was evidence that this very deadly virus had found a way to travel and fast.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/07/mx-1-5288147/trump-edu-depart-170400299.html	2025/02/07	
EPA employees who work on environmental justice are put on leave	Government-EPA	Nearly 170 employees at the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR) were placed on paid administrative leave on Thursday, according to agency officials speaking on the condition of anonymity because they fear retaliation. Many of the employees put on leave worked part-time or primarily on environmental justice efforts designed to reduce environmental harms to poor and minority communities that have, historically and at present, faced disproportionate harm from environmental and climate pollution. While the implications aren't entirely clear, scientists say it's a concerning development that could mark a new chapter in the outbreak. The news comes at a time when a pause in routine communication from federal health agencies has made it hard to discern exactly what's going on. "We really haven't heard a word about how the CDC is continuing to respond, or if they're responding at all, which makes it very, very difficult for academics and people outside the government to contribute," says Angela Rasmussen, a virologist at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada. An unprecedented number of people in the U.S. were infected with bird flu this past year. In this country, a lot of science focused on the virus in dairy cows and in poultry. But researchers say something ominous is happening in wild animals and not just birds. NPR's Gabrielle Emanuel reports. The beaches were just loaded with carcasses. We estimate about 18,000 dead baby elephant seals. When Uhart was standing on that beach, she says she could see birds stumbling around, having seizures on the sand. If she looked up? UHART: It was just, like, birds flying, you know, falling out of the sky dead. So, yeah, I mean, it is very dramatic. It is very dramatic. Dramatic and worrisome because what she saw was evidence that this very deadly virus had found a way to travel and fast.	https://www.npr.com/2025/02/06/mx-1-5289331/epa-employees-who-w-170400299.html	2025/02/07	
New Bird Flu variant in cattle adds to concerns about federal response under Trump	Health- Bird Flu	UHART: It's like wildlife. I mean, it just killed everything it encountered. We were all skeptical that this could be possible, but then somehow this started happening with the virus. ... The beaches were just loaded with carcasses. We estimate about 18,000 dead baby elephant seals. When Uhart was standing on that beach, she says she could see birds stumbling around, having seizures on the sand. If she looked up? UHART: It was just, like, birds flying, you know, falling out of the sky dead. So, yeah, I mean, it is very dramatic. It is very dramatic. Dramatic and worrisome because what she saw was evidence that this very deadly virus had found a way to travel and fast.	https://www.npr.com/2025/02/05/mx-1-5288457/bird-flu-is-taking-a-mas-170400299.html	2025/02/07	

C.D.C. Posts, Then Deletes, Data on Bird Flu Spread, Between Cats and Poultry	Health- Bird Flu	Cats that became infected with bird flu might have spread the virus to humans in the same household and vice versa, according to data that briefly appeared online in a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention but then abruptly vanished. The data appear to have been mistakenly posted but includes crucial information about the risks of bird flu to people and pets.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/06/health/cdc-bird-flu-cats-people.html	2025/02/07	
Donald Trump's NIH Pick Just Launched a Controversial Scientific Journal	Health- Danger	President Donald Trump's nominees to lead the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration, Jay Bhattacharya and Mary Makary, are among the editorial board members of a newly launched scientific journal that includes a group of scientists who promoted herd immunity for Covid-19, criticized pandemic-era public health measures, and downplayed the virus. Kansas is experiencing one of the largest tuberculosis (TB) outbreaks ever recorded in the US, as public health powers at the state and federal level have been greatly curtailed.	https://www.wired.com/story/trump-nih-pick-launched-controversial-sci-journal/	2025/02/07	
Kansas rocks on with large tuberculosis outbreak as health officials hamstring	Health- TB	"You can think of TB outbreaks like a canary in the coalmine of our public health infrastructure," said David Dowdy, professor of epidemiology at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. "What causes them to happen is a weakening of our public health infrastructure."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/06/kansas-tuberculosis	2025/02/07	
Louisiana coerced unhoused people into an unheated warehouse – and paid \$17.5m for it	Humans rights	On a pre-dawn morning in January, state police and other agencies directed by the Louisiana governor, Jeff Landry, descended on homeless encampments throughout downtown New Orleans. More than 120 unhoused people were bused – under threat of arrest – to an industrial warehouse miles away, dubbed the "transitional center".	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/06/louisiana-unhoused	2025/02/07	
Scoop: Trump orders key government agency to cancel all media contracts	Information blackout	The White House has directed the General Services Administration to terminate "every single media contract" expensed by the agency, according to an email obtained by Axios.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/06/trump-politics-subscriptions-doge-at	2025/02/07	
The death of American soft power	International Relations	President Trump is taking a sledgehammer to a bedrock of U.S. foreign policy, ripping up decades of "soft power" in favor of a highly personalized, transactional, coercive style of dealmaking. But the headlines obscure a longer-term risk: Trump is gutting key aspects of America's global influence and the workforce that promotes it – leaving a vacuum that U.S. adversaries are eager to fill.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/07/trump-soft-power-diplomacy-lar/ra	2025/02/07	
Panama Canal denies Trump admin. claim U.S. gov't vessels can now transit for free	International- Panama	The Panama Canal Authority late Wednesday said it has made no change to its tolls or other fees, denying the Trump administration claim that it has agreed to no longer charge U.S. government vessels for transiting the important trade route.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/panama-canal-denies-trump-admin-0709	2025/02/07	ies
Trump administration 2.0: Confirmed Cabinet so far	Political Cespool	"In response to a publication released by the United States Department of State, the Panama Canal Authority, which is authorized to set tolls and other fees for transiting the Canal, reports that it has not made any adjustments to them," it said in a statement.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/04/trump-cabinet-confirmed-members	2025/02/07	
Ruus Vought confirmed as Trump's budget director, amid Dem protest	Political Cespool	The Senate voted along party lines Thursday to confirm Russ Vought as President Trump's budget chief after Democrats staged an all-night protest session. As head of the Office of Management and Budget, Vought will have the power to implement many of the key aspects of Trump's agenda. Democrats have sounded the alarm on him as the Trump administration rolls out plans to radically reshape the federal government.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/07/vought-confirmed-senate-omb-bu	2025/02/07	Project 2025
Senate confirms Russell Vought to lead the Office of Management and Budget	Political Cespool	The Senate on Thursday confirmed Russell Vought, a key architect of Project 2025, to lead the White House Office of Management and Budget.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-confirms-russell-vought-lead-003f	2025/02/07	
Republicans say they are nearing deal on Trump's tax cuts, divided on cost	Political Cespool	Before serving in Trump's administration, Vought was the former vice president of the Heritage Action for America, the sister organization to the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank that created a savings and controversial policy blueprint known as Project 2025.	https://news.yahoo.com/news/republicans-nearing-deal-trumps-tax-22/	2025/02/07	
Why Trump thinks he can get away with it	Political Cespool	Republicans are trying to use a legislative maneuver to bypass the opposition of Senate Democrats, which will require near unanimity that has often eluded their fractious House caucus over the past two years.	https://www.msnbc.com/opinion/mcbride-opinion/us-senate-vought-trump-op	2025/02/07	
Congressional Democrats denied entry to EPA headquarters	Politics- DO SOMETHING	But other administration actions go further, carried out despite laws that would prevent them — or, more accurately in some cases, in spite of those laws. For example, the president has de facto shut down the U.S. Agency for International Development, ordering its workers on paid leave and for the first time placing the independent agency under the authority of the State Department. He's likewise fired over a dozen inspectors general without notifying Congress first and moved to hobble other independent agencies like the National Labor Relations Board and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, removing Democratic members regardless of protections against being ousted without cause.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/06/democrats-denied-entry-epa-doge-n	2025/02/07	
Court rulings test limits of Trump's power	Politics- DO SOMETHING	A federal judge on Thursday paused the Trump administration's "buyout" offer for federal employees hours before it was set to expire. Multiple judges have now ordered freezes on President Trump's plan to end brightlight citizenship. Lawsuits involving Elon Musk's takeover of federal agencies are just getting started, but they're already resulting in some limits on the DOGE team.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/06/judges-rule-against-trump-doge-buy	2025/02/07	
FEC chair says Trump has moved to fire her	Trump Bulshit	Federal Election Commission Commissioner and Chair Ellen Weintraub said Thursday evening President Trump has moved to fire her, but she indicated she won't be removed from office without a fight.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/07/fec-commissioner-trump-removed-fi	2025/02/07	
Read: Trump sued by unions over "illegal" move to dismantle USAID	Trump Bulshit	"There's a legal way to replace FEC commissioners — this isn't it. I've been lucky to serve the American people & I'm up some good trouble along the way," said Weintraub, who is a Democrat. "That's not changing anytime soon."	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/07/sued-trump-rubio-sued-cuts	2025/02/07	
Trump makes enemies of his most likely Democratic allies	Trump Bulshit	The Trump administration is being sued over its move to dismantle the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), with unions representing workers in the lawsuit calling the action "unconstitutional and illegal."	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/07/trump-elon-musk-house-democrats	2025/02/07	
Trump's week in review	Trump Bulshit	The lawsuit that was filed in D.C. names as defendants President Trump, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who was recently appointed as USAID's acting administrator, alleging their actions have caused a humanitarian catastrophe.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/07/mx-st-5288318/trump-week-in-review	2025/02/07	
What does Trump mean when he invokes America's 'Manifest Destiny'?	Trump Bulshit	"Not a single one of [defendant's] actions to dismantle USAID" has received congressional approval, notes the suit, filed on behalf of the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) and the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE).	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/07/mx-st-5287892/manifest-destiny-trump	2025/02/07	
Trump's call for U.S. to 'take over' Gaza spurs anger and frustration in Dearborn	Trump Bulshit	Democratic centrists find themselves in an increasingly hostile posture toward the Trump administration over the shock and awe tactics of Elon Musk's DOGE team.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/06/mx-st-5286929/trump-gaza-comments-dea	2025/02/07	ies
Trump's sweeping agenda is hitting legal roadblocks	Trump Bulshit	"Trump has all but poisoned the atmosphere. He's declaring war on not only the Democratic Party but on the Constitution and government as we know it," said Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-N.Y.).	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-evicts-former-coast-	2025/02/07	Project 2025
Trump administration evicts former Coast Guard leader from her house with 3 hours notice	Trump Bulshit	Moskowitz said Musk is "forcing" Democrats into a position of opposing the administration, telling Axios: "I don't know that the DOGE Caucus has a purpose anymore. It appears Elon ... thinks he can do this all himself."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-evicts-former-coast-	2025/02/07	
Kick in the teeth? Disabled federal workers fear for their jobs after Trump remarks	Trump Bulshit	The United States does not have the unrivaled power in the hemisphere it was beginning to gain in the days of Teddy Roosevelt, Freeman says. "Now there is China to compete with, and in most of South America, China's economic weight is decisive."	https://news.yahoo.com/news/kick-teeth-disabled-federal-workers-100f	2025/02/07	
Trump says he's ordering attorney general to target 'anti-Christian bias' with 'religious liberty' task force	Trump Bulshit	Democrats have long counted on the support of voters here, but last year Trump carried Dearborn thanks to widespread anger with the Biden administration over its handling of the war in Gaza. Protests labeled then-President Joe Biden as "Genocide Joe" for his continued support of Israel throughout the war, and Trump won some key endorsement from Imams in the Detroit area, as well as from some elected officials, including the mayor of Hamtramck, Mich., Amer Ghalib, a Democrat.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-	2025/02/07	
Don't give a hoot about sports? The Super Bowl might be for you	Weird World	Alawieh, who did not end up voting for Harris, described Trump on Wednesday as being "reckless," "delusional" and "disqualifying." He said that Trump came to Dearborn during the campaign and "led to a whole bunch of folks saying that he would be a pro-peace president."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/06/mx-st-5287870/anti-christian-bias-religious-liberty-task-force	2025/02/07	
A flooded quarry, a mysterious millionaire and the dream of a new Atlantis	Weird World	In his first weeks in office, Trump has signed more than 50 executive orders aimed at reshaping the government, from targeting brightlight citizenship to changing how transgender inmates are housed. Government agencies have also used the orders to try to freeze federal funding nationwide and offer buyouts to the bulk of government employees.	https://www.theguardian.com/environm/2025/feb/03/flooded-quarry	2025/02/07	

Paradox Museum Miami takes guests through a 21st-century funhouse of mind-boggling illusions. Think you can bellow like a stag? German hunters compete in a national deer calling championship	Weird World	Art gallery, science exhibition and 21st century funhouse. Paradox Museum Miami takes guests on a tour through optical illusions and other enigmas geared for the age of Instagram. The 11,000-square-foot (1,000-square-meter) museum, housed in Miami's trendy Wynwood arts and entertainment district, features more than 70 exhibits that challenge the imagination, executive director Samantha Ingebritsen said.	https://apnews.com/article/paradox-museum-miami-44d594c1e186a9d2	2025/02/07		
After His Beloved Yoga Ball Deflates, Downhearted Donkey Now Has Dozens of Donated Balls From Canadians	Weird World	German hunters tried to convince the jury at a national stag calling championship that they can initiate a bellowing red deer most realistically. Homes for Hooves animal rescue shelter in British Columbia took in a rescue donkey in 2024 that had lived its whole adult life alone, which for a herd animal can be extremely detrimental. Scheduling play dates with other animals didn't go well, but what turned things around was a chance encounter with a yoga ball. After that, Eyoore and the ball became inseparable—and he became so happy, he needed a name change. "The excitement was just pure joy for him," Michelle said. "He just had the time of his life, he had so much fun." Day after day he would exhaust himself pushing, blling, and kicking the yoga ball across his enclosure, until one day the inevitable happened: a hole, a rush of air, and stillness. Donated balls arrived from across the province until Earl Grey was left like a kid in a candy store, with more balls than he knew what to do with. The donations which totaled more than 40 yoga balls were followed by the arrival of three rescue donkeys, the chance at regaining a herd which Singleton always hoped would come for the once depressed animal.	https://apnews.com/article/germany-stag-calling-contest-deer-2e1bcbdd https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/after-his-beloved-yoga-ball-deflates/	2025/02/07		
White Czech Region Is Busy Planning Hydro-Project, Beavers Do It For Them—Saving Millions	Weird World	Gnawing through tree trunks and bureaucratic red tape alike, a colony of Czech beavers recently built a dam exactly where local administrators needed it. Conservationists often talk about species or landscapes performing "ecosystem services" that benefit human civilization. These beavers in the Brdy Protected Landscape demonstrated this phenomenon to a stunning degree, saving the local government 30 million Czech crowns—around \$1.2 million. Management staff in Brdy were looking for planning permission for a dam and reservoir project from the Vltava River Basin authorities, but the process was lagging. That's when local beavers built their dam in the proposed location virtually overnight. When the staff woke up, their problems were seemingly solved. Homes of Dutch society are campaigning to bring risky playgrounds back into their cities and towns as concerns about too much time spent indoors, helicopter parenting, and childhood diabetes risk grow. Some are merely advocating playgrounds with potentially dangerous toys, such as a merry-go-round, but others are seeking places for their children to start fires, build with hammers, and play fight with sticks.	https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/white-a-czech-region-plans-its-hydro/	2025/02/07		
Dutch Bringing Back Risky Play in Parks Where Kids Climb, Sword-Fight with Sticks and Build with Hammers	Weird World	No one wants their children to be injured of course, but the policy proposal from the D66 liberal democrats, which currently holds 7 seats in parliament, acknowledges that without spaces to explore and challenge themselves in, kids risk losing the opportunity to develop crucial skills. ABC News AU reports that Dr. Felicity Cole donates blood often, and sees how the saline used to rehydrate and replenish blood cells in donors is often not fully used by the time the procedure is finished. ... "I knew the product [saline] was being used and a large amount of it was possibly spare or being discarded," she said. Her clinic in Newcastle has experienced shortages of saline in treating animals. It's often used to help pets maintain blood volume while under anesthesia or during trauma operations. In July last year, Dr. Cole wrote to the team at Australia Red Cross Lifeblood to ask if it were possible to salvage that leftover saline for her clinic. "It was such a great idea," Lifeblood spokesperson Jenna Fethermeide said. "But there was certainly some work to do, from our end, to get approval to donate that saline."	https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/dutch-bring-back-risky-play-parks-w/	2025/02/07		
Veterinarian's Simple Question Inspires Wave of Donations of IV Fluids That Would Normally Be Thrown Away	Weird World	Using a method called heat-sealing, bags of saline can be conserved for future use with animals, and Lifeblood has now pioneered best practices for the procedure in case any other facilities want to do the same with leftover saline. Fire department officers on Florida's Sanibel Island were alerted to the plight of a local turtle who had fallen into the sewer. What's more, it seemed to the first responders that the tergan lacked certain mutations and rinjale- like aptly known to be common in sewer turtles, and therefore needed someone else to save it. "The call came into the firehouse and the lady was obviously distraught," Wilkins said. "She was telling us the turtle was in a drain and it had been there for three or four days. She'd called multiple people to help it and no one was coming." A sanctuary island for species of all stripes, the drain was located in a nearby strip mall. Down below, there was enough water to keep the turtle's skin moist, but all around were piles of muck and debris. Opening the grate, two of the fire department officers lowered a third down into the small shaft by his leg. Firefighter Allen Schelm volunteered for the job, and managed to get the turtle out single-handedly.	https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/veterinarians-simple-question-inspires/	2025/02/07		
Lacking Ninja Training, Trapped Turtle Is Rescued From City Sewer by Police and Firefighters	Weird World	An Englishman who had his luxury SUV stolen from his driveway less than 60 hours after driving it home claims the dealership assured him that the vehicle was "unstealable". John, a 45-year-old man from Warwickshire, UK, bought a £163,000 (£227,000) Range Rover 2024 SV Edition One from a dealership in Coventry on December 14, last year. The limited edition SUV (only 550 units were released in the United Kingdom) featured £10,000 graphite wheels, a luxurious high-tech interior, and all sorts of interesting features, like seats that vibrate to the sound of music playing inside the car. John knew that it would attract unwanted attention in a country where the number of luxury vehicle thefts have been increasing in recent years, but he claims the dealership told him that the car featured a new Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) security upgrade that made it "unstealable. Less than 60 hours later, John's car was stolen from his driveway." Michael first planned to build his SuperFarting out of aluminum, but then he realized the raw material alone would cost him about £4,000 (\$5,000) so he decided to go for some steel he had buried in his backyard instead. He then started working on a massive, 165-kilogram front wheel made up of 420 individually-machined pieces, as well as a massive vertical swingarm. The English engineer found a 20-year-old Yamaha R6 that was perfect for his crazy build and spent dozens of hours repositioning its exhaust and radiator, drilling 890 individual holes, and figuring out ways of converting the motorcycle into the world's fastest penny-farting. He made it work, somehow, but when the time came to finally take it out for a test drive, it became apparent that the bizarre contraption was downright unsafe to ride.	https://www.odysseycentral.com/au/en/news-hug-227000-unstealable-car-s	2025/02/07		
Man has \$227,000 "unstealable" car stolen less than 60 hours after buying it	Weird World	Michael first planned to build his SuperFarting out of aluminum, but then he realized the raw material alone would cost him about £4,000 (\$5,000) so he decided to go for some steel he had buried in his backyard instead. He then started working on a massive, 165-kilogram front wheel made up of 420 individually-machined pieces, as well as a massive vertical swingarm. The English engineer found a 20-year-old Yamaha R6 that was perfect for his crazy build and spent dozens of hours repositioning its exhaust and radiator, drilling 890 individual holes, and figuring out ways of converting the motorcycle into the world's fastest penny-farting. He made it work, somehow, but when the time came to finally take it out for a test drive, it became apparent that the bizarre contraption was downright unsafe to ride.	https://www.odysseycentral.com/au/en/news-hug-227000-unstealable-car-s	2025/02/07		
Engineer turns old Yamaha motorcycle into the world's fastest penny-farting	Weird World	The nation's airport control towers and approach/departure facilities had 7,047 certified controllers as of September 2023. That's nearly 2,000 short of an 8,966-controller goal set jointly by the FAA and the air traffic controllers' union. En route facilities, which control broad swaths of mostly high-altitude airspace, had 4,531 controllers — 1,138 shy of their goal. Stunning stat: Of 313 total FAA facilities included in the report, only 23 met or exceeded their staffing goal.	https://www.avoxa.com/2025/02/10/air-traffic-controller-shortages	2025/02/10		
Air traffic controller shortages are a nationwide problem	Aviation	A federal court blocked the Trump administration on Sunday from sending three Venezuelan men from immigration detention in New Mexico to Guantánamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba, per a lawyer for the migrants. On TikTok, on Instagram and in family group chats, foreign students and workers — and even U.S. citizens — are advising each other to keep their passports and visas close when out and about.	https://www.avoxa.com/2025/02/10/venezuelas-immigrants-guantanamo	2025/02/10		
Court blocks Trump admin from sending Venezuelan immigrants to Guantanamo	Borders and immigration	"There's a lot of widespread hysteria among those legally in the U.S., including U.S. citizens, green card holders and foreign nationals on temporary visas," D'Angio said. A new bill was recently filed in Tennessee that would allow both public and charter schools in the state to enroll or refuse to enroll undocumented students.	https://www.avoxa.com/2025/02/08/cb-us-students-carrying-visas-passport	2025/02/10		
ICE fears prompt foreign workers and students to keep visas close	Borders and immigration	"Those illegal immigrants are not going to be able to benefit from the services that have been reserved for legal immigrants or U.S. citizens, period," said Republican House Majority Leader William Latham. "If they don't like that, they can go to another state that's a sanctuary state, but we're not going to take money away from the educational system that's there for legal residents and U.S. citizens and educate children who are illegal immigrants."	https://www.wsmv.com/2025/02/07/entire-world-has-changed-in-repub/	2025/02/10		
'The entire world has changed': TN Republicans challenging 1982 Supreme Court ruling with bill to allow schools to refuse students without legal status	Borders and immigration	U.S. President Donald Trump's offer to rebuke white South Africans as refugees fleeing persecution may not sour quite the rush he anticipates, as even right-wing white lobby groups want to "backle the injustices" of Black majority rule on home soil.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/no-thanks-white-south-africans-134532426	2025/02/10		
No thanks, white South Africans turn down Trump's immigration offer	Borders and immigration	The U.S. Department of Education is stepping away from the fight over book bans, a move civil rights groups warn could give local officials more power to censor books on race, gender and identity. Librarians and legal experts argue that book bans threaten First Amendment rights, warning that government censorship jeopardizes free speech and silences marginalized voices. "If you want to control people, you interfere with their access to information," Deborah Caldwell-Stone, director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom at the American Library Association (ALA), told Axios.	https://www.avoxa.com/2025/02/09/education-department-book-bans-cr	2025/02/10		
Book bans could escalate after Department of Education dismisses censorship complaints	Censorship	A pattern is starting to emerge from the flood of actions coming from the Trump administration: The initial stance is often maximally aggressive, but it can be walked back if the targeted groups have direct access to the president. Such a system favors the well-connected, including deep-pocketed individuals and corporations in the U.S., as well as large foreign companies who have the ear of their own head of state.	https://www.avoxa.com/2025/02/10/trump-access-musk-the	2025/02/10		
The winners in a fear-and-favor regime	Constitutional Crisis	Experts and officials expressed alarm on Sunday after Vice President JD Vance suggested federal courts "aren't allowed" to limit the White House's "legitimate power". Earlier in the day, Vance reshared a post from a Harvard Law School professor arguing "judicial interference" with the executive branch is a violation of the Constitution's separation of powers. itself a response to a post from Senator Tom Cotton calling the DOGE ruling a decision from an "outlaw" judge.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/jd-vance/	2025/02/10		
Alarm as JD Vance says federal judges 'aren't allowed' to control president	Constitutional Crisis	Top Trump administration officials are openly questioning the judiciary's authority to serve as a check on executive power as the new president's sweeping agenda faces growing pushback from the courts.	https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/vance-and-musk-attack-judicial	2025/02/10		
Vance and Musk attack judicial authority as Trump's agenda gets pushback from courts	Constitutional Crisis	"When a president can't look for fraud and waste and abuse, we don't have a country anymore. So, we're very disappointed with the judges that would make such a ruling, but we have a long way to go. We have to look, we have to find all of the fraud that's going on. We have tremendous fraud, tremendous waste and tremendous abuse and theft, by the way," Trump said.	https://thehill.com/home/news/administration/5136109-trump-judge-dog	2025/02/10		
Trump rebukes judge blocking DOGE access at Treasury as 'crazy'	Constitutional Crisis	The Trump administration's rules for how White House staff can interact with the Justice Department are a departure from Biden-era guidance, explicitly saying the president and vice president and their top lawyers can discuss ongoing criminal and civil cases with the attorney general and her deputies, according to a memo obtained by The Washington Post. In the post-Watergate era, the White House and Justice Department have tried to maintain clearer lines of separation to prevent the president and his aides from influencing sensitive cases. Like previous administrations, the Trump administration states in its memo that it is standard protocol for the White House and Justice Department to communicate about policy and national security matters. But White House counsel David A. Warrington also makes clear that President Donald Trump, Vice President JD Vance and their counsels may ask about criminal and civil investigations. That guidance, which is not legally binding, is significant in an administration that has vowed to upend the Justice Department and the FBI, which Trump and his allies have accused of mistreating him. Legal experts say the guidance could erode guardrails that have traditionally given the Justice Department a degree of independence from the White House that does not exist for other executive branch agencies.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/02/09/trump-jud/	2025/02/10		
Trump White House says it can talk to Justice Dept. on criminal cases	Constitutional Crisis	As Bloomberg reported around the same time that Potter posted the cease and desist letter, UHC had hired prominent defamation law firm Clare Locke — the one that got Dominion Voting Systems a nearly \$800 million settlement in 2023 in its defamation case against Fox News — to handle its case against Potter.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/unlike-the-potter-case-trumpens-legal-action-a	2025/02/10		
UnitedHealthcare Threatens Legal Action Against Doctor Who Says They Interrupted Her in the Middle of Surgery	Eat the rich					

		President Donald Trump's broad 10 percent tariff on China could drive up the cost, or cause shortages, of popular generic medicines such as antibiotics or cancer treatment drugs for consumers in the United States, experts have warned.		
China makes some of Americans' most common medicines. They won't be spared from Trump's tariffs	Economy-Health	Ordinary painkillers, psychoactive medications, blood thinners, heart medications, antihistamines, antibiotics and diuretics are just some of the essential medications that the U.S. relies on China to manufacture.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/china-u-20250210	2025/02/10
		President Trump said he'll announce 25% tariffs on steel and aluminum imports on Monday and "reciprocal tariffs" later this week.		
		Trump didn't say in his comments to reporters aboard Air Force One en route to New Orleans Sunday when the steel and aluminum tariffs would take effect, but he said he'd impose "reciprocal tariffs" on Tuesday or Wednesday "almost immediately" on "every country".		
Trump levies 24% tariffs on steel and aluminum imports	Economy-Tariffs	However, he added: "It won't affect everybody, because there are some where we have similar tariffs, but the ones that are taking advantage of the United States, we're going to have a reciprocity."	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/10/trump-steel-aluminum-tariffs	2025/02/10
House Republicans must raise on scholarships and changes to student loan programs	Economy-Taxes	As Republicans in Congress look for ways to slash spending, some legislators are floating new taxes on college scholarships, an end to student loan repayment plans and a big hike in taxes on university endowments.	https://apnews.com/article/bump-administration-education-college-loan	2025/02/10
		More than 1,100 dead olive ridley sea turtles have washed ashore on the beaches of Tamil Nadu state in southern India this January.		
		"I never heard of such large numbers of turtles stranded at any beaches of Tamil Nadu at least in the last three decades," Kuppasamy Sivakumar, an ecology professor at Pondicherry University said.		
More than 1,100 dead sea turtles washed up along southern India's coastline	Environment-Animals	Most of the washed up turtles were found near the state capital, Chennai. Every year, olive ridley turtles (Lepidochelys olivacea) gather off India's coast to breed. Female turtles come ashore to the beaches where they hatched to lay their own eggs, while the males remain in the water. Typically, between 100 and 150 turtles nest on Chennai's beaches annually, so the stranding of more than 1,000 turtles is surprising, Sivakumar said.	https://www.thehindu.com/environment/2025/02/10/more-than-1100	2025/02/10
7.6 magnitude earthquake hits southwest of Cayman, islands: USGS	Environment-Earthquake	The United States Geological Survey (USGS) has said that a 7.6 magnitude earthquake has struck in the Caribbean southwest of the Cayman Islands. Some Caribbean islands and Honduras authorities warned beachgoers to move inland in case of a tsunami.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/earthquake-caym	2025/02/10
Just 3, Not 2, Not 4, 4 winter storms could deliver more snow than the last two winters combined	Environment-Winter weather	The tsunami alerts were later canceled, the National Weather Service said.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/earthquake-caym	2025/02/10
		The second of four storms will start late in the evening of the United States with snow and ice over a two week period is on the way — and this one has more snow than the first.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/not-1-not-2-not-164201384.html	2025/02/10
		Silicon Valley's speed-over-safety mindset is colliding with Washington's reality that messing with government IT can open the door for China, Russia, and other adversaries to infiltrate critical U.S. systems.		
		Media reports continue to emerge that suggest the employees on Musk's team are unqualified and can become national security vulnerabilities themselves.		
		Wired reported that one member has connections to a Telegram-based cyberattack-for-hire service. That same person was also tied from a cybersecurity internship for disclosing company secrets to a competitor, Bloomberg reported Friday.		
Musk's "move fast, break things" ethos threatens U.S. security	Fuck that guy	State of play: DOGE has reportedly either already gained access or is eyeing access to sensitive federal systems, including those handling Social Security, Medicare, and national infrastructure. Agencies affected include the Treasury Department, Energy Department and the Office of Personnel Management — and others that handle classified and highly sensitive data.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/09/elon-musk-doge-federal-it-national	2025/02/10
Elon Musk's Demolition Crew	Fuck that guy	White House has been public about their involvement; others have attempted to keep their roles secret, scrubbing LinkedIn pages and other sources of data. With little information from the White House, ProPublica is attempting to document who is involved and what they are doing.	https://projects.propublica.org/question-elon-musk-doge-tracker?utm_source=fb	2025/02/10
		Part of the Department of Government Efficiency's plan to slash spending and personnel is to boost attrition by depressing morale, sources told the Washington Post.		
		To do that, up to half of the government's non-military real estate will be liquidated, the report said, resulting in office closures and forcing workers to make longer commutes to comply with President Donald Trump's return-to-office mandate.		
		"We've heard from them that they want to make the buildings so crappy that people will leave," a senior official at the General Services Administration, which manages federal property, told the Post. "I think that's the larger goal here, which is bring everybody back, the buildings are going to suck, their commutes are going to suck."		
		Once those workers leave, the plan is to use artificial intelligence, according to the report, with DOGE staffers applying AI tools to government records to figure out how to replace humans. At the GSA, managers have been told that DOGE plans to automate a majority of jobs.		
DOGE looks to shrink the federal workforce by making buildings and communities 'so crappy' that employees will quit, report says	Fuck that guy	"The end goal is replacing the human workforce with machines," another source told the Post. "Everything that can be machine-automated will be. And the technocrats will replace the bureaucrats."	https://fortune.com/2025/02/09/doge-elon-musk-federal-workforce-cut/	2025/02/10
		To replace the existing civil service, Musk's allies are looking to technology. DOGE associates have been feeding vast troves of government records and databases into artificial intelligence tools, looking for unwanted federal programs and trying to determine which human work can be replaced by AI, machine-learning tools or even robots.		
		That push has been especially fierce at GSA, where DOGE staffers are telling managers that they plan to automate a majority of jobs, according to a person familiar with the situation.		
		"The end goal is replacing the human workforce with machines," said a U.S. official closely watching DOGE activity. "Everything that can be machine-automated will be. And the technocrats will replace the bureaucrats."		
In chaotic Washington blur, Elon Musk's ultimate goal becomes clear	Fuck that guy	The defenestration of the federal workforce could clear the way for Trump and Musk to cancel federal spending or eliminate entire agencies without approval of Congress, an unprecedented expansion of executive power. This week, Tom Krause, a Musk ally, was installed to oversee an agency in the U.S. Treasury Department responsible for executing trillions of dollars in annual payments to the full array of recipients, from contractors and grantees to military families and retirees. The Bureau of Fiscal Service has long simply cut the checks as ordered by various federal agencies, but Krause's appointment may change that.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/02/08/doge-musk-goal/	2025/02/10
		After creating an uproar last week for demanding access to a sensitive system at the Treasury Department, officials affiliated with Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency are expected to turn their attention to another restricted database next week, according to two people with knowledge of their plans.		
Elon Musk's DOGE Is Expected to Examine Another Treasury System Next Week	Fuck that guy	The data in the system, known as the Central Accounting Reporting System, or CARS, is considered sensitive. Many transactions flowing to the same place, for example, can suggest a new national security priority for the U.S. government. People who work with the system have in the past been briefed that the database may be of interest to foreign intelligence agencies, said a third source who has familiarity with the system.	https://www.propublica.org/article/elon-musk-doge-cars-treasury-exam	2025/02/10
		And his quest to trim \$1 trillion from the federal budget, Elon Musk has set his sights on the Department of Veterans Affairs — but not, of course, the military that necessitates such post-service care.		
		In a statement to Military.com, a VA spokesperson confirmed that one of the young men working for Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has been sent there, and has been granted access to the department's computer systems.		
Afraid to Cut Anything From the Military Budget, Elon Is Now Sending a DOGE Boy in Navy Coats at Veterans Affairs	Fuck that guy	"The DOGE employee will be solely focused on improving VA performance and efficiency and will not have access to veterans' or VA beneficiaries' data," the department's press secretary Pete Kasperowicz told the website, in what seems to be an attempt to soften the optics.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/afraid-cut-anything-military-budget-1830	2025/02/10
		But legal resistance is mounting, as DOGE faces countless lawsuits alleging everything from privacy concerns to free speech violations, which all leads to one important question: is any of this even legal?		
		Laurence Tribe, one of the nation's leading and preeminent constitutional scholars and a professor emeritus at Harvard Law School, has already argued that much of Trump's blitzkrieg of executive orders on the day of his inauguration disregards the US constitution. He told the Guardian he saw Musk's actions as furthering that culture.		
Elon Musk's gutting of US agencies is illegal, experts say. How do you muzzle DOGE?	Fuck that guy	On whether or not DOGE and Musk can legally have this much power over an array of government departments, Tribe was emphatic: "No."	https://www.thehindu.com/news/nations/us/news/2025/feb/10/elon-musk-doge-ag	2025/02/10
		To undertake this unprecedented and potentially illegal gutting of public funding, Musk has assembled loyalists who largely lack government experience and who range from tech elites to MAGA diehards, according to a review of the people publicly associated with DOGE.		
		DOGE has not released any detailed account of who is working at the unofficial agency, and Musk, along with other staff, is technically a "special government employee", which allows him and others to evade ethics and financial disclosures that would normally apply to government workers. The DOGE team has taken steps to avoid public scrutiny, including limiting their online footprints.		
		Within the White House, Musk appears to be running DOGE with a high degree of independence and with Donald Trump's backing. The president briefly praised Musk's team on Monday, although he said that he had not met with them personally.		
Who is helping Elon Musk gut the US government?	Fuck that guy	"They work, actually, out of the White House," Trump said. "They're smart people."	https://www.thehindu.com/news/nations/us/news/2025/feb/09/elon-musk-doge-ter	2025/02/10
		Staff at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are on edge this week, as rumors of job cuts circulate. Employees are bracing for a significant reduction in the work force that appears to be targeting those with the fewest worker protections.		
		Agency staff were notified in emails that all the centers, institutes and offices received a list of their staff members who are in probationary or temporary status, according to a senior CDC official who requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on this topic for the agency.		
Morale plummets at the CDC as staff fear job losses	Government-CDC	Senior leaders were asked to designate who on the list were mission critical and not mission critical, the source who has direct knowledge of the actions told NPR.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/02/07/mx-a-15290	2025/02/10
		The Tax administration that the Con-Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to stop nearly all its work, effectively shutting down an agency that was created to protect consumers after the 2008 financial crisis and subprime mortgage-lending scandal.		
		Russell Vought, the newly installed director of the Office of Management and Budget, directed the CFPB, in a Saturday night email confirmed by The Associated Press, to stop work on proposed rules, to suspend the effective dates on any rules that were finalized but not yet effective, and to stop investigative work and not begin any new investigations. The agency has been a target of conservatives since President Barack Obama pushed to include it in the 2010 financial reform legislation that followed the 2007-2008 financial crisis.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-official-orders-consumer-protectio	2025/02/10
Trump administration orders consumer protection agency to stop work, closes building	Government-CFPB	The National Institutes of Health is capping an important kind of funding for medical research at universities, medical schools, research hospitals and other scientific institutions.		
		In the latest step by the Trump administration affecting scientific research, the NIH says the agency is letting funding for "indirect costs" to 15% of grants. That's far below what many institutions have been getting to maintain buildings and equipment and pay support staff and other overhead expenses. For example, Harvard receives 68% and Yale gets 67%, according to the NIH.		
		NIH spent more than \$35 billion in 2023 fiscal year on nearly 50,000 grants to more than 300,000 researchers at more than 2,500 universities, medical schools, and other research institutions in the U.S., the agency says. This includes \$9 billion for indirect costs.		
		The new policy, which goes into effect Monday, is being condemned by many researchers.		
NIH announces new funding policy that rattles medical researchers	Government-NIH	"This is a surefire way to cripple life-saving research and innovation," Matt Owens, president of the Council on Government Relations, an association of research universities and academic medical centers, said in a statement. "Reimbursement of facilities and administrative expenditures are part and parcel of the total costs of conducting world class research."	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/02/08/gi-417483	2025/02/10
		The Commerce Department has sent NOAA officials a broad set of keywords to search grants in ways that would cover most climate change-related projects.		
		The list of keywords, a copy of which was seen by Axios, includes DEI-related language and terms pertaining to a range of Trump's executive orders to date.		
		Commerce's interpretation of Trump's orders on environmental agreements and energy covers the terms "climate," "methane," "greenhouse gas," "climate science," "carbon," "the Paris Agreement," and other terminology.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/09/noaa-search-grants-climate-change	2025/02/10

		"If it's providing food or medicine or anything that is saving lives and is immediate and urgent, you're not included in the freeze. I don't know how much more clear we can be than this." Rubio said, questioning the competency of organizations that haven't applied for a waiver. However, multiple USAID staff and contractors who have spoken to CNN say that's not reflective of the situation on the ground. Almost all USAID humanitarian assistance programs remain stopped in their tracks, they said. "That work is grounded in a lot because there's no staff to manage it, and there's no staff in DC to answer questions from partners," one USAID employee told CNN. "The entire humanitarian architecture across the world has literally just collapsed because they have decided to stop allowing folks to work." "Our payment systems have been taken over. We no longer can pay. We don't have staff," the USAID employee said, adding that has caused even supposedly exempt work to stop, in dire places like Syria, Yemen, Lebanon and Ethiopia.		
The US State Department says humanitarian assistance continues. Foreign aid workers say that's not happening	Government-USAID	The power to process payments has "been taken away from USAID," the agency employee said. "I have spent my entire career doing a thing that I think is important for America. And I've done that in places that no American wants to be, at times where no American wants to be there. I've been without my family. I've been next to suicide attacks. I've been the target of an Al-Qaeda plot to kidnap me. And throughout all of this, I feel that my sacrifices meant something." What I found in the last two weeks is, not only do those sacrifices not matter, but that we're vilified without any evidence or reason for that. They have made this process as painful as they can as retribution for that. And for me, that is the biggest issue. I have colleagues in Washington, D.C. who don't have any access to anything. They're trying their best to get us back to America. But they have no access. Absolutely nothing. And that to me, is a really sad way to end what I would've said was an important career.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-state-department-says-humanitarian-22502101	2025/02/10
Americans Can and Will Die from This', USAID Worker Details Dangers, Chaos	Government-USAID	Now a year into the Cybertruck's lifespan, it turns out that explosions might be the only thing they make safer. A new analysis by independent automotive blog FuelArc suggests that fire fatalities are 17 times more likely in a Cybertruck than in the infamous Ford Pinto — the posterchild of deadly cars if ever there was one.	https://autos.yahoo.com/cybertruck-appears-more-deadly-infamous-1522502101	2025/02/10
The Cybertruck Appears to Be More Deadly Than The Infamous Ford Pinto, According to a New Analysis	Health and Safety	Juice cleansers may actually make you less healthy by rapidly increasing bacteria that causes inflammation, a study from Northwestern University researchers found.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/10/juice-cleanses-microbiome-study22502101	2025/02/10
Juice cleansers can scramble body's bacterial lineup	Health-Bacteria	The disclosure that deadly herds in Nevada have been infected by a version of the H5N1 bird flu not previously seen in cows, has put virologists and researchers on high alert. Among other things, the news from the Nevada Department of Agriculture, suggests that driving the virus out of the U.S. cattle population won't be nearly as simple as federal officials once suggested—or perhaps hoped. On Friday came a second and potentially more serious blow: A technical brief by the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that the genotype, known as D1.1, contains a genetic mutation that may help the virus more easily copy itself in mammals—including humans.		
New bird flu variant found in Nevada dairy cows has experts sounding alarms. 'We have never been closer to a pandemic from this virus'	Health- Bird flu	The D1.1 version of the virus is the same variant that killed a man in Louisiana and left a Canadian teen hospitalized in critical condition. It is not the B5.13 genotype widely found in sick cattle dating to early last year. The U.S. winter virus season is in full force, and by one measure is the most intense in 15 years. One indicator of flu activity is the percentage of doctor's office visits driven by flu-like symptoms. Last week, that number was clearly higher than the peak of any winter flu season since 2009-2010, when a swine flu pandemic hit the nation, according to data posted Friday morning by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bird-flu-variant-found-nevada-03470066922502101	2025/02/10
Flu season in the US is the most intense it's been in at least 15 years	Health- Flu	The flu has forced schools to shut down in some states. The Godley Independent School District, a 3,200-student system near Fort Worth, Texas, last week closed for three days after 650 pupils and 60 staff were out of school.	https://dprnews.com/article/flu-season-erks-af45e98604a4848f80b2c22502101	2025/02/10
HIV infections could jump over 6 times if US support is dropped and not replaced, UNAIDS chief says	Health- HIV	The head of the U.N. AIDS agency said Monday the number of new HIV infections could jump more than six times by 2029 if American support of the biggest AIDS program is dropped, warning that millions of people could die and resistance strains of the disease could spread. Donald Trump's proposed "land grabs" mean the US is no longer perceived as "an anchor of stability, but rather a risk to be hedged against", the organisers of the Munich Security Conference have said in their pre-summit report.	https://dprnews.com/article/hiv-aids-us-trump-un-byangime-9e963a32922502101	2025/02/10
Trump's proposed 'land grabs' mean US now seen as a risk, says Munich security report	International Relations	The authors also say the US president's effort to assert a new form of US primacy will be undermined by the "multipolarisation" trend. Their report includes survey data showing the trend is more likely to be welcomed as a force for good in countries such as Brazil, India, South Africa and China. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said Sunday she'd encourage President Trump to shut down the Federal Emergency Management Agency "as it exists today."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/10/trump-proposed-land-grabs22502101	2025/02/10
		He recently told Fox News' Sean Hannity that "FEMA is getting in the way of everything" and that he'd rather the states "take care of their own problems." Trump signed an executive order last month creating a council to review FEMA and recommend changes. As DHS secretary, Noem is co-chair of that council, along with Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth.		
		A potential overhaul would coincide with ongoing response efforts following Hurricane Helene and the deadly LA area wildfires. According to unnamed officials who discussed the situation with the Washington Post, a team that does not have security clearance gained access to FEMA's network containing private information of tens of thousands of disaster victims.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/09/trump-kristi-noem-fema-shutdown22502101	2025/02/10
FEMA shouldn't continue 'the way it exists today,' Kristi Noem says	Political-Ceaspool	"I remember a time when Republicans were very careful and worried about the government, particularly unelected people, having access to personal data," Bash said. "Well, we can't trust the government anymore," Noem quipped.		
"You are the government," CNN host calls out Noem's anti-government fear-mongering	Political-Ceaspool	Bash saw an opening and took the Trump appointee with a quick jab. "You are the government," she said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/government-cnn-host-calls-noems-1669122502101	2025/02/10
		A rightwing non-profit group that has published a "Dei Wael List" identifying federal employees allegedly "driving radical Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives" is backlit by wealthy family foundations and rightwing groups whose origins are often cloaked in a web of financial arrangements that obscure the original donors. One recent list created by the American Accountability Foundation (AAF) includes the names of mostly Black people with roles in government health allied to have some ties to diversity initiatives. Another targets education department employees, and another calls out the "most subversive immigration bureaucrats".		
		One of the donors to the AAF is the Heritage Foundation, the architects of Project 2025, which has been a driving ideological force behind Trump's re-election and first weeks in government. Hedi Beitch, chief strategy officer of the Global Project Against Hate and Extremism (GPAHE), said: "It's not surprising to find a vile project such as this backed by Project 2025 enablers and rightwingers who have it out for public employees."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/09/american-accountability22502101	2025/02/10
Revealed: how a shadowy group of far-right donors is funding federal employee watchlists	Project 2025	Thousands of artists are urging the auction house Christie's to cancel a sale of art created with artificial intelligence, claiming the technology behind the works is committing "mass theft." A letter calling for the auction to be scrapped has received 3,000 signatures, including from Karla Ortiz and Kelly Mokeman, who are suing AI companies over claims that the firms' image generation tools have used their work without permission.		
'Mass theft'. Thousands of artists call for AI art auction to be cancelled	Technology-ai	The letter says: "Many of the artworks you plan to auction were created using AI models that are known to be trained on copyrighted work without a license. These models, and the companies behind them, exploit human artists, using their work without permission or payment to build commercial AI products that compete with theirs." The Trump administration's shock and awe strategy was meant to overwhelm opponents, disrupt the establishment and bust norms. But it's also sweeping up ordinary Americans who disdain politics but find they can't detach from the barrage of news.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/feb/10/mass-theft-thous22502101	2025/02/10
		And it's not just Trump, say mental health professionals. The world is a brittle place, with disease outbreaks, wars in Gaza and Ukraine and climate change adding to the anxiety. "We are in an unprecedented time that we have so many collective stressors going on, and the rapid fire of media coverage of these policy changes, it's just adding to that broader collective stress," said Daniel Reithan, a researcher at the Silver Stress and Coping Lab at University of California, Irvine.		
Trump's shock and awe tests Americans' response to chaos	Trump Bulshit	Research has shown the amount of stress connected to politics that people experience has been steadily rising since 2008. And there can be physical consequences: A study conducted by the UC Irvine lab found greater worry about the 2020 election predicted a 10% increase in physical health ailments like cancer, stroke and heart attacks up to three years later, Reithan said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/10/trumps-stress-mental-health-americ22502101	2025/02/10
As Trump pushes legal boundaries, Judges hold the line	Trump Bulshit	There are moments in the world's history where people look back and ask, "Where were the lawyers? Where were the judges?" In these moments, the rule of law becomes especially vulnerable, said the judge, who was nominated by Republican former President Ronald Reagan. Appellate broke out in its courtroom.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-pushes-legal-boundaries-judges-1222502101	2025/02/10
Trump orders security access stripped from new list of enemies: Bad guy. Take away his passes'	Trump Bulshit	President Donald Trump has removed the security clearances from several more of his perceived enemies. Trump, who had already removed former President Joe Biden's clearance this week, now added former Secretary of State Antony Blinken to that list, telling The New York Post he said: "Bad guy. Take away his passes."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald-trump-administration-has-rejected-hundreds-of-applicants-who-werent-deemed-sufficiently-loyal-to-the-president-as-the-top-qualification-for-a-job-seems-to-be-staunch-support-22502101	2025/02/10
Inside the Trump administration hiring process where hundreds of applicants are rejected for lack of loyalty	Trump Bulshit	Potential hires have been scrutinized for whether they've ever made a comment critical of Trump or worked for an antagonist. Applicants are also asked whether they side with Trump's views on issues such as Ukraine, NATO, the January 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol and the Republican's false claims the 2020 election was stolen, sources familiar with the process told The Wall Street Journal.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-22502101	2025/02/10
Church bans non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free bread from holy communion	Weird World	The Church of England has ruled that non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free bread cannot be used during Holy Communion. The guidance states that the bread must be made with wheat flour and the wine must be fermented grape juice to be consecrated.		
		Rulings detailed in papers released before the Church's General Synod convenes on Monday acknowledged the "justification" faced by those unable to consume wheat flour or alcohol. Major U.S. airlines on Tuesday asked the U.S. Transportation Department to abandon a review launched by the Biden administration over whether carriers should be required to pay passengers compensation over flight disruptions.	https://www.independent.co.uk/style/style-food-and-drink/communion-no-22502101	2025/02/10
Major airlines urge Trump administration to abandon passenger compensation review	Aviation	"Airlines do not need further incentive to provide quality service," the group wrote, arguing that USDOT lacks legal authority and that the requirement would drastically boost airlines' costs and hike ticket prices.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/major-airlines-urge-trump-administrati22502102	2025/02/12
		A House Republican is doubling down on his call to deport Somali American Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) with a fundraising email urging supporters to sign a petition to that effect. Axios has learned. In a fundraising email titled "Petition: Deport Ilhan Omar," Rep. Brandon Gili (R-Texas) campaign wrote that "we should have never let Ilhan Omar into our country."		
House Republican fundraises with petition to deport Ilhan Omar	Borders and Immigration	"And frankly, America would be a much better place if she were to be sent back to Somalia," the email continues, according to a copy obtained by Axios. "The time has come to arrest and deport Ilhan Omar," it says, "sign my petition and let's send her back to Somalia where she belongs."	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/11/ilhan-omar-deport-brandon-gili-fund22502102	2025/02/12
Fearsful amid ICE crackdowns, some immigrants are skipping health care	Borders and Immigration	Raided by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in several cities, including Chicago, have frightened immigrant communities. Most patients who come to the free clinic are immigrants who speak Spanish or Polish — and most are uninsured. Despite surges of flu-like illnesses, many patients are staying away.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health/health-news/2025/02/10/ix-ai-529022502102	2025/02/12
27 religious groups sue Trump administration over immigration enforcement policy	Borders and Immigration	More than two dozen religious groups are suing the federal government in response to the Trump administration's policy giving immigration agents more leeway to make arrests at "sensitive locations," including houses of worship. In the lawsuit, the religious groups — including the Mormonite Church, the Episcopal Church, the Union for Reform Judaism, and the Unitarian Universalist Association — said the change to the sensitive locations policy infringes on their religious freedom. They say their congregations have seen decreased attendance due to fear, and several say they face an "imminent risk" of immigration enforcement efforts.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/11/ix-ai-48184472-religious-groups-sue-aid22502102	2025/02/12

		But the data that ICE is releasing paints a misleading picture of what the administration is doing, advocates say. "There's not very much detail," Noelle Smart, principal research associate at the Vera Institute of Justice, said. Without access to the data ICE is aggregating from, it's impossible to verify what the agency is putting out. "Data transparency is really critical, not just to have the statistics that the government is putting out, but to actually be able to independently validate those," Smart said. The recent arrest data from ICE does not say where the arrests took place, or how many people the federal agents arrested had prior convictions, data points necessary to understand whether the administration is actually arresting the so-called worst offenders. AMID ANGER AND protest over the Trump administration's plan to deport millions of immigrants, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement plans to monitor and locate "negative" social media discussion about the agency and its top officials, according to contract documents reviewed by The Intercept. Citing an increase in threats to ICE agents and leadership, the agency is soliciting photos from private companies to monitor threats across the internet — with a special focus on social media. People who simply criticize ICE online could pulled into the dragnet. Google's online and mobile calendars are no longer including references to Black History Month, Women's History Month and LGBTQ+ holidays, among other events. The decision to no longer acknowledge Black, LGBTQ+ and women's holidays is another move on the growing list of changes that Google has made following the start of Donald Trump's second presidency. Amanda Frost is a Law Professor at the University of Virginia Law. She says a constitutional crisis occurs when one branch of government, usually the executive, "blatantly, flagrantly and regularly exceeds its constitutional authority — and the other branches are either unable or unwilling to stop it." Frost says the first half of her definition is already happening, and that it's clear President Trump has gone beyond the powers of the executive branch. She points to him trying to usurp Congress' "power of the purse" or trying to put an end to birthright citizenship as examples. In his last year-end report, Chief Justice John Roberts called out what he deemed several areas of "legitimate activity" threatening judicial independence. One of them was "threats to duly lawfully entered judgments." Roberts lamented in his report that, "Within the past few years... elected officials from across the political spectrum have raised the specter of open disregard for federal court rulings." He didn't specify who he was talking about but wrote, "These dangerous suggestions, however sporadic, must be soundly rejected." On that note, it's also worth recalling comments from Roberts' Republican-appointed colleague Samuel Alito during litigation over abortion pill access. Alito accused the Biden administration in a written opinion (without citation of not dispelling) "legitimate doubts that it would even obey an unfavorable order in these cases." Pressing ahead with steep tariffs on Canada and Mexico risks exacerbating the US housing crisis and threatening the broader economy, dozens of congressional Democrats have warned Donald Trump. In a letter to Trump seen by the Guardian, Democrats noted that the US imports key construction materials worth billions of dollars – from lumber to cement products – from Canada and Mexico each year. "Given the severe housing shortage, compounded by rising construction costs, persistent supply chain disruptions, and an estimated shortfall of six million homes, these looming tariffs, while intended to protect domestic industries, risk further exacerbating the housing supply and affordability crisis while stifling the development of new housing inventory." Many of America's biggest businesses are quietly lobbying to curb President Donald Trump's plan to deport millions of immigrants – workers who represent a large share of their labor force. And some involved in the campaign are deploying a phrase designed to appeal to Trump and his business-minded allies: Make America Wealthy Again. So far, Trump's immigration raids have focused mostly on migrants accused of committing crimes since entering the country. But the prospect of widespread busts on farms and factories has rattled the business community, which relies heavily on migrant labor in areas such as agriculture, meatpacking, and construction. The MAWA plan is to apply pressure on business allies in Trump's inner circle, rather than on the president directly, and to steer clear of Stephen Miller, the administration's most outspoken anti-immigration hard liner. "Stephen Miller sort of ever be convinced. Forget that," says a lobbyist from a prominent trade association. "But Trump can be convinced to not score over fellow businesspeople. Miller isn't the only dude who has Trump's ear." While Trump has talked about strengthening the U.S. auto industry, which would be a signature accomplishment, "So far what we're seeing is a lot of cost and a lot of chaos," Farley said. "Let's be real honest: Long term, a 25% tariff across the Mexico and Canada borders would blow a hole in the U.S. industry that we've never seen." Farley said. "Frankly, it gives free reign to South Korea, Japanese and European companies that are bringing 1.5 million to 2 million vehicles into the U.S. that wouldn't be subject to those Mexican and Canadian tariffs. It would be one of the biggest windfalls for those companies ever." During historic floods last May that left more than 180 dead in Brazil's southernmost state, Rio Grande do Sul, the water rose to the ceiling of the Olinda Flores school in the city of São Leopoldo, destroying furniture, books and parts of its infrastructure. On Monday, they were due to start the new school year but could not do so – this time because of an intense heatwave affecting the state. The start of the school year was pushed back after a court ruling on behalf of a teachers' union, which had argued that classrooms lacked adequate ventilation and water supplies for students. The transitist of new Sen. Elizabeth Warren, the CFPB is one of the few agencies in Washington whose mission is to protect individual Americans against corporate power. It routinely orders large corporations to refund money to duped and abused consumers – more than \$20 billion over the lifetime of the agency. It also wards against the kinds of systemic risks that led to the financial crisis of 2008. Nuking the CFPB has long been a Republican priority. Project 2025, the conservative policy playbook "Vought played" an indispensable part" in developing, recommends abolishing the bureau, calling it "utterly unnecessary." The Trump administration – marching to the tune of the de-facto head of government Elon Musk – is naturally seeking to hoogle the bureau and cut off its funding, moves that experts warn pose a major conflict of interest. Joined by Elon Musk in the Oval Office, President Donald Trump signed an executive order Tuesday that seeks to significantly reduce the size of government by instructing heads of federal departments and agencies to undertake plans for "large-scale reductions in force." Their joint appearance marked the first time the billionaire SpaceX CEO has taken questions from reporters in a public setting since he's assumed power in Trump's second term. Musk took several questions from reporters, defending DOGE's accountability and insisting he won't engage in work that poses potential conflicts of interest. Through SpaceX, Musk has billions of dollars in contacts with the Pentagon. So far, the administration's push to curb waste has resulted in: A confusing federal funding freeze A controversial "deferred resignation" offer for federal employees The shuttering of the U.S. Agency for International Development These actions have been met with legal challenges, and the full scope of DOGE's work and how the entity will collaborate with the rest of the government remain unclear. The Trump administration has terminated more than \$900 million in Education Department contracts, taking away a key source of data on the quality and performance of the nation's schools. IES is one of the country's largest funders of education research, and the slashing of contracts could mean a significant loss of public knowledge about schools. The institute maintains a massive database of education statistics and contracts with scientists and education companies to compile and make data public about schools each year, such as information about school crime and safety and high school science course completion. It's raining cats and DOGEs as Republican-led states are pushing for copycat versions of the federal government's Department of Government Efficiency. In the weeks since its creation, some governors have launched new departments that mimic Musk's cost-cutting agency while state legislatures have backed measures to establish them. Musk has applied a bushwhack method across the government, offering CIA agents walking papers while upbraiding the Department of Education – all at the same time. Tibbe said the lack of guardrails being placed on Doge's maverick initiatives, raises "both" questions of legality and ethical wrongdoing that can be challenged in court. As for Musk's status as a federal contractor (such as his Starlink work with the Pentagon) and now a government employee, Tibbe sees it as "absolutely" a legal conflict of interest. In the second Trump administration, this is often how major announcements are made: via gib messages on social media that raise more questions than answers. Does the president even have the authority to shut down an entire federal agency? (He doesn't.) Does Musk? (No, of course not.) Will they do it anyway? (Yes!) Will the courts intervene? (Shrug emoji.) It's possible that this is not the worst outcome for the CFPB—or the people whom the agency protects. The early days of the Trump administration show that it only has two modes: weaponization and destruction. If the CFPB were preserved, it wouldn't continue its remarkably successful work. It would be co-opted into a Mr. Hyde-like version of itself, aimed solely at going after the enemies of Trump and Musk. A federal judge has ordered federal health agencies to restore websites and datasets that were abruptly pulled down beginning in late January, prompting an outcry from medical and public health communities. The temporary restraining order was granted in response to a lawsuit filed against the federal government by Doctors for America (DFA), a progressive advocacy group representing physicians, and the nonprofit Public Citizen, a consumer advocacy group. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) on Monday slammed the Trump administration's reported efforts to shutter the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) as "another scam." "If you have a bank account, or a credit card, or a mortgage, or a student loan — this is a code red," Warren said in a video posted on the social platform X. "I am ringing the alarm bell." "Elon Musk and the guy who wrote Project 2025, [Office of Management and Budget Director] Russ Vought, are trying to kill the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau," she continued. Starb have been told to expect deep job cuts among the agency's approximately 12,000 employees and the closure of many of its offices across the U.S., the sources said. Those employees who remain are being warned to expect their actions to be surveilled, from their swipes into government facilities to the keystrokes they type on their computers. Cholera, the scourge of the Victorian era, is staging a comeback fuelled by conflict and climate breakdown. In 2024, there were 804,721 cholera cases and 5,805 deaths, according to the World Health Organization, a near 50% increase from the 535,321 cases and 4,007 deaths in 2023. Numbers have been surging since 2021 and scientists say official figures are probably very conservative. They estimate between 1.3m and 4m cases, and a range of 21,000 to 143,000 deaths from cholera globally each year. Already in 2025, six countries – Myanmar, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, South Sudan, Angola and Ghana – have requested doses from the global stockpile of cholera vaccines to help contain outbreaks. The stockpile is supposed to hold 5m doses, but a flood of requests, and reliance on a single supplier of cholera vaccines, left it totally depleted at some points in 2024. The high demand for emergency supplies has meant no preventive vaccine drives in high-risk countries since 2022. Attorneys for a group of news organizations, including NPR, said in a legal filing on Tuesday that evidence used at the sentencing of a rioter charged in the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol had "disappeared" from an online government platform. Far-right populists are significantly more likely to spread fake news on social media than politicians from mainstream or far-left parties, according to a study which argues that amplifying misinformation is a new part and parcel of radical right strategy. "Radical right populists are using misinformation as a tool to destabilize democracies and gain political advantage," said Petter Törnberg of the University of Amsterdam, a co-author of the study with Juliana Chueri of the Dutch capital's Free University. The data showed conclusively that far-right populism was "the strongest determinant for the propensity to spread misinformation", they concluded, with MPs from centre-right, centre-left and far-left populist parties "not linked" to the practice. 	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/12/trump-ice-deportals	2025/02/12	
ICE WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU'RE POSTING NEGATIVE THINGS ABOUT IT ONLINE	Borders and Immigration		https://theintercept.com/2025/02/11/ice-immigration-social-media-surve	2025/02/12	information blackout
Google Calendar removes Black History Month, Pride, and other cultural events	Cesspool		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/11/google-calendar-bl	2025/02/12	
Are we in a constitutional crisis?	Constitutional Crisis		https://www.npr.org/2025/02/11/1230024430/are-we-in-a-constitutional	2025/02/12	
Now's a good time to recall John Roberts' warning about court orders being ignored	Constitutional Crisis		https://www.yahoo.com/news/news-good-time-recall-john-100225226.html	2025/02/12	
Canada and Mexico tariffs risk inflating US housing crisis, Trump is warned	Economy-Housing		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/12/democrats-trump-is	2025/02/12	
Behind the scenes, corporate America is scrambling to stop Trump's deportation plans	Economy-Immigrants		https://finance.yahoo.com/news/behind-scenes-corporate-america-scra	2025/02/12	
Ford CEO says 25% tariff on Canada, Mexico would 'blow a hole' in U.S. auto industry	Economy-Tariffs		https://finance.yahoo.com/news/ford-ceo-farley-says-25-185828266.html	2025/02/12	
Intense heatwave in southern Brazil forces schools to suspend return	Environment-heat wave		https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/12/brazil-heat-wave-ris	2025/02/12	
Inside Trump and Musk's War on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	Fuck that guy		https://www.yahoo.com/news/inside-trump-musk-war-consumer-21319	2025/02/12	
Trump, joined by Musk in Oval Office, orders up big cuts in federal workforce	Fuck that guy		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-joined-musk-oval-office-213730411	2025/02/12	
Congress now has a DOGE Caucus. Here's how its co-chair says it will work	Fuck that guy		https://www.npr.org/2025/02/10/mst-1-52922493/doge-pete-sessions-co	2025/02/12	
Elon Musk's Team Decimates Education Department, Arm That Tracks National School Performance	Fuck that guy		https://www.prouublica.org/decide/department-of-education-institute-ed	2025/02/12	
DOGE for all: States are now looking to create their own cost-cutting agencies	Fuck that guy		https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/state-d	2025/02/12	
Elon Musk's ousting of US agencies is illegal, experts say. How do you muzzle Doge?	Fuck that guy		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/10/elon-musk-doge-ag	2025/02/12	
Trump and Musk Only Know How to Do Two Things: With Their Power	Fuck that guy		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-musk-only-know-how-110000995.html	2025/02/12	
Judge orders restoration of federal health websites	Government-CDC		https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/02/11/ncs-1-5293	2025/02/12	
Warren: Reported effort to shutter CFPB 'another scam'	Government-CFPB		https://www.yahoo.com/news/warren-reported-effort-shutter-cfpb-1907	2025/02/12	
GSA staff facing massive cuts and fears of 'nonstop' surveillance	Government-GSA		https://www.npr.org/2025/02/11/mst-1-5292358/trump-gsa-budget-cuts	2025/02/12	
Dirty water and endless wars: why cholera outbreaks are on the rise again	Health-Cholera		https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/feb/11/dirtywat	2025/02/12	
Jan. 6 video evidence has 'disappeared' from public access, media conflict says	Information-Blackout		https://www.npr.org/2025/02/11/mst-1-5292447Jan-6-evidence-capitol-r	2025/02/12	
Far-right populists much more likely than the left to spread fake news – study	Information-Blackout		https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/11/far-right-mps-fake-new	2025/02/12	

		President Donald Trump on Tuesday continued pressing his plan for the United States to take ownership of the Gaza Strip and displace the 2.1 million Palestinians living there into neighboring countries as he met with the leader of one of America's closest Middle East allies, King Abdullah II of Jordan. As the two leaders met in the Oval Office, Trump told reporters that the U.S. would not endeavor to purchase Gaza, despite statements made in the last few days in which he'd suggested that some sort of monetary transaction would allow for America to lay claim to the war-torn territory.		
Trump says the US will not be buying Gaza but 'we're going to take it as its address, Middle East crisis	International Relations	"We're going to have Gaza. We don't have to buy. There's nothing to buy. We will have Gaza," he said when asked about his prior statement about purchasing the long-occupied piece of land. U.S. President Donald Trump's attacks on what he alleges is South Africa's mistreatment of its white minority are being met with mockery on social media by some white South Africans poking fun at their own privilege. South Africa's Foreign Ministry said on Saturday that Trump's executive order cutting aid "lacks factual accuracy and fails to recognize South Africa's profound and painful history of colonialism and apartheid".	https://www.yahoo.com/news/going-trump-says-us-won-18210288.html	2025/02/12
Trump's accusations against South Africa spark 'white privilege' self-mockery	International Relations	Three decades after the end of racist apartheid rule, white South Africans, who make up less than 10% of the population, still own most of the country's farmland. Land reform policies since the first multi-racial elections in 1994 have never involved the forced seizure of white-owned land. The imposition of tariffs on Canada and China, with the threat of more on the European bloc, the UK and the BRICS nations, the freeze on all USAD and threats against Greenland, Mexico and Panama have impacted 161 countries, equivalent to 83 per cent of the globe, a tally by The Independent has found. A number of the remaining 34 countries have expressed concern the imposition of tariffs elsewhere could have a knock on effect on their own trade, even if Trump does not impose them directly. While the Caribbean nations, for example, have not been directly threatened by Mr Trump, Antigua and Barbuda's prime minister Gaston Browne described the US leaders' tariff plans as the "largest threat to the region" late last month.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-accusations-against-south-africa-20250212.html	2025/02/12
America First mapped: All the countries Trump has threatened in his first weeks as president	International Relations	A lighthearted Danish petition is pledging to "bring hygge to Hollywood" by buying the state of California in response to President Donald Trump's talk about taking control of Greenland, a vast and renewable Arctic sea from Denmark.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/donald-trump-tariffs-threats-20250212.html	2025/02/12
'We'll bring hygge to Hollywood': Danes jokingly petition to buy California as Trump seeks Greenland	International Relations	Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday that Israel will end the ceasefire and resume the war in Gaza if Hamas doesn't "return our hostages by Saturday at noon."	https://apnews.com/article/seekmark-greenland-california-75f152183287	2025/02/12
Netanyahu: Israel will resume Gaza war if hostages not freed Saturday	International- Israel	A federal judge extended indefinitely the deadline for government workers to accept a government buyout, as a lawsuit to block the offer continues in court. U.S. District Court Judge George O'Toole heard arguments Monday over the legality of the offer, in which the Office of Personnel Management has pledged eight months of pay and benefits for those wishing to leave the federal service.	https://www.axios.com/2025-02-11/netanyahu-end-gaza-ceasefire-ham	2025/02/12
Judge extends government buyout offer amid push to strike down deal	Political Cesspool	It's O'Toole's second extension for employees to take the offer, making a ruling just hours ahead of the original Thursday deadline to put the timeline for taking the deal. Military families protesting the Defense Department's anti-DEI push heckled Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth on his arrival at U.S. European Command headquarters in Germany on Tuesday. On a visit to the U.S. military's key European military hub in Stuttgart, Hegseth was booed by around two dozen people who live at the base in an apparent demonstration against the policies being implemented by the Trump administration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-extends-government-buyout-offer-20250212.html	2025/02/12
Defense Secretary Hegseth booted and heckled by military families protesting DEI push	Political Cesspool	The demonstrators at the short protest repeatedly chanted "DEI," apparently in a reference to Hegseth's recent ban on some books at Defense Department schools. Hegseth last week ordered the restriction of learning materials covering subjects that included psychology and immigration in Defense Department schools.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/defense-secretary-hegseth-booted-heckle-20250212.html	2025/02/12
Republicans once rallied against armed IRS agents. Now they want them for immigration enforcement	Political Cesspool	For years, Republicans, including President Donald Trump, have rallied against the IRS and its cadre of armed agents. Now the administration has big plans for them: It wants the agents to assist with immigration enforcement.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-once-railed-against-armed-20250212.html	2025/02/12
New York mayor vows to regain trust after Justice Department orders prosecutors to drop corruption charges	Political Cesspool	New York City Mayor Eric Adams vowed to regain the public's trust Tuesday as the Justice Department moved to halt his criminal corruption case, an extraordinary directive that officials said would free him up to assist in the Trump administration's immigration crackdown.	https://www.cbs.org/news/show/politics/justice-department-orders-prose-20250212.html	2025/02/12
'Red, White and BlueLand?': Republican unveils bill to rename Greenland	Political Cesspool	A GOP congressman has announced new legislation to bolster Donald Trump's efforts to take over Greenland, while also giving the autonomous Danish territory a new name: "Red, White, and BlueLand."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/greenland-20250212.html	2025/02/12
All the times Project 2025 has appeared in Trump's executive orders	Project 2025	However, a new report by Politico outlined 37 examples of the language of Project 2025 appearing in Trump's orders.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/times-project-2025-appeared-trumps-164-20250212.html	2025/02/12
Drone headsets sent to Russian troops were booby-trapped to explode when switched on, state media says	Technology-War power	Russian soldiers received a batch of sabotaged drone headsets that were modified to explode when they were switched on, Russian media reported. President Trump on Tuesday alleged judges are trying to stop the administration from seeking out corruption amid attacks on the power of the judicial branch to curb orders from the executive.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/drone-headsets-sent-russian-troops-164-20250212.html	2025/02/12
Trump and allies rail at courts as some Republicans defend judiciary	Trump Bullyh	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) said Monday, "We've got a system of checks and balances, and that's what I see working." per ABC News. "I learned in eighth grade civics about checks and balances, and I just expect the process to work its way out." he added. President Trump has signed more than 75 executive orders, memos and proclamations during his first few weeks in office at a pace that surpasses his most recent predecessors'. The Trump administration has flooded the zone with a flurry of sweeping actions, some of which have been blocked by courts across the country. Her stretched — and in some cases, seemingly overstepped — the barriers of executive authority. While Democrats have chided some steps as unlawful, the MAGA majority on Capitol Hill keeps blowing wind in Trump's sails. But Trump does not seem intent on slowing down, with his barrage of executive actions piling up through his first three weeks in office.	https://www.axios.com/2025-02-11/trump-republicans-judges-courts-dv	2025/02/12
Tracking Trump's executive actions by category	Trump Bullyh	The Trump administration has removed a career Justice Department official from his role as the acting head of the DOJ's National Security Division after the top prosecutor served in the position for less than a month, sources told ABC News. But on Monday, Justice Department leadership told DeBecker that he would no longer be leading the division, according to sources familiar with the matter. It's unclear why DeBecker was removed, and a Justice Department spokesperson declined to comment about the matter. We were informed by the White House that if AP did not align its editorial standards with President Donald Trump's executive order renaming the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America, AP would be barred from accessing an event in the Oval Office, AP Executive Editor Julie Pace said. "Limiting our access to the Oval Office based on the content of AP's speech not only severely impedes the public's access to independent news, it plainly violates the First Amendment," she said. ... In a style note last month, AP said Trump's executive order "only carries authority within the United States". "Mexico, as well as other countries and international bodies, do not have to recognize the name change," the AP said, adding that "the Gulf of Mexico has carried that name for more than 400 years." "The Associated Press will refer to it by its original name while acknowledging the new name Trump has chosen," the news agency said.	https://www.axios.com/2025-02-11/trumps-executive-orders-memos	2025/02/12
AP reporter barred from White House event over 'Gulf of America'	Trump Bullyh	"As a global news agency that disseminates news around the world, the AP must ensure that place names and geography are easily recognizable to all audiences," it added. "Well, I always abide by the courts, and then I'll have to appeal it. But then what he's done is he's slowed down the momentum, and it gives crooked people more time to cover up the books," Trump said from the Oval Office on Tuesday. "So yeah, the answer is, I always abide by the courts, always abide by them, and we'll appeal, but appeals take a long time," he added. A federal judge in Massachusetts blocked Donald Trump's administration from cutting scientific research grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) after 22 mostly Democratic-leaning states sued. The Trump administration sought to impose a 15% cap on "indirect costs" for grants — money that goes toward overhead, such as keeping the lights on in labs or maintaining advanced equipment. On Tuesday, major universities filed a second lawsuit, calling the administration's actions "flagrantly unlawful" in a complaint. "A cut to [indirect costs] for NIH grants is a cut to the medical research that helps countless American families whose loved ones face incurable diseases or untreatable debilitating conditions," a group of university associations said in a statement. ...	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ap-reporter-barrd-white-house-2213021.html	2025/02/12
Trump says he 'always' abides by court orders as allies lay groundwork to defy them	Trump Bullyh	"We, I always abide by the courts, and then I'll have to appeal it. But then what he's done is he's slowed down the momentum, and it gives crooked people more time to cover up the books," Trump said from the Oval Office on Tuesday. "So yeah, the answer is, I always abide by the courts, always abide by them, and we'll appeal, but appeals take a long time," he added. A federal judge in Massachusetts blocked Donald Trump's administration from cutting scientific research grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) after 22 mostly Democratic-leaning states sued. The Trump administration sought to impose a 15% cap on "indirect costs" for grants — money that goes toward overhead, such as keeping the lights on in labs or maintaining advanced equipment. On Tuesday, major universities filed a second lawsuit, calling the administration's actions "flagrantly unlawful" in a complaint. "A cut to [indirect costs] for NIH grants is a cut to the medical research that helps countless American families whose loved ones face incurable diseases or untreatable debilitating conditions," a group of university associations said in a statement. ...	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-j-20250212.html	2025/02/12
Judge blocks Trump from cutting billions in medical research funding	Trump Bullyh	"To hand his billionaire backers another tax cut, Trump tried to slash funding for critical disease prevention research, including for pediatric cancer," Ken Martin, Democratic National Committee chair, said in a statement. According to the nonpartisan Brennan Center for Justice, more than 9% of American citizens (21.3 million people) of voting age don't have proof of citizenship at hand. CLC says the act imposes "unnecessary barriers" to the registration process, noting that most voters could not use their driver's license alone to register — enhanced driver's licenses, which demonstrate citizenship, are only available in five states. Married women who have changed their last names, young voters and voters of color are more likely to have problems accessing necessary documentation, the Brennan Center says. The Bipartisan Policy Center, in a July brief, stated that while the goal of ensuring only citizens register to vote is important, the sweeping changes outlined in the bill would take time — and funding, which the mandate does not include — for states to implement. ...	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/11/judge-blocks-trump-20250212.html	2025/02/12
The SAVE Act: What to know about the bill requiring proof of citizenship to vote	Voting Fucker	The Department of Homeland Security, as part of an evaluation of its election security mission, said on Tuesday that personnel focused on misinformation, disinformation and foreign influence operations aimed at U.S. elections have been placed on administrative leave. A giant schneuzer named Monty has been chosen as America's top canine after earning the title of best in show on Tuesday at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show. Birds-of-paradise are known for their bright and colourful plumage, but it turns out they are even more dazzling than previously thought. Researchers have found 37 of the 45 species show bioluminescence — in other words, patches of glow-in-the-dark or other body parts absorb UV or blue light, and emit light at lower frequencies.	https://www.axios.com/2025-02-11/save-act-what-to-know	2025/02/12
US Homeland Security says election security personnel placed on leave	Voting Fucker	A giant schneuzer named Monty has been chosen as America's top canine after earning the title of best in show on Tuesday at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show.	https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-homeland-security-says-election-20250212.html	2025/02/12
Giant schneuzer Monty named America's top dog in Westminster first	Weird World	Birds-of-paradise are known for their bright and colourful plumage, but it turns out they are even more dazzling than previously thought. Researchers have found 37 of the 45 species show bioluminescence — in other words, patches of glow-in-the-dark or other body parts absorb UV or blue light, and emit light at lower frequencies.	https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2025/feb/11/westminster-best-in-shy	2025/02/12
Many birds-of-paradise species emit light through their plumage, study finds	Weird World	Attorney General Pam Bondi announced Wednesday that the Justice Department is suing New York state officials, including Gov. Kathy Hochul, for policies that allegedly limit cooperation with immigration authorities. A coalition of civil liberties and immigrant rights groups are suing to get access to immigrants transferred from the U.S. to detention at Guantánamo Bay in Cuba under President Trump's recent order. The groups filed suit in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., on behalf of several plaintiffs, including the sister of one of the men being detained at Guantánamo. While the Trump administration has widely publicized images of people it now detains at Guantánamo, it has also cut off any means of communication with them, the groups allege in court documents. The complaint alleges that, without the court's intervention, more immigrants will be transferred to "this legal black hole" without access to counsel or any means of vindicating their rights.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/feb/12/many-birds-of-g	2025/02/12
Trump administration sues New York officials over 'sanctuary' policies	Borders and Immigration	Executives at CoreCivic, one of the nation's largest private prison companies, said they anticipate the Trump administration's new immigration policies will lead to "the most significant growth" in the company's history over the next several years. "We worked at CoreCivic for 32 years, and this is truly one of the most exciting periods of my career," CEO Damon Hirsinger said Tuesday on the company's earnings call. "We anticipate significant growth opportunities, perhaps the most significant growth in our company's history over the next several years."	https://www.axios.com/2025-02-12/trump-administration-sues-new-york	2025/02/13
Groups sue to get access to immigrants at Guantánamo Bay	Borders and Immigration	Officials at the Department of Homeland Security and the Defense Department are racing to set up multiple tent facilities in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, to house thousands of migrants, but the scattered efforts have prompted questions internally about who's in charge and what will happen once people arrive on site. The unprecedented move to transfer migrants from the United States to Guantánamo Bay has involved multiple federal agencies — including Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection — each with their own set of expertise and end responses. US President Donald Trump accused the judges blocking his executive orders of committing a "serious violation" Tuesday as his administration veered towards a constitutional clash with the courts over his plans to radically downsize the government.	https://www.axios.com/2025-02-12/guantanamo-bay-immigrants-detent	2025/02/13
Executives at private prison firm CoreCivic expect 'significant growth' due to Trump's policies	Borders and Immigration	Officials at the Department of Homeland Security and the Defense Department are racing to set up multiple tent facilities in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, to house thousands of migrants, but the scattered efforts have prompted questions internally about who's in charge and what will happen once people arrive on site. The unprecedented move to transfer migrants from the United States to Guantánamo Bay has involved multiple federal agencies — including Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection — each with their own set of expertise and end responses. US President Donald Trump accused the judges blocking his executive orders of committing a "serious violation" Tuesday as his administration veered towards a constitutional clash with the courts over his plans to radically downsize the government.	https://www.axios.com/2025-02-12/guantanamo-bay-immigrants-detent	2025/02/13
'Nobody really knows what's going on': US officials scramble to expand Guantánamo Bay for migrants	Borders and Immigration	Officials at the Department of Homeland Security and the Defense Department are racing to set up multiple tent facilities in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, to house thousands of migrants, but the scattered efforts have prompted questions internally about who's in charge and what will happen once people arrive on site. The unprecedented move to transfer migrants from the United States to Guantánamo Bay has involved multiple federal agencies — including Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection — each with their own set of expertise and end responses. US President Donald Trump accused the judges blocking his executive orders of committing a "serious violation" Tuesday as his administration veered towards a constitutional clash with the courts over his plans to radically downsize the government.	https://www.yahoo.com/blogs/nobody-really-knows-going-us-11004629	2025/02/13
Trump blasts judges, fueling fear of constitutional crisis	Constitutional Crisis	US President Donald Trump accused the judges blocking his executive orders of committing a "serious violation" Tuesday as his administration veered towards a constitutional clash with the courts over his plans to radically downsize the government.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-blasts-judges-fueling-fear-1635161	2025/02/13

		Speaker Mike Johnson called on courts Tuesday to "take a step back" from blocking President Donald Trump's high-speed gutting of the federal government. "I will say I agree wholeheartedly with Vice President JD Vance, my friend, because he's right," Johnson, a former constitutional lawyer, said at a press conference in the Capitol.			
Mike Johnson to Courts: 'Step Back' From Trump's Dismantling	Constitutional Crisis	Johnson is following the lead of the vice president, who has suggested the Trump administration should order courts barring the president's executive actions from taking effect. (Vance said judges aren't allowed to control the executive's legitimate power.)	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mike-johnson-courts-step-back-18315680	2025/02/13	
Trump's federal worker 'buyout' program can proceed, judge rules	Constitutional Crisis	The pause on the Trump administration's deferred resignation program was lifted by a federal judge on Wednesday. It's a win for President Trump as he pushes to overhaul the civil service and make large-scale cuts to the federal workforce. U.S. District Judge George A. O'Toole wrote in his ruling that a lawsuit from the union challenging the program could not succeed because they lack standing and his court doesn't have jurisdiction. At least one federal judge has said the administration has failed to fully comply with a temporary restraining order in a case challenging the administration's attempts to freeze payments for grants and other programs. Critics of the administration have pointed to the various rulings as clear evidence that the president is overstepping his authority and thrusting the U.S. into a constitutional crisis. But the White House is firing back, arguing that the real danger is coming from judges who have ruled against Trump.	https://www.axios.com/2025-02-12/trump-musk-federal-employees-fork	2025/02/13	
As judges block broad actions, White House says courts causing constitutional crisis	Constitutional Crisis	On Monday, a federal judge in Rhode Island found that the White House had defied an earlier court order to unfreeze federal grant and program funds. U.S. District Judge John McConnell Jr. ordered the administration to immediately end any federal funding crisis. That court order came a day after Vice President Vance suggested that judges don't have the ability to challenge Trump's "legitimate power."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/12/mx-415294666/trump-white-house-con	2025/02/13	
		Federal judges like McConnell have the power to levy fines and find parties in contempt for not following his orders. But that's generally considered toothless enforcement, according to experts. "We're now seeing a leap to a new level, potentially, where the president claims authority to act outside the bounds of the law established by Congress," he said. "And if that comes to pass, we really will be in a different form of constitutional government or maybe one that really shouldn't be described as constitutional in the true sense. And here, I do think risks about tyranny or dictatorship become quite real."			
What happens if Trump starts ignoring court rulings? We break it down	Constitutional Crisis	It would fall to the U.S. Marshals Service — which is part of the Department of Justice — to enforce a judge's order. But if Trump wanted to fully not comply, he could direct the Department of Justice not to comply. At that point, you have a full-on constitutional crisis," Gerber said. Trump did not explain what kind of "violation" might have occurred in the course of these judges doing their jobs. Musk had previously called for the impeachment of the judge who ruled that DOGE couldn't look at Treasury records. Today, the world's richest man shared an X post identifying the daughter of the judge who ordered the Trump administration to unfreeze federal funds, after the judge found that the administration had disobeyed his order to do so. Just weeks into the second Trump administration, the president and his loyalists have not shown any inclination to abide by decisions from the judiciary that they don't like — suggesting America may be on track for a full-on constitutional crisis. Vice President J.D. Vance has already claimed that Trump has the executive power to simply ignore rulings from the bench, and the administration has pursued a brazen legal strategy predicated on the idea that they can act with impunity — because no one is going to stop them.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/12/mx-415291132/trump-vance-constitution	2025/02/13	
Trump Threatens to 'Look At' Judges Blocking Musk's DOGE Actions	Constitutional Crisis	Of course, the insistence that DOGE is operating within some sort of ethical guidelines rings a bit hollow when Trump and Musk are now increasingly targeting judges who rule that their incursions into government agencies are illegal. For the moment, the country is still hurtling toward a showdown between the courts and a noncompliant White House. In the meantime, we can expect MAGA world to step up their rhetoric against anyone enforcing the law.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-threatens-look-judges-blocking-doge	2025/02/13	
		One challenge is speed: The Trump administration is moving much faster than courts do, or even can. The other is authority: The courts' ability to compel government action is limited, and also slow. Constitutional law is clear: The executive branch cannot, on its own, close or shut down a federal agency that has been established by Congress. That is Congress' job. But Trump and Musk are trying to do so anyway, including declaring that the congressionally established U.S. Agency for International Development will be shut down and turning employees away from the agency's offices in Washington, D.C.			
		The administration's strategy, it seems, is the longstanding tech-company mantra: "move fast and break things." The U.S. courts do not — and by design cannot — move equally quickly. It can take years for a case to wind its way through the lower courts to reach the U.S. Supreme Court. This is by design. —			
		By contrast, Trump's and Musk's actions are happening in a matter of days. By the time a court finally resolves an issue that happened in late January or early February 2025, the situation may have changed substantially.			
Why federal courts are unlikely to save democracy from Trump's and Musk's attacks	Constitutional Crisis	Researchers have argued that court-issued injunctions mostly work to stop the government from doing something, not to compel the government into doing something. Judges are already expressing concern that the Trump administration may fail to comply with orders to stop funding freezes.	https://theconversation.com/why-federal-courts-are-unlikely-to-save-de	2025/02/13	
		Another federal judge has already found the administration failed to abide by a court order — but so far he has imposed any consequences on Trump, the administration or other officials. The ordinance bans camping on not only public property but also private land, including on residential property, for more than three consecutive nights. In what appears to be the first ban of its kind, it also prohibits anyone from "permitted, aiding, abetting or concealing" camping on those lands — a provision so broad advocates warn it could have a chilling effect on outreach, food distribution and other efforts to provide much-needed help to unhoused people.			
This Bay Area City Just Passed the Most Extreme Encampment Ban in California	Economy-Housing	"If my staff gives someone a blanket so they don't freeze at night or a bottle of water, that would be considered aiding, right?" Vivian Wan, CEO of Abode Services, told KGO. Abode runs a shelter and other housing programs in Fremont. Saily Landrum, an attorney for the East Bay Community Law Center's homelessness unit, said the ordinance was so broad that residents could potentially be cited for letting a family member sleep in an RV in their driveway or pitch a tent in their backyard if they did so for more than three days in a row.	this-bay-area-city-just-passed-th">https://www.kqed.org/news/12026580>this-bay-area-city-just-passed-th	2025/02/13	
Inflation surges ahead, warning price pressures still a threat	Economy-inflation	Inflation surged ahead to start 2025, crippling Americans' buying power and serving as a warning to policymakers — whether those contemplating new tariffs or further interest rate cuts — that price pressures are not yet vanquished.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/12/inflation-january-cpi	2025/02/13	
Chevron to cut workforce by up to 20%	Economy-Jobs	Prices flattened last summer but have risen at a 4.8% annual rate over the last three months, far above the Fed's goals and the highest since late 2022.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/12/chevron-to-cut-workforce-by-up-to-2	2025/02/13	
"Tariffs are bad policy": McConnell blasts Trump trade war	Economy-Tariffs	Chevron plans to cut its global workforce by 15% to 20%, with most reductions before the end of 2026, the U.S.-based multinational giant said Wednesday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/12/mcconnell-blasts-trump-tariffs	2025/02/13	
Emergency declared on a second Greek island as a string of earthquakes persists	Environment-Earthquake	Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) continued to talk out against the Trump 2.0 agenda in a Wednesday op-ed, warning that President Trump's sweeping tariff proposals could bruise Kentucky businesses. The emergency measure announced on the island of Amorgos follows a similar decision for nearby Santorini on Feb. 7 after thousands of unusual tremors were registered in an undersea area near the two islands, as well as the islands of Ios and Anafi — all popular tourist destinations. Scientists had expressed hope the seismic swarm could be easing up, but a string of earthquakes around magnitude 5 has renewed concern. Seismologists have also noted that the epicenter of the earthquakes is steadily drifting northward in the direction of Amorgos.	https://abcnews.go.com/International/story/Emergency-declared-gr	2025/02/13	
Musk takes aim at law firms involved in Trump policy challenges	Fuck that guy	The Tesla CEO and owner of X, who has been spearheading efforts to slash the federal workforce and spending, also criticized judges who have issued rulings that paused Trump's executive actions. "Democracy in America is being destroyed by judicial coup," Musk wrote in a separate post on X.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-takes-aim-law-firms-213723924.html	2025/02/13	
The CFPB took aim at Big Tech. Then Elon Musk moved to dismantle it.	Fuck that guy	Because of its direct ties to bank accounts and debit cards, X Money normally would fall under the remit of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, an agency with vast powers to crack down on unfair, deceptive and predatory corporate practices. Formed in the wake of the 2008 financial collapse, the CFPB has policed traditional banks and lenders as well as Apple, Google and other tech giants that seek to offer digital versions of those services. But that was before last week, when Musk's team of young agents - acting at Trump's behest - began targeting the CFPB as part of their disruptive campaign to slash spending and regulation across government. As they burrowed into the bureau's computers, Musk made clear his goal is to dismantle the agency, which soon ordered a full stoppage to all of its work to investigate companies and protect consumers.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/cfpb-book-aim-big-tech-002750128.html	2025/02/13	
Elon Musk Acting Strangely as He Stammers Through Oral Office Appearance	Fuck that guy	When Trump handed the stage to Musk to talk about what his so-called Department of Government Efficiency was achieving, the world's richest man stumbled into a strange and rambling monologue, replete with such zingers like "some of the things I say will be incorrect" when a journalist prodded him for spreading blatant misinformation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-acting-strangely-stammers-18	2025/02/13	
US Department of State plans to spend \$400m on Tesla armoured vehicles	Fuck that guy	Instead, let's turn an eye to just how bizarre this whole spectacle is: Musk wearing his "Dark Maga" hat, standing with his arroy four-year-old son for good PR, and who probably shouldn't be there (just ask his mom). Trump doing his best to look patient as he sits at the Resolute desk, head turned as he listens to Elon's ranting, his supposed subordinate looming over him and practically running the whole presser; and back to Musk, who noticeably struggles to finish his trains of thought, often laughing awkwardly — and all this dragged out over thirty agonizing minutes.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/feb/13/us-department-of	2025/02/13	
Why we should be worried about Elon Musk's siege of the US government	Fuck that guy	In short, Musk's behavior here is weird. Not even his little kid's adorable antics — and again, why is he there? — can distract from the fact that Musk looks like a fish out of water, wholly unprepared to speak coherently at length about anything. This is a man used to being worshipped at his companies, not someone who's accustomed to having to answer to the public.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-m	2025/02/13	
Factbox-Elon Musk's US Department of Defense contracts	Fuck that guy	And it shows. On multiple occasions, Trump intervenes to get Musk back on track, which neatly sums up their whole lousy dynamic. The US Department of State is planning to spend \$400m buying new Tesla armoured vehicles, even as the carmaker's boss, Elon Musk, leads efforts to slash government spending under Donald Trump.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/factbox-elon-musk-us-department-2338	2025/02/13	
Dozens of CFPB workers are fired as the agency remains shuttered	Government-CFPB	Are Musk's actions akin to a "hostile takeover" of government, or a coup? I argue it's more a form of "state capture." Here's what that means. Under the pretence of maximising government efficiency and productivity, DOGE has amassed quite a bit of power. It has:	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/12/mx-415294739/cfpb-workers-fired-trum	2025/02/13	
GOP hardliners threaten revolt over Johnson plan to implement Trump agenda	Government-Funding	perated the massive system responsible for virtually all government payments breached sensitive databases and private medical records circumvented routine conflict of interest and transparency requirements dismantled the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) gained access to the computer systems of a number of federal agencies. Musk's blitzkrieg across Washington — carried out in apparent violation of numerous federal laws — has not only stirred confusion, but defied explanation. The total value of Musk's companies' contracts with the DoD is estimated to be in the billions of dollars, but the true figure cannot be determined since many of them are classified. The contracts demonstrate the growing importance of private sector technology companies in supporting U.S. military operations and national security initiatives. CFPB's union has identified approximately 73 "bargaining-unit" employees in their probationary period who were terminated, according to Jeanine Hardy, the executive vice president for NTEU Chapter 335, but is still working to confirm the final numbers. Hardy said she believed non-union employees were also fired. "We believe this was an illegal firing and we are prepared to take action against it," Hardy said in a statement to NPR. "At we want is to get back to work protecting American consumers and ensure markets for consumer financial products are fair, transparent and competitive. Let us get to work!" Speaker Mike Johnson's budget plan is in trouble as multiple GOP hardliners seek last-minute changes that could risk support from the party's centrist middle — jeopardizing leadership's plans to lockstep President Donald Trump's agenda in Congress. Just hours after the House GOP's compromise plan was released, fiscal hawks in the chamber lined up to call for steeper cuts beyond the current reduction target of \$1.5 trillion over a decade. But the size of those cuts is already difficult for some GOP centrists to swallow, with Republicans, including Rep. Don Bacon of Nebraska, still unwilling to say whether they support cuts of that size.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-hardliners-threaten-revolt-over-0002	2025/02/13	

Republicans Finally Reveal How They'll Pay for Tax Cuts for the Rich	Government-Funding	Mike Johnson and House Republicans on Wednesday released their budget plan, which would raise the debt ceiling by \$4 trillion in order to dele out \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts to the wealthy. They also threw in \$2 trillion of compulsory cuts to Medicaid, which could make health care even more expensive and inaccessible for large swathes of America. Adding \$4 trillion to the national debt limit is a deeply ironic move for a party that is currently allowing the richest man in the world to destroy crucial federal institutions that he doesn't like, in the name of "efficiency". The programs that the Department of Government Efficiency is cutting are nowhere near as expensive as this blatantly pro-billionaire handout. Research institutions use these grants to maintain buildings and labs, provide supplies and equipment, and pay support staff. University officials across the nation warn the recent move could disrupt critical research. Holden Thorp: About 70 years ago, after World War II, the U.S. decided that instead of building its own research buildings and hiring its own scientists, that it wanted to carry out the national research effort at universities. The idea behind this was mainly that the professors carrying out the research would be more independent and come up with more creative ideas than if they were directed by the government. But this is a costly thing to do. The choices that they have are all pretty bleak. They'd have to cut other programs in order to fill that hole in, which could affect any discipline or any function of the university. Or they would have to cut corners in the way they administer the research, which could create all kinds of problems with accounting or noncompliance with the government's regulations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-finally-reveal-11-pay-1719334/	2025/02/13
What National Institutes of Health funding cuts could mean for U.S. universities	Government-NIH	Thorp: It would really be hard to get philanthropy to pay that, not just because it's a large number, but also because these aren't exactly functions – waste disposal or paying for grants administrators – that donors get very excited about funding. The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOaa) has placed onerous new restrictions on its scientists that people within the agency say could hamper the quality and availability of the world's weather forecasts, among other key services. The new requirements have created a sense of unease within the agency, according to current and former high-level Noaa scientists and officials the Guardian spoke with, and alarmed partners at European agencies.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/12nw-st-5292359/what-cuts-to-nih-fund/	2025/02/13
Noaa imposes limits on scientists, sparking concerns over global forecasts	Government-NOAA	Bird flu has now spread to cow herds across the country, led to the euthanization of tens of millions of domesticated poultry, sickened dozens of people in the United States, and killed one. The virus is not known to spread between humans, which has prevented the outbreak from exploding into the next pandemic. But the silence raises the question: How prepared is Trump's administration if a widespread bird-flu outbreak does unfold? The administration reportedly plans to name Gerald Parker as the head of the White House's Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy, which was created in 2022 by Congress and is charged with organizing the responses of the various agencies that deal with infectious diseases. (I reached out to both Parker and the White House, neither replied.) Trump's pick to lead the CDC, David Weldon, has questioned the safety of vaccines, and Jay Bhattacharya, the administration's nominee to lead the National Institutes of Health, vehemently opposed COVID shutdowns. Robert F. Kennedy Jr., an anti-vaccine conspiracy theorist who likely will be installed as the head of the Department of Health and Human Services in the coming days, has implied that Anthony Fauci and Bill Gates have funded attempts to create a bird-flu virus capable of infecting humans, and that past threats of flu pandemics were concocted by federal health officials both to inflate their own importance and to pad the pockets of pharmaceutical companies that produce flu vaccines. Many of Trump's health appointees are united in their view that the U.S. overreacted to COVID. They – and plenty of Americans – argue that measures such as masking, lockdowns, and vaccination mandates were unnecessary to respond to COVID, or were kept in place for far too long. Faced with another major outbreak, the Trump administration will almost certainly start from that stance.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/12/noaa-restrictions-of	2025/02/13
What Happens When Bird Flu Gets Worse?	Health- Bird flu	new pathogen, called Camp Hill virus, was recently discovered in Alabama, drawing attention to a big of viruses known as henipaviruses. This is a big deal because other viruses in this group are linked to serious, often fatal, disease, and this is the first time one of them has been found in North America. Camp Hill virus was discovered by looking at tissue samples from short-tailed shrews that were collected in 2021. It's a new species of virus that's related to other dangerous viruses such as Nipah and Hendra, which have caused serious outbreaks in other parts of the world. It's also distantly related to the measles virus.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-ready-bird-flu-14000150.html	2025/02/13
Camp Hill virus, what are the risks of a first-of-its-kind outbreak in America?	Health- Camp HI	The first known henipavirus, Hendra virus, was identified in Australia in 1994. There have been just seven cases of humans getting infected – four of them were fatal. American allies are bracing this week for the answer to a question they've been dreaming to ask: Can they really count on the United States?	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/camp-hill-virus-ay	2025/02/13
'The rules of the game have changed', Europe fears an unreliable US ally	International Relations	"We don't know what the U.S. will propose, so everyone is looking to Munich," said Jan Lipavsky, the Czech Republic's minister of foreign affairs. In just one speech by U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth this week, the most powerful member of NATO has thrown the world's biggest military alliance into disarray, raising troubling questions about America's commitment to European security. Hegseth told almost 50 of Ukraine's Western backers on Wednesday that he had joined their meeting "to directly and unambiguously express that stark strategic realities prevent the United States of America from being primarily focused on the security of Europe." "The United States faces consequential threats to our homeland. We must — and we are — focusing on security of our own borders," he said. Reading the riot act to U.S. allies, Hegseth said that Ukraine will not get all its territory back from Russia and will not be allowed to join NATO, which would provide the ultimate security guarantee to ensure that Russian President Vladimir Putin never attacks it again.	https://www.politico.com/news/2025/02/12/europe-us-unreliable-alliance	2025/02/13
NATO is in disarray after the US announces that its security priorities lie elsewhere	International Relations	Beyond that, Hegseth said that NATO will not come to the rescue of any European nation involved in that force if it is attacked by Russia. It's unclear what role the U.S. would play, if any, although Russia is sure to test the force's resolve if America does not provide backup. The U.S. should not have made concessions to Russia in advance of any negotiations by ruling out Nato membership for Ukraine and accepting the country would have to forfeit some of its territory, Germany's defence minister has said. "In my view it would have been better to speak about a possible Nato membership for Ukraine or possible losses of territory at the negotiating table," Piotrowski said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nato-disarray-us-announces-security-122	2025/02/13
US should not have made concessions to Russia over Ukraine, says German minister	International Relations	His comments were echoed by his French counterpart, Sébastien Lecornu, who warned against "peace through weakness" as he arrived at Nato headquarters, rather than the "peace through strength" formulation nominally favoured by Trump. Many Palestinian doctors who worked in the Gaza Strip are either dead, have fled the territory or are in prison, U.S. doctors told the United Nations.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/13/us-should-not-have-yv	2025/02/13
Many Palestinian doctors are either dead, jailed or disabled, US doctors tell UN	International-Gaza	U.N. officials and nongovernmental organizations have repeatedly warned that the health care system in Gaza has collapsed and is lacking the critical resources needed to meet an overwhelming demand of injured and sick Palestinians. Germany's naval chief said on Tuesday that several of Berlin's warships were sabotaged. Vice Adm. Jan Christian Kaack, the inspector of the German navy, said at a press conference on Tuesday that the damage involved "more than one unit."	https://abcnews.go.com/international/images-palestinian-doctors-dead-ja	2025/02/13
Germany says its warships were sabotaged as concerns mount that Russia is waging a hybrid war	International-Germany	Kaack also said there had been attempted break-ins at German naval bases via land and sea, and he spoke of "attempts to approach" uniformed personnel while they were heading home. International health organizations have warned that Donald Trump's push to dismantle U.S. foreign aid and orders barring diversity, equity and inclusion are destroying programs that once provided healthcare to millions of women and girls worldwide. Providers said a 90-day stop-work order imposed by the Department of State to "review" contracts for compliance with the new administration's orders means many clinics, which operate on shoestring budgets, will never reopen – pausing services for everything from cervical cancer screenings to HIV treatment to the removal of intrauterine contraceptive devices.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/germany-said-warships-were-sabotaged-1	2025/02/13
'A fight for our lives': Trump's USaid freeze is harming millions of women and girls	International-Health	President Donald Trump has nominated a longtime oil and gas industry representative to oversee an agency that manages a quarter-billion acres of public land concentrated in western states. The Senate voted Wednesday to confirm Tuli Gabbard as President Trump's Director of National Intelligence, largely along party lines.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/13/usaid-funding-freeze	2025/02/13
Oil and gas advocate named by Trump to lead agency that manages federal lands	Political-Cesspool	The Senate voted Wednesday to confirm Tuli Gabbard as President Trump's Director of National Intelligence, largely along party lines. The first vote was 52-48, with former Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) the only GOP opponent. "When a nominee's record proves them unworthy of the highest public trust, and when their command of relevant policy falls short of the requirements of that office, the Senate should withhold its consent," McConnell said in a statement after the vote.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/oil-gas-advocate-named-trump-10211629	2025/02/13
Tuli Gabbard confirmed as Trump's intel chief	Political-Cesspool	The Senate paved the way for Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to lead the Department of Health and Human Services on Wednesday, voting 53-47 along party lines to advance his nomination. Kennedy now has a clear path to confirmation later this week, despite bipartisan concerns about his record as a vaccine skeptic and other questions about past stances.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/12/tf-ips-once-wobbly-health-chief-no	2025/02/13
RFK Jr.'s once wobbly health chief nomination survives in Senate	Political-Cesspool	The House Budget Committee released a budget blueprint Wednesday proposing \$2 trillion in spending cuts. The blueprint calls for at least \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts and a \$4 trillion debt limit increase.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/12/house-republicans-budget-resolutio	2025/02/13
House GOP unveils \$2 trillion in proposed spending cuts	Political-Cesspool	In addition to criticism about her lack of experience in intelligence, Gabbard fought back against concerns about her past statements about autocratic leaders, such as Syria's ousted President Bashar al-Assad and Russian President Vladimir Putin. She deflected questions about her past defense of Edward Snowden, who leaked NSA secrets in 2013. "The nation should not have to worry that the intelligence assessments the President receives are tainted by a Director of National Intelligence with a history of alarming lapses in judgment," he added. McConnell was the sole Republican vote against her confirmation.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/12nw-st-5294635/tuli-gabbard-confirmed	2025/02/13
Tuli Gabbard confirmed as director of national intelligence, overcoming skepticism	Political-Cesspool	A coalition of 30 House Democrats is asking Republicans and Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee to oppose Kiah Patel's nomination to lead the FBI. The letter comes just days before the panel is set to advance Patel's nomination out of committee. "The nomination of Mr. Patel, an individual with almost no law enforcement experience and a history of politically charged and inflammatory statements is clearly a break from tradition and one that deserves extensive scrutiny as a result," wrote Rep. Glenn Ivey (D-Mt.), who spearheaded the letter.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/30-house-democrats-call-senate-100620	2025/02/13
30 House Democrats call on Senate to reject Patel's FBI nomination	Political-Cesspool	McMahon's background in education is limited. She served for about one year on Connecticut's State Board of Education. Up until recently, not much was known about McMahon's policy positions on education. In January, she shared more about where she stands, including that she supports expanding school choice and career and technical education opportunities for students. She held leadership positions at WWF for nearly three decades, including CEO. If confirmed, McMahon would oversee an agency the president has already moved to diminish.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/13nw-st-5294635/trump-cabinet-picks-liv	2025/02/13
Trump's pick for secretary of education is Linda McMahon. Here's what to know	Political-Cesspool	A Trump administration website dedicated to "tracking government waste" links to a blank, placeholder web design template for a fictional architecture firm. The early budget includes a statement where representatives on the House Budget Committee pledge to cut a whopping \$2 trillion in mandatory spending. While the text doesn't mention Medicaid by name, it directs the Energy and Commerce Committee to cut \$880 billion in its budget, which is near impossible to do without touching the health care program. The budget plan also directs the Agriculture Committee to find \$230 billion in cuts, which seems to indicate that SNAP (the food stamp program) will be cut by at least 20 percent. This would devastate the lives of millions of Americans who depend on the welfare programs. Other committees have also been given cuts that will hurt less wealthy Americans. The Education and Workforce Committee has been allocated \$330 billion in cuts, which is expected to come from student loan programs.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/mask-d	2025/02/13
Trump website monitoring 'government waste' is a placeholder about a made-up architectural firm	Political-Cesspool	Trump has apparently plucked a number of officials and nominees straight from the pages of the 800-plus-page Heritage Foundation-backed blueprint, which laid out plans to dramatically expand executive power and implement hardline conservative policies. Trump has to far nominated at least 19 authors or contributors to the text to serve in his second administration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-reveal-budget-plan-wrecking	2025/02/13
House GOP Reveals Plan to Devastate Medicaid and Food Stamp Programs	Political-Cesspool			
Top Trump picks have ties to Project 2025	Project 2025		https://www.axios.com/2024/11/26/trump-picks-project-2025-usa-voua	2025/02/13

		Some US states are grappling with how far to go in restricting abortion, with lawmakers considering bills to explicitly ban abortion pills and criminalise women seeking abortions. Lawmakers in several states have introduced measures to classify the drugs mifepristone and misoprostol — which are used together in the majority of U.S. abortions — as controlled dangerous substances, making it a crime to possess them without prescriptions. "The more often that they're introduced, the more normalised these sorts of bills and these sorts of concepts that they're putting become," said Laura Hemer, a professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. While critics say the drugs are unsafe, some major medical groups disagree. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says there is decades of evidence that mifepristone and misoprostol are safe and effective. The group cited a study showing that major adverse events such as significant infection and excessive blood loss occur in less than 0.32 per cent of patients taking mifepristone for a medication abortion.			
The US states looking to ban abortion pills, punish women who seek termination	Reproductive rights	A 24-year-old German man has driven a car into a trade union demonstration in Munich, injuring at least 28 people including children, some of them critically, German police said. The Bavarian state premier, Markus Söder, told reporters the incident was "suspected to be an attack", 10 days before the German general elections in which the campaign has been dominated by heated debate about public security and immigration.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/abortion-pills-mife-misoprostol-2025-02-13/	2025/02/13	
At least 28 injured after car hits union rally in 'suspected attack' in Munich	Tragic	Twelve people were wounded when a grenade was thrown into a bar in the city of Grenoble in south-eastern France, officials said on Wednesday. The attacker entered the bar, which was packed with customers, and threw a grenade before fleeing without saying a word, said prosecutor Francois Touré-de-Courcy. Investigators had not yet identified a motive but did not believe it was a terrorist attack.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/13/vehicle-driven-into-gro	2025/02/13	
Grenade thrown into Grenoble bar injures 12, say French authorities	Tragic	At least four people died and eight were injured after a blast blew out the upper floor of the building in Tachung City on Thursday, 13 February.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/13/france-grenade-blast-g	2025/02/13	
Powerful explosion in Taiwan department store caught on camera	Tragic	President Donald Trump has spent his first three weeks in office making corruption easier, for him and anyone else with any degree of power. In a single 24-hour period on Monday, Trump fired the head of the Office of Government Ethics, whose job it is to watch for conflicts of interest. He pardoned a former Illinois governor convicted of trying to sell a U.S. Senate seat. He is stopping the enforcement of an anti-bribery law. His Justice Department ordered prosecutors to drop charges against Eric Adams, who has been indicted on bribery and fraud counts, even as they conceded the decision had little to do with the strength of the evidence against the New York City mayor, who has cozied up to Trump.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/taiwan-explosion-department-st	2025/02/13	
Donald Trump Working To Make Corruption Great Again	Trump Bulthit	In the weeks since taking office on Jan. 20, Trump has ordered a likely illegal mass firing of inspectors general. He pardoned a major drug dealer in a quid-pro-quo with libertarians for their support in the November election. He stripped people who have criticized him of their security clearances, making their livelihoods more difficult. His Justice Department eliminated units aimed at kleptocracy and preventing foreign interference in elections.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-working-corruption-great-1	2025/02/13	
Trump Proudly Declares He'll Hide All His Shady Guests From the Public	Trump Bulthit	A White House official told the Washington Examiner Tuesday that visitor logs will not be released during Trump's second term, mimicking his policy during his first term. After the 2020 election, President Biden resumed the practice, which began during Barack Obama's presidency.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-brings-back-one-shadiest-202502	2025/02/13	
Trump's funding freeze is hitting farmers, Democrats hope it costs Republicans in the midterms	Trump Bulthit	Multiple vulnerable House Republicans representing tens of thousands of farms are now standing by as Trump freezes hundreds of millions of dollars of funding that American farmers were promised, the memo reads. "House Republicans are leaving American farmers out to dry, and will have some explaining to do next week when they head back to their districts."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-funding-freeze-hitting-farmers-10	2025/02/13	
Trump keeps floating the idea of serving a third term	Trump Bulthit	Since taking office three weeks ago, President Donald Trump has moved at breakneck speed to execute his agenda and "flood the zone." Amid the torrent of executive orders, Elon Musk's dubious efforts to seize government data and purge federal workers and the president's outrageous proposals to take over foreign lands, Trump also has repeatedly returned to the idea of serving a third term as president.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-keeps-floating-idea-serving-00174	2025/02/13	
Inspectors general sue Trump admin over their firings	Trump Bulthit	Eight of the federal agency watchdogs abruptly fired by President Trump last month filed a lawsuit Wednesday challenging their terminations. The plaintiffs argued that their terminations violated federal statutes meant to protect them from interference in carrying out their "critical, non-partisan oversight duties."	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/12/trump-inspector-generals-lawsuit-fir	2025/02/13	
Trump Mocked After Blaming Rad Inflation Report On Biden	Trump Bulthit	President Harry S. Truman famously had a sign reading "The Buck Stops Here" on his desk at the White House. Based on comments President Donald Trump made on Wednesday, it's clear he thinks the buck actually stops with his predecessor, former President Joe Biden.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-mocked-blaming-rad-inflation-202	2025/02/13	Blame game
Trump hijacks Tulsi Gabbard's swearing-in with rant on closing Department of Education 'immediately'	Trump Bulthit	Donald Trump hijacked Tulsi Gabbard's swearing-in ceremony to rant on his plans to "immediately" close the Department of Education and complain about the way American aircraft carriers launch their fighter aircraft. The president swore in Gabbard as his Director of National Intelligence on Wednesday before becoming embroiled in an hour-long question-and-answer session with reporters.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-t	2025/02/13	
Elephants trumpet, squeak and flap their ears after their complex move across an Australian city	Weird World	Elephants trumpeted, touched trunks and flapped their oversized ears upon reuniting with their herd after a complex, five-day move from an urban Australian zoo to a much larger enclosure. The nine Asian elephants were transported 40 kilometers (25 miles) from Melbourne Zoo in the heart of the city to an enclosure 10 times bigger at the Werribee Open Range Zoo, Zoos Victoria said on Thursday. Police escorts and synchronized traffic lights aided their journey in three convoys of trucks.	https://apnews.com/article/elephant-herd-move-zoo-melbourne-australi	2025/02/13	
Why people are naming bugs, rats and cats after their exes this Valentine's Day	Weird World	Animal shelters and zoos around the country are encouraging little catholic avenues for revenge this holiday — and raising money for a cause — with a slew of danky funny fundraisers for those whose Cupid's arrow missed the mark. Options include naming a ferret cat after your old flame before it's neutered — or giving rodents or cockroaches your love bug's name before feeding them to bigger animals. The Minnesota Zoo's campaign to name a bug after either a friend or a foe has attracted donors from across the world.	https://apnews.com/article/valentines-day-animal-shelters-fundraisers-r	2025/02/13	
Cameras have appeared outside homes of Atlanta's 'Cop City' activists. Why are they there?	ACAB	What appear to be cameras hidden in unmarked boxes have appeared on utility poles outside the Atlanta homes of some people connected to the movement against the police training center known as "Cop City," raising constitutional concerns, the Guardian has learned. The development comes after several years of ongoing state surveillance of some Atlanta residents opposed to the \$100m training center, including officers following people in patrol cars and installing sensors outside bedroom windows at 3am.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/14/cameras-cop-city-at	2025/02/14	Police state
'White supremacists in suits and ties' the rightwing, Afrikaner group in Trump's ear	Ceaspool-White supremacists	Donald Trump's offer of political asylum to South Africa's white minority, just days after blocking genuine refugees from travelling to the US, followed years of campaigning by an Afrikaner group that has promoted "white genocide" conspiracy theories while also lobbying on behalf of Elon Musk's business interests.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/14/trump-musk-south-a	2025/02/14	conspiracy theory
Here's One Big Way You'll Know if We're in a Presidential Dictatorship	Constitutional Crisis	The fundamental weakness of courts is that their orders have force only if people, including government officials, obey them. In a society with a strong rule-of-law tradition, obedience rarely if ever requires compulsion, and almost never when the courts order an executive branch official to do something. Indeed, the characteristic feature of a country ruled by law is the shared understanding that court orders will be obeyed without the necessity of employing force or other modes of coercion. That said, the rest of us need to understand that if Trump successfully defies the courts, the only remaining obstacle to dictatorship will be public revulsion, national popular protest, and the hope that such a reaction would cause Trump to retreat and, at long last, recall some fraction of the Republican Party to its constitutional duty. President Trump directed top trade officials to study retaliatory tariffs on global trading partners that have steep import duties on U.S. goods, a process that could take several weeks to complete.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/one-big-way-i-know-193240535.html	2025/02/14	
Trump's reciprocal tariff threat raises huge unknowns	Economy-Tariffs	Early calculations by one Wall Street analyst shows the reciprocal tariffs would raise "minimal" revenue for the U.S.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/13/trump-tariffs-reciprocal-trade	2025/02/14	International relations
Polar vortex-fueled cold snap to grip the U.S. next week	Environment-Cold snap	The Arctic air is likely to send temperatures plunging to at least 30 degrees below average for mid-February across the Midwest and Plains states, with the cold moderating some as it barrels east through late week.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/13/polar-vortex-cold-weather-forecast-3	2025/02/14	
Major SoCal storm triggers evacuation orders in L.A. County amid flood threats	Environment-storms	A powerful atmospheric river-linked storm that began slamming Southern California on Wednesday prompted evacuation orders in Los Angeles County amid flood threats to burn scars from wildfires that erupted in January.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/13/california-storm-ls-a-atmospheric-riv	2025/02/14	
14 states sue DOGE, blasting Musk's 'unprecedented' power as unconstitutional	Fuck that guy	Fourteen states have filed a federal lawsuit against President Donald Trump and Elon Musk, challenging Musk's role as head of the new Department of Government Efficiency and accusing him of being a "designated agent of chaos" whose "sweeping authority" is in violation of the U.S. Constitution. "There is no greater threat to democracy than the accumulation of state power in the hands of a single, untested individual," says the lawsuit, filed by New Mexico Attorney General Raúl Torrez and officials from Arizona, Michigan, Maryland, Minnesota, California, Nevada, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii. "Although our constitutional system was designed to prevent the abuses of an 18th century monarch, the instruments of unchecked power are no less dangerous in the hands of a 21st century tech baron." Two of the 14 states are led by Republican governors.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/news-lawsuit-doge-14-states-musks-awepo	2025/02/14	
Musk, State Dept. push back on reports of plan to buy \$400M of armored Teslas	Fuck that guy	The State Department official also denied the reports to Axios, saying that "no government contract has been awarded to Tesla or any other vehicle manufacturer to produce armored electric vehicles for the Department of State." The State Department's 2025 procurement forecast states that the administration is set to purchase \$400 million worth of "armored electric vehicles." The entry on the procurement forecast — which was initially published last December, before Trump took office — shows that it was edited Wednesday evening. Yet a previous version of the forecast viewed by Axios showed an entry for the same amount listed as "Armored Tesla (Production Units)." The description appeared to point toward Tesla's steel-covered Cybertrucks.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/13/musk-contract-armored-tesla	2025/02/14	
Trump administration says it has no plans to fulfill \$400 million 'armored Tesla' contract	Fuck that guy	The State Department said Thursday it is abandoning plans of purchasing \$400 million worth of armored Tesla vehicles after a public document detailing federal contracts for fiscal year 2025 gained wide attention. That expected purchase of Teslas, which was slated for September of this year, is now on hold, according to the State Department, which now says it has no plans of fulfilling the contract.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/13/pa-1-48571-trump-administration-order	2025/02/14	
Musk claims DOGE is saving taxpayers billions, but the data is unclear	Fuck that guy	A central tenet of the Elon Musk-led "Department of Government Efficiency" effort is cutting government spending, but there's little transparency and some exaggeration surrounding the claims of the billions of dollars saved in less than a month. "Well, we actually are trying to be as transparent as possible," Musk said. "We post our actions to the DOGE handle on X and to the DOGE website. So all of our actions are maximally transparent. In fact, I don't think there's been — I don't know of a case where an organization has been more transparent than the DOGE organization." Until Wednesday, the DOGE website was blank, save a tagline that said "The people voted for major reform." Now, a "savings" page promises "receipts coming soon" and the site also includes the DOGE X feed and roughly three dozen posts that have varying degrees of specificity about actions taken to terminate contracts.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/11/ny-41-5290288/doge-savings-billions-c	2025/02/14	
Trump, Musk so far provide scant evidence for their claims of government fraud	Fuck that guy	The updates that DOGE and Musk provide on his X social media platform are often vague and often don't contain documentation. On Thursday, the billionaire reposted to his 217.5 million followers on X a claim that Reuters was awarded \$9 million by the Department of Defense for a "social engineering" program and called it a "scam." Trump passed the claim along on his Truth Social platform, posting "GIVE BACK THE MONEY NOW!" However, public records show the contract was awarded in 2018, during Trump's first term, to Thompson Reuters Special Services Division, not its news organization, following a request from the previous year from a Department of Defense agency for research on "automated defense social engineering attacks."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-musk-far-scant-evidence-2121491	2025/02/14	

With Elon Musk watching, Trump says he's giving DOGE even more power	Fuck that guy	President Donald Trump said Tuesday he was signing an executive order to give tech billionaire Elon Musk more power over the federal workforce, adding to Musk's swift and sweeping consolidation of political influence. With Musk standing by his right in the Oval Office, Trump praised the work of his office, known as the Department of Government Efficiency Service (DOGE). And Trump said he wanted Musk to now do more, even as DOGE faces multiple lawsuits from labor unions and Democratic state attorneys general over whether it is acting within the law. The hits just keep coming. As investigative journalists work to piece together who exactly Elon Musk has working on his DOGE team, the picture is getting more and more despicable.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-watching-trump-says-0109214	2025/02/14
One of Elon Musk's DOGE BOYS reportedly Ran a Disquieting Image Hosting Site Linked to Domains About Child Sexual Abuse	Fuck that guy	Continine brings a wealth of experience to his new State Department roll as a senior advisor, including a stint as a camp counselor and repairing bikes. The notably, he spent a small chunk of time interning at Musk's Neuraleink venture — no doubt the bona fide that landed him his current gig ...	https://www.yahoo.com/news/one-elon-musk-boys-150714778	2025/02/14
DOGE visits the IRS, putting staffers on edge	Fuck that guy	At least one member of Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency team visited the Internal Revenue Service offices in Washington on Thursday as part of its mission to evaluate and potentially downsize government agencies, two people familiar with the matter told CNN.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-visits-irs-putting-staffers-0110502075	2025/02/14
Musk calls for 'wave of judicial impeachments'	Fuck that guy	Tech billionaire Elon Musk on Wednesday called for judges to be impeached for checking the power of the Trump administration, as some of its efforts to overhaul the government get bogged down in legal fights. Federal employee unions have sued the United States Office of Personnel Management, its acting director, Charles Ezzell, and billionaire Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency over alleged illegally accessing the personal information of tens of millions of Americans. In a suit filed Feb. 11, the American Federation of Government Employees, the Association of Administrative Law Judges and the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers accuse the OPM of recklessly enabling and DOGE operatives' access to the personal records of "tens of millions of American public servants, job applicants, their family members, and other third parties."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-calls-wave-judicial-impeachments-	2025/02/14
Unions sue to keep Musk's "unqualified fankies" out of Americans' personal data	Fuck that guy	"The Office of Personnel Management maintains highly sensitive, personal information on anyone who has ever worked for or sought employment with the federal government," Everett Kelley, national president of the AFGE, said in a statement. "Elon Musk and his unqualified fankies have no business accessing this personal data, and we are calling on the courts to put a stop to this illegal and dangerous activity."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/unions-sue-keep-musk-unqualified-201	2025/02/14
Sweeping cuts hit recent federal hires as Trump administration slashes workforce	Government Jobs	Federal workers have begun receiving layoff notices as the Trump administration moves ahead with plans to drastically downsize the government. While the full scale of layoffs isn't yet clear, the first round of cuts appeared to target employees who were recently hired and still on probationary status, according to multiple federal officials and staffers who spoke to NPR on condition of anonymity, because they were not authorized to speak to the press and feared retaliation from the Trump administration.	https://www.npr.com/2025/02/13/mx-st-5296928/layoffs-trump-doge-edu	2025/02/14
Scores of firings have begun at federal agencies	Government Jobs	Scores of firings have begun at federal agencies, with terminations of probationary employees underway at the Department of Education and the Small Business Administration, federal employees and union sources told CNN on Wednesday. At the Department of Education, the firings have impacted employees across the agency from the general counsel's office, to the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services that supports programs for children with disabilities, to the Federal Student Aid office, a union source told CNN.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/scores-firings-begun-federal-agencies-11	2025/02/14
Dozens of OPM probationary employees were fired on a mass video call on Thursday and given 30 minutes to collect their belongings	Government Jobs	Dozens of probationary employees at the Office of Personnel Management were fired in a group video call Thursday afternoon and told their accounts would be deactivated by 3 p.m. ET, around 20 minutes after the call began. "You will receive your termination notice via email shortly, and it will include the reason for termination," an official said on the call, according to a recording viewed by BI.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dozens-opm-probationary-employees-we	2025/02/14
Trump wants the Department of Education to be closed 'immediately.' Here's what shutting it down would mean.	Government-DOE	"As a result, your employment with the Office of Personnel Management will end today," the official said. "Your physical and IT system access will be deactivated by 3 p.m. ET today, and we ask that you gather your personal belongings and exit the premises by 3 p.m. ET as well." One of the Department of Education's primary tasks is facilitating the \$1.7 trillion student-loan portfolio. More than 40 million student loan borrowers hold federal loans, and the department's Federal Student Aid office works with student-loan servicers to manage borrowers' loan repayment. FSA is also responsible for managing a range of student-loan repayment and relief programs, including the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. It develops the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, form for students each year and provides Pell Grants for low-income and middle-income college students.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-wants-department-education-close	2025/02/14
Judge sets a 5-day deadline for the Trump administration to start lifting its USAID funding freeze	Government-USAID	A federal judge has ordered President Donald Trump's administration to temporarily lift a funding freeze that has shut down U.S. humanitarian aid and development work around the world, and he has set a five-day deadline for the administration to prove it's complying. The judge's ruling late Thursday cited the financial devastation that the near-overnight cutoff of payments has caused suppliers and nonprofits that carry out much of U.S. aid overseas.	https://agnews.com/article/usaid-trump-funding-freeze-musk-lawsuit-57	2025/02/14
Trump creates MAHA commission on childhood chronic illness	Health-Cespool	The Make America Health Again Commission, announced shortly after Trump swore in Kennedy in the Oval Office, is charged with creating a strategy on improving childhood health, with explicit directions to scrutinize the use of common medications like stimulants.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/13/trump-maha-commission-rfk-chronic	2025/02/14
Blood samples show previous bird flu infection in veterinarians who didn't realize they were exposed, CDC	Health-Bird flu	Blood samples showed evidence of past bird flu infection in veterinarians despite the doctors never reporting symptoms or knowing they had been exposed, a new federal report Thursday afternoon shows.	https://abcnews.go.com/health/blood-samples-show-previous-bird-flu	2025/02/14
After delay, CDC releases data signaling bird flu spread undetected in cows and people	Health-Bird flu	The first study on an H5N1 bird flu outbreak from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to make it to publication under the Trump administration came out Thursday. The journal released data suggesting some spillovers from dairy cattle into humans have gone undetected, including in states where dairy herds have not tested positive.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health/bird-flu-news-2025/02/13/mx-st-5296	2025/02/14
North Carolina girl, 9, dies from flu complications as cases continue to spike across the US	Health-Flu	A 9-year-old North Carolina girl has died from flu complications as the U.S. experiences its most intense flu season in 15 years. Madeline Vernon of Randolph County was diagnosed with the flu on January 25. Her condition quickly deteriorated over the next few days. She woke up January 28 with a fever of 104.9 degrees.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/north-carolina-girl-9-dies-003007302	2025/02/14
What's happening with the anti-HIV program PEPFAR? It depends whom you ask	Health-HIV	Her parents, Mary Edging and Jimmy Vernon, rushed Madeline to urgent care, where she was placed on a ventilator to help her breathe, but the youngster tragically died the next day. A memo regarding HIV treatment and prevention, issued by the State Department on February 6, offers a stark illustration of the impact of the Trump administration on global health.	https://www.npr.org/sections/pepfar-and-sota/2025/02/13/mx-st-1529501	2025/02/14
Louisiana to end mass vaccine promotion, state's top health official says	Health-Vaccines	One section of the memo refers to an HIV medication known as PEP ("pre-exposure prophylaxis"), given to people at high risk of infection. In the past, the pills or shots have been distributed to a range of individuals, among them men who have sex with men, girls and young women between the ages of 15 and 24, sex workers and people who inject drugs.	https://agnews.com/article/louisiana-vaccination-surgeon-general-862e	2025/02/14
Chernobyl radiation shield hit by Russian drone, Ukraine says	International	The memo, which NPR obtained, states that if a clinic receives funding through the U.S. program PEPFAR, this preventative medication can "only" be given to "pregnant and breastfeeding women" during the 90-day freeze on foreign aid that the Trump administration instituted. The Louisiana Department of Health "will no longer promote mass vaccination" according to a Thursday memo written by the state's top health official and obtained by The Associated Press.	https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-68147207	2025/02/14
Trump's Gaza plan unites jihadist and far-right circles, experts warn	International-Extremism	A Russian drone attack hit the radiation shelter protecting Chernobyl's damaged nuclear reactor, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has said. The overnight strike at the nuclear plant, which is the site of the world's worst nuclear accident, caused a fire that has since been extinguished, he added. As of Friday morning, radiation levels inside and outside Chernobyl remain normal and stable according to the UN's nuclear watchdog the IAEA.	https://www.theusafrican.com/us-news/2025/feb/14/trump-gaza-plan-ga	2025/02/14
US aircraft carrier collides with ship in Mediterranean, sea	International-Relations	As Donald Trump continues to threaten to take control over the Gaza Strip, an unlikely consensus has emerged across hardcore jihadist and far-right circles: both strongly oppose any new US military presence in the territory. The aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman collided with a large merchant vessel Wednesday night in the vicinity of Port Said, Egypt, in the Mediterranean Sea.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/aircraft-carrier-harry-truman-collides-16d4	2025/02/14
US relations with Europe will never be the same after Trump's call with Putin	International-Relations	The Nimz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) was involved in a collision with the merchant vessel Besiktas-M at approximately 11:46 p.m. local time, Feb. 12, while operating in the vicinity of Port Said, Egypt, in the Mediterranean Sea," a statement from the U.S. Navy's Sixth Fleet said. The watershed highlights Trump's "America First" ideology and his tendency to see every issue or alliance as a dollars and cents value proposition. It also underscores his freedom from establishment advisors steeped in the foreign policy mythology of the West, who he thinks thwarted his first term. Although Hegseth recommitted to NATO, something fundamental has changed. It's long been clear that the second Trump administration would place new demands on America's European partners, which will now lead to agonized choices for governments that have chosen social spending over defense. NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte told the European Parliament last month that Europeans must come up with more cash for their militaries. "If you don't do it, get your Russian language courses or go to New Zealand," he said. There were, of course, clear signs this was not going to be smooth sailing. US President Donald Trump fired the starting gun on this critical week of diplomacy by pouring cold water on Ukraine's hopes of a favorable peace deal. "They may be Russian someday, or they may not be Russian someday," he said on Fox News on Monday. European leaders have since been light-lipped about Trump's comments. "There are different comments now coming out," said Latvia's Defense Minister Andris Sprudis on Wednesday. "It is important to see a very clear specific plan." Meanwhile, NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte deepened the issue when questioned by CNN at his pre-summit briefing, simply noting, "We are intensely coordinating with President Trump's team at all levels, and these are very good conversations."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-relations-europe-never-same-0500406	2025/02/14
NATO allies scramble for direction as Trump team signals concessions to Moscow	International-Relations	House Democrats are introducing legislation that would require federal agencies to let members of Congress enter their buildings after being locked out of four federal headquarters last week. The two-page measure, called the All Access Act of 2025, would mandate that any member of Congress be allowed to enter a federal building if they show a valid congressional ID during regular business hours.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nato-allies-scramble-direction-trump-243	2025/02/14
Russian state TV and Kremlin insiders laughing at Trump's concessions to Putin over Ukraine, report	International-Russia	Trump's proposals to dismantle the Department of Education could have dramatic implications for public schools that rely on federal funds to fill gaps in state and local support. On top of that, experts say it could be a recipe for chaos as critical government programs are reorganized. Trump told reporters earlier this month he hopes McMahon will "put herself out of a job." Reality check: Eliminating the Department of Education, which has been a punching bag for the GOP for decades, would require congressional action.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/kremlin	2025/02/14
Democrats draft bill to force federal agencies to grant them entry	Political-Cespool	But that's not to say the administration won't try to dismantle it before urging lawmakers to deliver the final blow. Three senior federal prosecutors resigned Thursday in connection with the department's decision to drop the criminal corruption case against New York City Mayor Eric Adams. Danielle Sassoon, the acting U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, resigned, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office said. Her decision came three days after Justice Department leadership instructed her to drop the criminal corruption case against Adams.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/13/house-democrats-bill-federal-agency	2025/02/14
Linda McMahon auditions to lead Education Department Trump wants to eliminate	Political-Cespool	Erni Bove, the acting No. 2 official at the Justice Department, accepted Sassoon's resignation, and placed two assistant U.S. attorneys who worked the case on leave pending investigations of their conduct by the Office of the Attorney General and the department's Office of Professional Responsibility, according to a letter from Bove obtained by NPR. Later Thursday, John Keller, the acting head of the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section, and Kevin Driscoll, the senior-most career Justice Department official leading the Criminal Division, who resigned after being asked to take over the Adams case, according to two sources who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the record.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/13/linda-mcmahon-education-department	2025/02/14
3 top U.S. prosecutors resign over order to drop NYC Mayor Eric Adams corruption case	Political-Cespool	The newly confirmed head of this federal agency is Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who, as NPR reported, "has an extensive history of making inaccurate and misleading statements on vaccines and infectious diseases."	https://www.npr.com/2025/02/13/mx-st-5297120/critic-adams-federal-pro	2025/02/14
RFK Jr. will have a vast global reach at Health and Human Services	Political-Cespool	Experts predict a different HHS philosophy in the Trump administration with RFK Jr. in charge. Kates of KFF says the questions she expects to hear over the next four years, "Why are we investing this money? What is it giving America? Are we giving to institutions and countries that align with our interests?"	https://www.npr.org/sections/pepfar-and-sota/2025/01/28/mx-st-1527817	2025/02/14

		But only a sliver of the country gets this firsthand view. For the 2024 eclipse, Brevik used money from a National Science Foundation grant to help middle schoolers host a live, interactive broadcast that brought together kids within the path of totality with those around the country outside the path. It meant thousands of students could share the experience.			
Sen. Ted Cruz's list of 'woke' science includes self-driving cars and solar eclipses	Political Cesspool	On Tuesday, Brevik was surprised to learn that her grant was one of over 3,400 NSF grants labeled by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, as "woke DEE" research that may be advancing "neo-Marxist class warfare propaganda."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/13/mx-41-52965433sen-led-cruza-list-of-wo	2025/02/14	
		"There's no vaccine that is safe and effective," he said in a 2023 podcast interview. (Last April, a major landmark study published in the Lancet showed that global immunization efforts have saved an estimated 154 million lives over the past 50 years — including the lives of 101 million infants.)			
		Dozens of studies conducted in recent decades have already demonstrated that there is no link between vaccination and autism spectrum disorder.			
		Before aligning with Trump, Kennedy — a member of America's most famous Democratic clan — identified as staunchly pro-choice.			
		"I wouldn't leave abortion to the states," he said in 2024. "My belief is we should leave it to the woman. We shouldn't have the government involved ... even if it's full term."			
		Kennedy also promised further investigation of mifepristone, a drug used in so-called medication abortions, which is currently the most common way to end pregnancy. The pill has already been extensively investigated for safety — and found to have fewer adverse outcomes than Tylenol.			
		As HHS secretary, Kennedy will oversee the implementation of Medicare (for seniors) and Medicaid (for low-income patients).			
		But during his hearings, he seemed unfamiliar with the nuances of these massive government health care programs responsible for covering more than 150 million Americans; at times, he even appeared to mix them up.			
		"I was called a conspiracy theorist because I said fluoride lowered IQ," Kennedy said. "Last week JAMA published a meta review of 87 studies saying that there's a direct inverse correlation between IQ lost."			
		That research, however, was based on fluoride levels at about twice the recommended U.S. limit.			
		In an April 2024 appearance on Bill Maher's podcast, Kennedy speculated, despite a lack of scientific evidence to support such claims, that antidepressant use could explain the rise of school shootings in the U.S. in recent years.			
		Food safety advocates generally agree with Kennedy that the U.S. would benefit from greater oversight of additives. Researchers have also found consistent correlations between the consumption of ultraprocessed foods and a range of health conditions, according to the New York Times, including heart disease, type 2 diabetes, gastrointestinal diseases and some kinds of cancer.			
The Senate just confirmed RFK Jr. as Trump's health secretary. Here's how he might handle it, but better, health issues, from vaccines to abortion to fluoride.	Political Cesspool	Republicans on Capitol Hill are full of praise for President Donald Trump's flurry of executive actions and attempts to slash some federal spending, selling it as the kind of disruption that Americans voted for last fall.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/from-vaccines-to-abortion-to-fluoride-health-12252177	2025/02/14	
		That is, until the pain risks hitting home for their constituents.			
		Sen. Katie Britt, R-Ala., recently pushed back on the administration's funding reductions under the National Institutes of Health. The University of Alabama at Birmingham is a major recipient of that money, which has helped make it the state's largest employer.			
		Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said the cap on indirect costs under NIH grants was "poorly conceived" and would impose "arbitrary cuts in funding for vital research at our Maine institutions."			
		"It'll be very difficult for them to conduct this research. And so, of course, I want people in Louisiana to benefit from research dollars, and for it to not all go to Massachusetts and California," Cassidy said. "So I am in active conversation with my folks back home, and am researching the issue."			
When the pain hits home, Republicans balk at Trump's spending cuts and tariffs	Political Cesspool	While the NIH funding reductions triggered a round of warnings, they were among several examples of Republicans growing uneasy about some of the blunt steps that the administration is taking that they believe could lead to adverse consequences for their states.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pain-hits-home-republicans-balk-0225177	2025/02/14	
JD Vance says Germany should work with the far right AfD and not ignore 'the will of the people'	political Cesspool	US vice president JD Vance has said he will implore Berlin to work with the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) to curb migration, despite an unofficial ban on collaborating with the group.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/aid-germany-vance-12252177	2025/02/14	
		The National Park Service eliminated all references to transgender people from its website for the Stonewall national monument on Thursday. The monument commemorates a 1969 riot outside New York City's historic Stonewall Inn, led by trans women of color, that ignited the contemporary gay rights movement.			
		The move comes as federal agencies across the country seek to comply with an executive order Donald Trump signed on his first day in office, calling for the US government to define sex as only male or female.			
		"This blatant act of erasure not only distorts the truth of our history, but it also dishonors the immense contributions of transgender individuals – especially transgender women of color – who were at the forefront of the Stonewall Riots and the broader fight for LGBTQ+ rights," organizers at the Stonewall Inn and the non-profit Stonewall Inn Gives Back Initiative said in a statement.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/13/stonewall-website-ty	2025/02/14	
US park service erases references to trans people from Stonewall Inn website	Rainbow threats	In Arkansas, state health officials announced a stunning statistic for 2023. The total number of abortions in the state, where some 1.5 million women live, was zero.			
		In nearly a dozen states with total or near-total abortion bans, government officials claimed that zero or very few abortions occurred in 2023, the first full year after the Supreme Court eliminated federal abortion rights.			
		Those statistics, the most recent available and published in government records, have been celebrated by anti-abortion activists. Medical professionals say such accounts are not only untrue but fundamentally dishonest.			
		For some data scientists, these statistics also suggest a troubling trend: the potential politicization of vital statistics.			
		"It's so clinically dishonest," said Ushma Upadhyay, a public health scientist at the University of California San Francisco who co-chairs WeCount, an academic research effort that has kept a tally of the number of abortions nationwide since April 2022. The group recorded a slight rise in abortions nationally in 2023.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/02/13/tx-41-5293	2025/02/14	
		A Texas judge has ordered a New York doctor to immediately stop prescribing and mailing abortion pills to patients in Texas, setting up a challenge to state "shield laws" that could reach the US supreme court.			
		In his order Thursday, Judge Bryan Gant of Collin county district court ordered Dr Margaret Daley Carpenter of New Patz, who uses telemedicine to see patients across the country, to cease her work and pay a penalty of more than \$100,000. The lawsuit was filed by Texas attorney general Ken Paxton, a close ally of Donald Trump, in December.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/13/texas-abortion-pills-shi	2025/02/14	
		The world's electricity use will grow every year by more than the amount consumed annually by Japan because of a surge in electric transport, air conditioning and datacentres, according to the world's energy watchdog.			
		The International Energy Agency has raised its predictions for the world's rising demand for electricity, pegging the growth at almost 4% a year until 2027, up from its previous forecast of 3.4% year.			
		The influential Paris-based agency said the "new age of electricity" was dawning as a result of the climate crisis as more people begin to use air conditioning to cope with extreme temperature rises and economies begin to turn away from using fossil fuels in favour of cleaner power.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/feb/14/electric-cars-data	2025/02/14	
EVs and datacentres driving new global 'age of electricity,' says watchdog	Technology-Electricity	About 77,000 federal employees, or 3.2% of the workforce, accepted the Trump administration's buyout offer. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said on Thursday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/13/trump-buyout-federal-workforce-dea	2025/02/14	
Trump administration falls short of federal workforce, buyout goal	Trump Bullshit	The administration fell short of its 5-10% target, which would have required hundreds of thousands of workers to opt in.			
		President Trump's vow to deport "millions and millions" of unauthorized immigrants is meeting harsh reality — already stretching the limits of the government's resources, less than four weeks into the new administration.			
		A lack of funds, detention space, officers and infrastructure to handle arrested immigrants is frustrating many involved in the effort — and made goals such as 1 million deportations this year seem unrealistic.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/13/trump-immigration-deportation-obst	2025/02/14	
		President Donald Trump's administration is holding up money for wildfire mitigation projects funded through legislation championed by his Democratic predecessor, threatening efforts to prevent catastrophic blazes like the ones that recently ripped through Southern California.			
		The decision undermines Trump's repeated insistence that communities need to clear combustible materials like fallen branches and undergrowth — "It's called management of the floor," he said while visiting Los Angeles last month — to guard against wildfires.			
		The scrutiny is being applied only to projects using money from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, two centrepieces of former President Joe Biden's administration. They included roughly \$3 billion for wildfire mitigation efforts, often known as hazardous fuels reduction programs.	https://apnews.com/article/wildfire-first-figures-trump-federal-hiring-free	2025/02/14	
Trump wants states to clean up forests to stop wildfires. But his administration cut off funds	Trump Bullshit	A humpback whale briefly swallowed a kayaker off Chilean Patagonia before quickly releasing him unharmed. The incident, caught on camera, quickly went viral as one of the most remarkable footage in Chile in recent years.	https://abc7.com/post/humpback-whale-briefly-swallows-kayaker-chile	2025/02/14	
A humpback whale briefly swallowed kayaker in Chilean Patagonia - and it's all captured on camera	Weird World	One of the world's most famous cartoon cats got its heavenly wings this week after 'language-learning platform Duolingo announced the death of its beloved avian mascot.			
		"Authorities are currently investigating his cause of death and we are cooperating fully," it said Tuesday on social media. "Uh, he probably died waiting for you to do your lesson, but what do we know?"	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/13/mx-41-5296597/duolingo-owl-mascot-de	2025/02/14	
		Sable Island's population of grey seals has skyrocketed in recent decades, yet about 90 percent of pups die during their first year. Increased competition for food could be behind this high mortality rate, so monitoring this population is crucial for protecting them. Researchers from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) in Massachusetts and its partner groups have studied them over the past several winters. However, this year is the first time that they're getting a closer look at the pups' hearts.			
		The team is running a small pilot program that is putting heart monitors on six seal pups. These "seal Fitbits" can collect data on their heart rate and even EKG readings. This, in turn, tells the scientists about the seals' overall health and how much energy they are expending. The data reveals more about how the pups are getting ready to go out to sea and develop their diving abilities—which are critical to their overall survival. Seal pups only stay with their mothers to nurse for 15 to 20 days before it's time for them to learn to swim and go off on their own.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/baby-seals-wearing-heart-monitors-1900	2025/02/14	
		A quail-sized bird fossil discovered in southeastern China is reshaping our understanding of avian evolution. The fossil, dating back 150 million years to the Jurassic Period, reveals a surprisingly modern bird for its age.			
		Named Banninomis zhenyuanensis, this newfound species shares the title of oldest known bird with Archaeopteryx, discovered in Germany in 1861. However, despite their shared antiquity, Banninomis, measuring about six inches long, exhibits significantly more advanced anatomical features and superior flight capabilities compared to the crow-sized Archaeopteryx, a creature often described as a transitional form between reptiles and birds.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/archaeology/jurassic-foss	2025/02/14	
Jurassic fossil rewrites what we thought we knew about bird evolution	Weird World	Police in Mississippi are asking residents to be on the lookout for an unusual suspect wanted for "fetty teasing and disorderly conduct" — an emu.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/12/escaped-emu-Batesville-M	2025/02/14	
Miss. police seek escaped emu for 'fetty teasing and disorderly conduct'	Weird World	A New York Zoo offered a sneak preview of some of the artwork that will be available at its upcoming gala auction: creations by animals including penguins, giraffes, sloths, capybaras and anteaters.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/12/Animal-Adventure-Park-Py	2025/02/14	
Zoo holding auction for paintings made by penguins, giraffes	Weird World	An opossum was treated at a Nebraska animal hospital after wandering into a family's back yard and gorging itself on an entire chocolate mouse cake from Costco.			
		Kim Doggett said the cake had been placed on a table in her Gretna back yard because she ran out of room in the fridge.			
		She said her son took some fresh-made peanut butter balls outside to cool and discovered an opossum was curled up on the outdoor sectional, which was covered in chocolate paw prints.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/12/nebraska-wildlife-neha-go	2025/02/14	
		A crash involving more than 100 vehicles in Portland, Ore., during "whiteout conditions" closed Interstate 84 on Thursday.			
More than 100 cars on Oregon highway crash in 'whiteout' conditions	Yikes	Cars, semitrucks and other vehicles were piled up along the snow-covered roadway, according to the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, and one SUV ended up in flames.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/more-than-100-cars-on-oregon-highway-12252177	2025/02/14	
		U.S. Border Patrol agents will stop using body cameras immediately in all field operations following social media posts that revealed how to identify Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, NewsNation reported on Saturday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/border-patrol-stop-usage-body-cameras-02082849	2025/02/17	borders and immigration
Border Patrol to stop usage of body cameras in the field. Report	ACAB				

Border Czar Whines It's Been 'Hard' to Find Undocumented Immigrants	Borders and immigration	In an interview with CNN's Dana Bash on State of the Union, Tom Homan said that whole teams of Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers are having to raid neighborhoods to carry out the administration's deportation plans. "It is hard because rather than one man arresting one bad guy in a jail, we've got to send a whole team to the field to find someone that doesn't want to be found," he said in an interview Sunday. The Trump administration fired 20 immigration judges without explanation, a union official said Saturday and sweeping moves to shrink the size of the federal government. On Friday, 13 judges who had yet to be sworn in and five assistant chief immigration judges were dismissed without notice, said Matthew Biggs, president of the International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers, which represents federal workers. Two other judges were fired under similar circumstances in the last week. But the Trump administration's threats to end programs that have allowed Ukrainians to live and work legally in the US has cast a pall over all the efforts. "I applied for TPS [Temporary Protected Status] five days ago, but who knows [what will happen]. Our applications are still pending," he says.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/border-czar-whines-hard-undocumented-130	2025/02/17	
Justice Department fires 20 immigration judges from backlogged courts amid major government cuts	Borders and immigration	Three immigrants who won a restraining order against the federal government to avoid transfer to the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba were deported this week on direct flights to Venezuela, according to court documents published Friday. The federal education system that supports Defense Department schools around the world has ordered schools under its purview to remove books from their libraries that deal with any topic relating to diversity, equity and inclusion, following Donald Trump's executive order. But the order is reportedly being broadly interpreted by librarians and school officials to include any books dealing with issues that could be perceived as promoting one group over another -- meaning that books about slavery, civil rights history, or treatment of Native Americans could be removed.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/justice-department-fires-20-immigration-130	2025/02/17	
Trump threatens to revoke status unsettles Ohio's Ukrainians. 'The stress is real'	Borders and immigration	Three years since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians have forged a new life in the US. One of the largest communities -- about 15,000 people -- has come to Cleveland, a city that's been hemorrhaging residents for decades.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-threats-revoke-status-unssettles-130	2025/02/17	
US deports immigrants to Venezuela after judge blocked transfer to Guantanamo Bay	Borders and immigration	Three immigrants who won a restraining order against the federal government to avoid transfer to the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba were deported this week on direct flights to Venezuela, according to court documents published Friday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-deports-immigrants-venezuela-judge-130	2025/02/17	
Schools serving military service members' kids are pulling books on civil rights history after Trump's DEI threats	Censorship	But the order is reportedly being broadly interpreted by librarians and school officials to include any books dealing with issues that could be perceived as promoting one group over another -- meaning that books about slavery, civil rights history, or treatment of Native Americans could be removed.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/military-130	2025/02/17	
Republicans move to impeach judges who blocked Trump	Constitutional Crisis	House Republicans are planning to introduce long-shot articles of impeachment against at least two of the federal judges who have blocked President Trump's efforts to upend the federal government. Vice President J.D. Vance has also suggested that federal judges have been overstepping their authority and "are allowed to control the executive legislative power." The examples of "trans" Trump has so far offered up actually appear to be programs he just doesn't like, such as diversity initiatives. There is serious concern from legal experts, conservatives and liberals alike about the administration's sweeping and abrupt moves-- freezing broad swaths of federal money approved by Congress, gaining access to sensitive Treasury payment systems, and trying to shut down entire agencies overnight. White said these actions don't appear to be carefully thought out and explained and that makes judges more likely to be confused and skeptical. Other experts on executive power agree. But she says you learn quickly in the White House not to do anything without having some really good lawyers in the room to make sure you are going about it in the right way. She says Trump and billionaire Elon Musk, who's heading the DOGE effort, appear to be figuring they can just do whatever they want and let the lawyers figure it out later.	https://www.yahoo.com/2025/02/16/impeachment-judges-republicans-130	2025/02/17	
Courts block Trump's DOGE actions -- chaos, panic, not proving to be best legal strategy	Constitutional Crisis	President Trump is firing government watchdogs, trying to shutter entire agencies and pausing spending on things that don't fit with his agenda. These efforts to reshape the government at a rapid clip have put him on a collision course with laws passed after the Watergate scandal. Since taking office, Trump has fired more than a dozen inspectors general. He also blew past a 2022 law requiring that there be cause for any such firings and provide advance notice to Congress. "As the statute is written -- what President Trump did violates the law," said Stanford law professor Anne Joseph O'Connell. "Now, whether this conservative Supreme Court would uphold that law is uncertain."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/15/mx-st-5297925/courts-block-trumps-doge-130	2025/02/17	
After Watergate, Congress curbed the presidency. Now, Trump is testing those limits	Constitutional Crisis	The White House is arguing that because these watchdogs work in the executive branch, President Trump has the authority to fire them no matter what the laws written by Congress say. The president's full-court press to dominate media and control cultural institutions is straight out of the authoritarian playbook. Long a master of branding, Trump is making propaganda a core element of his strongman presidency. This comes as little surprise to critics who regard it as an extension of last year's election campaign in which he sold himself as a champion of the forgotten people and victim of a weaponized justice department. Tara Setmayer, a former Republican communications director on Capitol Hill, said: "Donald Trump's re-election is the greatest, most successful propaganda op in history. Propaganda is why Donald Trump is president again and they know this, which is why they undermined the press, expertise and science."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/15/mx-st-5298169/trump-watergate-doge-130	2025/02/17	
'The greatest propaganda op in history': Trump's reshaping of US culture evokes past antidemocratic regimes	Constitutional Crisis	Since taking office, Trump has outpaced his predecessors by signing 64 executive orders and 27 memos and proclamations in less than a month. His blitz on immigration, trade and the federal bureaucracy was expected. But the president's aggressive approach to reshaping national identity through symbolism and language has taken opponents by surprise.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/16/trump-culture-demo-130	2025/02/17	
Trump administration wants the Supreme Court to let the firing of whistleblower agency head proceed	Constitutional Crisis	The Trump administration wants the Supreme Court to permit the firing of the head of the federal agency dedicated to protecting whistleblowers, according to documents obtained Sunday that would mark the first appeal to the justices since President Donald Trump took office. After several weeks of grabbing power for the executive branch, undermining Congress and bullying the press, Trump shared that he should be above the law if the ends justify his means. Trump may be right. The Supreme Court granted the office of the president broad immunity in Trump v. United States, writing that "the President may not be prosecuted for exercising his core constitutional powers, and he is entitled to at least presumptive immunity from prosecution for his official acts."	https://apnews.com/articles/supreme-court-trump-administration-124567	2025/02/17	
'He who saves his Country does not violate any Law': Trump denies his actions are unconstitutional	Constitutional Crisis	Given the ever-growing amount of power being sucked into the executive branch, and the unwillingness of the other two branches of government to claw back their own constitutionally allotted powers, it does seem like Trump will be able to bend any law to his will by declaring his own actions legal as he does them. The U.S. Justice Department formally moved to dismiss corruption charges against New York City Mayor Eric Adams Friday night, capping days of uncertainty and chaos that led to the biggest mass resignation at the agency in recent memory. Bowe, who most recently served as a defense lawyer for Donald Trump, had ordered the U.S. Attorney's office in Manhattan to drop the case. His order backfired and prompted the resignations of seven experienced prosecutors who quit rather than obey what they cast as an ill-advised and even unlawful directive.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/saves-country-does-not-violate-1923590/	2025/02/17	
Fallout from Eric Adams case continues at the Justice Department	Corruption	The federal government owns 19 properties in Chicago, including the John C. Kuczynski Federal Building and the 28-story Ralph H. Metcalf Federal Building. It also leases more than 2 million square feet of space throughout the entire metro area, including a 430,000-square-foot complex at 2111 W. Roosevelt Road, which has served as the regional headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since 2006. Although it accounts for only a small slice of Chicago real estate, a pushback by the federal government could deal a blow to the shaky downtown office market. It's also unclear how a narrowing of federal space might unfold, and whether the government could entice buyers if it attempts to sell any Chicago buildings.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/14/mx-st-5299340/justice-department-eric-130	2025/02/17	
Federal plan to reduce government office space could be a blow to Chicago, where selling properties wouldn't be easy	Economy-Housing	The Trump administration's return-to-office mandates and layoffs are disrupting housing markets with big federal footprints, as workers search for closer commutes and struggle with job insecurity. That has sparked widespread pushback from workers, and 1,200 JPMorgan employees signed a petition against the company's five-day-a-week, in-office mandate. "Don't waste time on it," CEO Jamie Dimon said during a company-wide meeting this week, Reuters reported. "I don't care how many people sign that f---ing petition."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-plan-reduce-government-office-11	2025/02/17	
Housing markets with a lot of federal workers have been thrown into disarray by Trump's RTO order and layoffs fears	Economy-Housing	The chaos caused by the RTO mandates and the federal layoffs adds to the strain in the US housing market, which has already been shaken by high mortgage rates. Utah's Republican governor on Friday signed a collective bargaining ban that experts are calling one of the most restrictive labor laws in the country, despite overwhelming opposition from union members. Beginning July 1, unions serving Utah teachers, firefighters, police officers, transit workers and other public employees will be banned from negotiating on their behalf for better wages and working conditions.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/housing-markets-lot-federal-workers-216	2025/02/17	
Utah governor signs collective bargaining ban for teachers, firefighters and police unions	Economy-Unions	Just five weeks ago, Pacific Coast Highway was smoldering from one of the most destructive firestorms in Los Angeles County history, with burned-out shells where scores of ocean-side homes once stood. On Friday, the storied coastal road had dissolved into a river of mud and debris after a powerful rainstorm sent those burned hillside careening toward the ocean, turning canyons into rivers of mud and rocks. Southern California is used to the cycle of drought and deluge, where fires are followed by flooding and debris flows. But the last few weeks have brought particular climate whiplash to residents of the Pacific Palisades and Malibu burn zones. The fires exploded in part because of a lack of winter rain, which left the landscape unusually bone-dry for January. The rains finally came, but they brought a second wave of challenges. Damage from this week's rains were negligible compared to the fires.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/utah-governor-signs-collective-bargaining-130	2025/02/17	
Pacific Coast Highway went from smoldering to flooded in just few weeks. California's drought-to-deluge cycle on steroids	Environment-California	Extreme weather events are expected to lead to volatile food prices throughout 2025, supply chain analysts have said, after cocoa and coffee prices more than doubled over the past year. Several authorities declared 2024 the hottest year on record, a trend towards higher temperatures that seems to be continuing into 2025. Inverteo said a long-term trend towards more extreme weather events would continue to hit regional crop yields, causing price spikes. The highest price rises were for cocoa and coffee, up 163% and 103% respectively, due to a combination of higher than average rainfall and temperatures in producing regions, according to the research.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pacific-coast-highway-went-smoldering-2	2025/02/17	
Extreme weather expected to cause food price volatility in 2025 after coast of cocoa and coffee doubles	Environment-Food	The water line was darkened by ash. Burnt remnants of washing machines and dryers and metal appliances were strewn about the shoreline. Sludge carpeted the water's edge. Waves during high tide lapped onto charred homes, pulling debris and potentially toxic ash into the ocean as they receded. As crews work to remove potentially hundreds of thousands of tons of hazardous materials from the Los Angeles wildfires, researchers and officials are trying to understand how the fires on land have impacted the sea. The Palisades and Eaton fires scorched thousands of homes, businesses, cars and electronics, turning everyday items into hazardous ash made of pesticides, asbestos, plastics, lead, heavy metals and more.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/feb/15/extreme-weather-130	2025/02/17	Economy
Scientists are racing to discover the depth of ocean damage sparked by the LA wildfires	Environment-Oceans	Environmentalists in Florida are calling on the governor, Ron DeSantis, to declare an emergency as a worsening 'red tide' algae bloom off the state's south-west coast threatens popular tourist beaches and is being blamed for the deaths of wildlife including fish and dolphins. Several counties have issued health alerts in response to the outbreak, which scientists say began in the Gulf of Mexico last year when Hurricanes Helene and Milton tore up nutrient-rich waters that feed the algae.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/scientists-racing-discover-depth-ocean-0	2025/02/17	
DeSantis urged to declare emergency over toxic red tide algae off Florida coast	Environment-oceans	A week-long, unusually cold Arctic outbreak will bring frigid conditions to most locations east of the Rockies starting today. For some locations, this could be the coldest air so far this season.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/16/florida-red-tide-ron-130	2025/02/17	
Polar vortex-tied cold outbreak pushes into U.S. from the Arctic	Environment-Polar vortex	The Arctic air is likely to send temperatures plunging to 35 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit below average for mid-February across the Upper Midwest and Plains states, with the cold barreling south and east through the end of the week. In the face of mounting backlash from wildfire survivors and California elected officials, federal disaster agencies are defending their decision to forgo soil testing after cleanup crews remove debris from properties that burned in the Los Angeles County fires. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have said that federal cleanup workers will remove toxic wildfire ash and rubble, along with a 6-inch layer of topsoil from properties. But, this week, federal officials told The Times they won't order soil testing to confirm that properties aren't still contaminated after the removal.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/polar-vortex-tied-cold-outbreak-pushes-into-us-130	2025/02/17	
FEMA doubles down on its decision to not test soil as part of wildfire cleanup	Environment-Soil	A major earthquake with a deadly mix of heavy rains, winds and flash flooding swept through a large swath of the Southeast overnight, causing at least eight fatalities in Kentucky and one in Georgia.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fema-doubles-down-decision-not-110016	2025/02/17	
Deadly storms sweep through the South, leaving at least nine fatalities	Environment-Storms		https://www.npr.org/2025/02/16/mx-st-5298219/deadly-storms-sweep-if-130	2025/02/17	

Leaked DOGE Docs Reveal How Musk Plotted Trump's DEI Purge	Fuck that guy	Leaked internal documents from Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency show how the team intends to carry out President Donald Trump's purge of DEI initiatives from the federal government—and reveal who is next on the chopping block. Phase 1 outlines moves on Trump's first day to initiate the purge. Phase 2 implements fringes and spending cuts over the next 30 days, and Phase 3 broadens the scale of the effort over the ensuing six months. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth welcomed DOGE to the Pentagon, where Elon Musk will face an accounting system that has never passed an audit and decades of rampant price gouging by defense contractors. On Thursday, Trump floated cutting the defense budget in half — after things “settle down” with Russia and China. It was a sharp turn from Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's comments earlier the same day that “nobody can or should test the extent of America's willingness to invest in national security.”	https://www.yahoo.com/news/leaked-doge-docs-reveal-musk-1959406	2025/02/17	
As Elon Musk eyes Defense Department, conflicts of interest, accounting issues loom	Fuck that guy	As liberal protesters find their footing in the second Donald Trump era, Elon Musk is proving a potent target. “He's a particularly heinous villain,” said Ezra Levin, a co-founder of the activist organization Indivisible. “He is less popular even than Trump, and it makes sense, because he's an unelected billionaire, in fact, the richest man in the world, who's trying to end cancer research and nutrition assistance for the poorest children in the country.”	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-eyes-defense-department-503	2025/02/17	
'A particularly heinous villain': a disdain for Musk has sparked protests across US	Fuck that guy	Members of Elon Musk's so-called “department of government efficiency” arrived at the Pentagon Friday, in what appeared to be their first meeting with defense department staff, a US official told Reuters. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.	https://www.theguardian.com/us/news/2025/feb/16/elon-musk-protests	2025/02/17	
Elon Musk's 'efficiency' team meets with defense staff at Pentagon	Fuck that guy	Deputies in San Francisco are looking for three men claiming to be from DOGE who walked into the city's government center and demanded municipal records. On Friday, three men claiming to represent Elon Musk's “Department of Government Efficiency” — which is not an official federal department — walked into San Francisco City Hall to demand government records related to “alleged wasteful government spending and fraud,” according to CBS News. The men were wearing DOGE shirts and Donald Trump MAGA hats.	https://www.theguardian.com/us/news/2025/feb/14/elon-musk-governor	2025/02/17	
DOGE impersonators storm San Francisco city hall, demanding sensitive documents	Fuck that guy	Earlier this month, DOGE employees demanded access to the Treasury Department's vast federal payroll system responsible for managing billions of dollars in government expenditures. That access triggered a lawsuit by 19 states and has been temporarily blocked by a federal judge. Sources say one DOGE staffer arrived at the IRS last Thursday seeking meetings with various offices about how the IRS collects and manages data and what each business and within the IRS does. It is not clear whether that staffer made the request to access IDRS or if it came through via the White House.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/doge-ir	2025/02/17	
Elon Musk's DOGE asks for access to IRS taxpayer data, sources say	Fuck that guy	Donald Trump has mocked what he said were media depictions of Elon Musk as the real power in the White House, saying attempts to drive a wedge between himself and the tech billionaire have failed. “The South African-born Musk, while nominally just the head of a new ‘Department of Government Efficiency’ (DOGE), has taken on extraordinarily broad powers in identifying what he says are areas of waste and then moving quickly to cut jobs and spending.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-doge-asks-access-01280072	2025/02/17	
Trump says media cannot drive wedge between himself and Musk	Fuck that guy	Democrats are signaling they won't bail out Republicans as yet another government funding deadline looms — and with a GOP inflecta in Washington, some say it won't be the fault if the government goes dark. If past negotiations are an indicator of how the vote to stave off the March 14 shutdown deadline will go, the GOP will almost certainly need Democratic support. The strategy some key Democrats have floated — and that is being encouraged by grassroots groups — is to let the GOP collapse if it can't reach an internal consensus. What almost everyone is missing: This country has roughly one month until the government runs out of money, and things like paychecks to troops, food-inspection programs, disaster-relief payments, and aid to low-income families could all be caught up in a chaotic game of chicken. Republicans could keep the lights on all on their own, but probably won't. They control the House, the Senate and the presidency. It's their government.” House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries told reporters last week, setting up a blame-game preamble. Jeffries is factually correct. Even still, Republicans may end up heading a bailout from Democratic lawmakers before March 14. That gives Democrats their first real leverage in Trump's second term, but it's entirely unclear if they will use it or to what end. While a unified plan has yet to emerge, wisps of fight-ready ambitions are stirring to move from the fringes to the mainstream, albeit more slowly than most rank-and-file Democrats would like.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-media-cannot-drive-1600573	2025/02/17	
Democrats play blame game with GOP on looming government shutdown	Government Funding	USATODAY spoke to federal workers fired from the departments of Education, Veterans Affairs, Agriculture and Transportation who said they were shocked, angry and emotionally distraught by the terminations. They were scrambling over the weekend to figure out how to file for unemployment benefits and reversing their budgets to adjust to a new financial reality. The IRS will lay off thousands of probationary workers in the middle of tax season, according to two sources familiar with the agency's plans, and cuts could happen as soon as next week. Jan. 27 was the official start date of the 2025 tax season, and the IRS expects more than 140 million tax returns to be filed by the April 15 deadline. The Biden administration invested heavily in the IRS through an \$80 billion infusion of funds in Democratic Inflation Reduction Act, which included plans to hire tens of thousands of new employees to help with customer service and enforcement as well as new technology to make the tax collection agency.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/16/democrats-government-shutdown-6	2025/02/17	
We're 1 Month From a Government Shutdown—The Talks Are a Mess	Government Funding	The US Treasury is firing about 3,400 recent hires while the National Park Service is terminating about 1,000 workers under Donald Trump's push to cut federal spending and bureaucracy, according to a report on Friday. The cuts represent about 10% of the Forest Service workforce and about 8% of National Park Service employees, but excludes firefighters, law enforcement and certain meteorologists, as well as 5,000 seasonal workers, from the cutbacks. The Trump administration carried out more mass firings across the Health and Human Services Department this weekend, continuing a chaotic purge of the federal workforce that career officials and lawmakers warned would hurt key programs and impair efforts to track threats to public health. The cuts hit staffers at the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, several people with knowledge of the firings told POLITICO. The administration also terminated some staff at the office responsible for emergency preparedness and response. Those cuts included officials working on Medicare and Medicaid initiatives aimed at improving care for beneficiaries at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation and at the CMS office that oversees Obamacare, as well as officials at the FDA offices that regulate prescription drugs and medical devices. The layoffs at FDA included some staff who review medical device products, three of the people with knowledge of the firings said, raising fears they would slow the agency's ability to evaluate and approve new devices.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/we-1-month-government-shutdown-191	2025/02/17	
'Took away my hope.' Federal workers say Trump mass firings upended their lives	Government Jobs	Only 13 U.S. states send more money to federal government coffers than they receive, a recent analysis found. The Trump administration's push for states to be more financially independent brushes up against the reality that many depend on federal money for everything from disaster relief to food aid. The Trump administration is slashing about 1,300 employees, or 10% of the workforce, at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, according to two agency employees who requested anonymously because they weren't authorized to speak for the agency. Staff were notified Friday of the cuts. And as many as 1,500 employees at the National Institutes of Health were also laid off Friday, according to an employee at the agency who was not authorized to speak publicly. A federal judge on Friday ordered the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to delay the deletion of data after the agency's former chief technologist alleged that the Trump administration was about to remove a database with sensitive financial information. Federal workers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are on high alert as they monitor signs of a potential Trump administration overhaul of one of the government's main scientific agencies. Many employees are bracing for potential staff cuts, as well as slashes to the funding that supports science within the agency and by many research partners across the country. In particular, NOAA staffers are concerned about how President Trump's executive orders, including one targeting climate change programs, could affect the agency's research and operations. Agency officials have received a list, which NPR has viewed, of terms that could run out of the orders in the grants and programs they manage; the list includes terms like “climate change,” “pollution” and “natural resources,” as well as many terms associated with diversity, equity and inclusion. NPR obtained the list from an official at NOAA who agreed to talk on the condition of anonymity for fear of retribution.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/feds-fired-federal-workers-cold-cup-1106011	2025/02/17	
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A scary time to be a scientist: how medical research cuts will hurt the maternal mortality crisis	Health-Science	Among the many fields of research threatened by the funding cuts is the growing effort to curb the US maternal mortality rate, which is far worse than in other rich nations. Not only could the cuts delay vital breakthroughs but women's health experts warn they could also push promising young scientists out of the field. Above and beyond the stalling of progress, we're going to see this hollowing out of the workforce that's been working on this research," Lane-Fall said. "That will reverberate for years, if not decades."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/15/trump-medical-rese	2025/02/17	
Republican senator who voted for RFK Jr balks at Louisiana anti-vaccine move	Health-Vaccines	Bill Cassidy, the Republican US senator, has said his home state of Louisiana's recent decision to cancel the promotion of mass vaccination against preventable diseases is a disservice to parents who want to keep their children healthy. Nonetheless, before those remarks, the medical doctor-turned-politician who has clashed with Donald Trump joined 51 of his fellow Republicans in voting to confirm anti-vaccine conspiracy theorist Robert F. Kennedy Jr as secretary of the US's health and human services department. Cassidy had also previously voted to advance Trump's nomination of Kennedy as national health secretary from the committee level to the full Senate.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/louisiana-senator-rfk-jr-supporter-120011	2025/02/17	
AP Says Trump Ban Will 'Chip Away' at Freedom of Speech 'For All Americans'	Information blackout	The Associated Press on Friday said Trump Administration's decision to indefinitely ban the outlet from the Oval Office will "chip away" at the right to freedom of speech held by all Americans. She continued: "The actions taken to restrict AP's coverage of presidential events because of how we refer to a geographic location chip away at this important right enshrined in the U.S. Constitution for all Americans." Do you all remember how Republicans and enraged right-wing pundits spent the past four years screaming and howling and foaming at the mouth over "censorship" and the importance of free speech? Yeah, those folks are all pretty quiet right now while the Trump administration is banning specific words from government websites, aggressively trying to erase transgender people from history and blocking Associated Press reporters from the Oval Office. Let's start with that last bit, as it runs so transparently about of the First Amendment. On Friday, the White House banned AP reporters from Air Force One and the Oval Office. The reason? The news service has made clear it will continue to identify the Gulf of Mexico as the "Gulf of Mexico," not the "Gulf of America" as Trump — like a fifth-grader who mistakenly thinks he's clever — has renamed the body of water. So where is Kentucky Republican Rep. James Comer, who in 2022, while criticizing the Biden administration for attempting to limit the spread of COVID-19 misinformation online, wrote this with GOP colleagues: "The federal government should not be censoring free speech." The Trump administration, according to the Popular Information website, has banned an array of words at the National Security Agency, including: racism, anti-racism, bias, diversity, diverse, gender, inclusion, prejudice, pronouns and equality.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ap-says-trump-ban-chip-234213168.html	2025/02/17	
Trump bans AP and words he doesn't like. Free speech was never about First Amendment, I opine	Information blackout	Trump aides emphasize that Wilkoff shouldn't be seen as overshadowing Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Wilkoff was instrumental in advising Trump to pick Rubio, Vice President Vance and White House national security adviser Mike Waltz for their positions. They've all worked with Wilkoff on the Middle East. But a senior Arab official said it's clear to everyone in the region that Wilkoff is Trump's ultimate representative — and that if you want to cut a deal, you do it with him. President Trump stormed, strangled and humiliated Europe — leaving America's closest continental ally dazed and dumbofounded. That was over the course of three short days this week.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-bans-ap-words-doesnt-100039293	2025/02/17	
How Trump's dealmaker is shaping U.S. foreign policy	International Relations	Trump led NATO and Ukraine still reeling with his initiation of direct peace talks with Russia, without Ukraine fully in the loop or other European leaders even in the conversation. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy says he directed his ministers not to sign off on a proposed agreement to give the United States access to Ukraine's rare earth minerals because the document was too focused on U.S. interests. The proposal, which was a key part of Zelenskyy's talks with U.S. Vice President JD Vance on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference on Friday, did not offer any specific security guarantees in return, according to one current and one former senior Ukrainian official familiar with the talks.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/16/trump-strove-wilkoff-foreign-policy-d	2025/02/17	
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US presented Ukraine with a document to access its minerals but offered almost nothing in return	International Relations	Zelenskyy's decision not to accept the proposal, at least for now, was described as "short-sighted" by a senior White House official.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-presented-ukraine-document-access-i	2025/02/17	
As Georgia slides into authoritarianism, protesters vow to keep fighting Russian pivot	International-Georgia	Two years ago, two days of protests were enough to force Georgia's government into an embarrassing U-turn. It had tried to introduce a "foreign agents" bill — which critics likened to legislation passed by President Vladimir Putin to stifle dissent in Russia — but backed down after fierce demonstrations sparked by the bill's first reading. The ascension of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to Health and Human Services secretary gives the longtime activist against vaccines broad control over federal health policy, including the government's stance on vaccines.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/georgia-slides-authoritarianism-protesters	2025/02/17	
How changes to a CDC vaccine panel under Kennedy could reshape policy	Political Cesspool	One area to watch is an independent advisory committee to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, part of HHS, that plays a key role in setting vaccine policy. While serving a critical role, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or ACIP, guards guardrails against interference, experts say.	https://www.rpr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/02/15/rpx-a1-5293	2025/02/17	
Republicans 'won't give much pushback' against Trump's most controversial Cabinet picks: Reporter	Political Cesspool	Despite some initial opposition, Senate Republicans have largely cleared the way for some of President Trump's controversial Cabinet nominees including Kash Patel, Tulsi Gabbard, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Pete Hegseth. Washington Post reporter Jacqueline Alemany shares her thoughts on whether the GOP will question Trump anytime soon and widespread federal fringes.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-won-t-much-pushback-2130	2025/02/17	
'We're like sitting ducks': the right's 'war on woke' has a well-tested playbook to take down academics	Political Cesspool	That made Boaler a target once again. This time, the debatable moved beyond the so-called "math wars" to become another battle in a newer conservative war over diversity and inclusion. Because her research focused on outcomes for students of all demographics and backgrounds, Boaler's critics branded her as a "woker" and attempted to delegitimize her work. Tucker Carlson, Ted Cruz and Elon Musk came after her. Opponents of her research sought to ruin her career, she says. The campaign against her harmed her reputation and took a personal toll. "The physical threats to my family were obviously the worst aspects, but enormous and unfounded attacks on my work are physically and mentally draining," she said. But the campaign against Boaler was hardly an isolated incident. Instead, it followed a well-tested playbook, which, since the 2024 resignation of the former Harvard president Claudine Gay over plagiarism accusations, has been increasingly wielded against women, scholars of color and others perceived by the right as progressive.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/14/chrst-rfb-jc-boaler	2025/02/17	
Protests are set to take place on Presidents Day, Herx's why	Protests	These demonstrations are being organized by the 50501 Movement, which stands for "50 protests, 50 states, 1 movement." The protests are a response to what organizers describe as "the anti-democratic and illegal actions of the Trump administration." This marks the second nationwide protest by the group, following an event held on Feb. 5. The protests follow a series of executive orders signed by President Trump, including actions led by billionaire Elon Musk, which have been criticized for their aims to diminish the role of the federal government.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/16/rpx-a1-5292117/50501-movement-proas	2025/02/17	
A 2nd U.S. judge pauses Trump's order against gender-affirming care for trans youth	Rainbow threats	A second federal judge on Friday paused President Donald Trump's executive order halting federal support for gender-affirming care for transgender youth under 18. U.S. District Court Judge Lauren King granted a temporary restraining order after the Democratic attorney general of Washington state, Oregon and Minnesota sued the Trump administration last week. Three doctors joined as plaintiffs in the suit, which was filed in the Western District of Washington. The decision came one day after a federal judge in Baltimore temporarily blocked the executive order in response to a separate lawsuit filed on behalf of families with transgender or nonbinary children. Judge Brendan Hunton's temporary restraining order will last 14 days but could be extended, and essentially puts Trump's directive on hold while the case proceeds. Hunton and King were both appointed by former President Joe Biden. The American vice-president JD Vance has been accused of "spreading misinformation" about buffer zones at abortion clinics in Scotland.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/15/rpx-a1-5296555/gender-affirming-care-9	2025/02/17	
JD Vance abortion buffer zone comments 'dangerous'	Reproductive rights	Green MSP Gillian Mackay, who drew up the law, said Vance's claims were "nonsensical" and added that private prayer at home had never been impacted. She said: "This is shocking and shameless misinformation from VP Vance, who is either very badly informed about what my Act has done or he is knowingly misrepresenting it." "He is one of the most powerful people in the world but he is peddling total nonsense and dangerous scaremongering."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/jd-vance-abortion-buffer-zone-12043580/	2025/02/17	
Missouri clinics will 'immediately' offer abortion across the state after judge's ruling	Reproductive rights	A Missouri judge on Friday blocked a licensing requirement for abortion clinics that providers argued was a key obstacle to renewing access to the procedure across the state. Hours later, Planned Parenthood clinics announced they would begin offering abortion services in Missouri. "Abortion care will be restored immediately," said Emily Wales, President and CEO of Comprehensive Health of Planned Parenthood Great Plains. "The people voted, the court responded and we will do our part serving Missourians in their home state."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/missouri-judge-blocks-discriminatory-abo	2025/02/17	
At least 18 people are dead after a stampede at New Delhi railway station in India	Tragic	At least 18 people, including 14 women, were killed in a stampede at a railway station in India's capital of New Delhi, the Press Trust of India news agency reported Sunday. The stampede happened late Saturday while thousands of people were gathered at the New Delhi railway station waiting to board a train. The incident occurred after some passengers slipped and fell on others while coming down from a footbridge that connects train platforms, authorities said. Recently, President Trump's official X account shared a post that has garnered over 150 million views, that reads: "He who saves his Country does not violate any Law."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/16/rpx-a1-4324484/stampede-at-new-delhi-rai	2025/02/17	
Donald Trump Just Shared A Very Ominous Post, And People Are Calling It "One Of The Worst Statements Ever Made By A Sitting US President"	Trump Bullshit	"This is literally a quote attributed to Napoleon Bonaparte — right before he orchestrated a coup, seized absolute power, and crowned himself Emperor in defiance of democracy," this person continued.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ominous-donald-trump-post-seemingly-1	2025/02/17	
Trump administration wants to un-fire nuclear safety workers but can't figure out how to reach them	Trump Bullshit	National Nuclear Security Administration officials on Friday attempted to notify some employees who had been let go the day before that they are now due to be reinstated — but they struggled to find them because they didn't have their new contact information. The termination notices, which read "effective today," came within hours of a Russian drone striking the Chernobyl power plant in Ukraine. NNSA tracks nuclear risks in Ukraine, including through senior systems.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-wants-un-fire-19222	2025/02/17	
Trump Publicly Admits He Thinks He Can Break Any Law He Wants	Trump Bullshit	On Saturday afternoon, during Presidents Day weekend, the twice-impeached president and convicted felon was, to his credit, honest about it: He believes he's allowed to break any law he wants. "He who saves his Country does not violate any Law," Trump posted online — not just once, but twice. The president felt strongly enough about the sentiment (which several observers pointed out appeared to be based on an apparently fake quote from Napoleon) that he blasted it out on his own Truth Social site as well as his account on Musk's platform X, formerly known as Twitter.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-publicly-admits-thinks-break-20351	2025/02/17	
Trump Asks Supreme Court to Let Him Fire US Agency Head	Trump Bullshit	Trump's statement bears obvious resemblance to disgraced President Richard Nixon's infamous line about how "when the president does it, that means that it is not illegal." Like Nixon, Trump has now explicitly stated that he believes he is simply above the law, as any Mad King or debauched emperor should be.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-asks-supreme-court	2025/02/17	
Trump cuts reach FDA workers focused on food safety and medical devices	Trump Bullshit	The Trump administration's effort to slash the size of the federal workforce reached the Food and Drug Administration this weekend, as recently hired employees who review the safety of food ingredients, medical devices and other products were fired.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/16/trump-administratio	2025/02/17	
Saying 'women' is not allowed, but 'men' and 'white' are OK? In not shocked	Trump Bullshit	Now, however? Now, it's a very different story. Thanks to Donald Trump's sweeping executive orders attacking "gender ideology" and DEI programs, the word "women" — along with a number of other terms — is quite literally being erased. The likes of NASA have been busy scrubbing mentions of terms related to women in leadership from public websites in an attempt to comply with Trump's executive orders, for example. Agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have taken down numerous webpages related to gender in the wake of Trump's orders — although a federal judge ordered on Tuesday that they should be reinstated.	https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/feb/15/trump-bannin	2025/02/17	

		As President Donald Trump approaches the first-month mark in his second term, he has moved with dizzying speed and blunt force to reorder American social and political norms and the economy while redefining the U.S. role in the world. Those potentially losing jobs include medical scientists, energy infrastructure specialists, foreign service employees, FBI agents, prosecutors, educational and farming data experts, overseas aid workers and even human resources personnel who would otherwise have to manage the dismissals. At the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which was created to protect the public after the 2008 financial crisis, employees say the administration not only wants to cut nearly the entire workforce but also erase all its data from the past 12 years. The administration agreed to pause any further dismantling of the agency until March 3, under a judge's order. ... Inflation rose at a monthly rate of 0.5% in January, according to the Labor Department. Over the past three months, the consumer price index has increased at an annual rate of 4.5% – a sign that inflation is heating up again after having cooled for much of 2024. Trump told voters he could lower inflation, and do so almost immediately after taking office. But Leavitt, while blaming Trump's predecessor, Democrat Joe Biden, acknowledged the latest inflation indicators were "worse than expected."			
Trump moves with dizzying speed on his to-do list. But there are warning signs in his first month	Trump Bufluh	The Trump administration has fired a quarter of the federal employees in a central program office responsible for coordinating the tracking and monitoring the growing bird flu outbreak. Politico reports. Meanwhile, Kevin Hassett, Trump's director of the national economic council suggested Sunday that there is not a need to kill chickens within range of a chicken that tested positive for bird flu, as the Biden administration had done, because "chickens don't really fly." "What we need to do is have better ways with bio-security and medication and so on to make sure that the perimeter doesn't have to kill the chickens. To have a better, smarter, perimeter," Hassett said, later adding, "The avian flu is a real thing. And by the way, it's spread mostly by ducks and geese. And think about it, they're killing chickens to stop the spread, but chickens don't really fly. The spread is happening from the geese and the ducks." It's true that ducks and geese are natural carriers of bird flu, but while chickens may not fly far, they do live in very close quarters in factory farms where disease can spread quickly. The Trump administration's downsizing and dismantling of federal agencies has hit efforts that improve election security and monitor foreign influence. That could create gaps for America's enemies to exploit the next time the country holds a major election. "Our adversaries are upping their game every day," said former Department of Homeland Security cyber chief Suzanne Spaulding. "I'm worried that we are, at the same time, tearing down our defenses." Last week, new Attorney General Pam Bondi disbanded an FBI task force focused on investigating foreign influence operations, including those that target U.S. elections. She also limited the scope of enforcement actions on people who do not disclose lobbying on behalf of foreign governments. She wrote that the changes would "free resources to address more pressing priorities, and end risks of further weaponization and abuses of prosecutorial discretion."	https://apnews.com/article/trump-firings-far-flu-lawuits-economy-uk4nrt	2025/02/17	
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The proposal, filed by members of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), represents a new frontier in seeking to hold insurance companies accountable for the "macroeconomic costs" of denied care — arguing they eventually hurt the bottom line of large investors. The proposal asks UnitedHealth Group to prepare reports on the "public health-related costs and macroeconomic costs created by the company's practices that limit or delay access to healthcare". Americans are changing their shopping habits and even dumping their favorite stores in a backlash against corporations that have shifted their public policies to align with the Trump administration, according to a poll exclusively shared with the Guardian. Four out of 10 Americans have shifted their spending over the last few months to align with their moral views, according to the Harris Poll. Donald Trump's tariff threats have made the US "a scary place to invest" and may unleash stagflation, the Nobel prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz has said. "It risks the worst of all possible worlds: a kind of stagflation," Stiglitz said in an interview with the Guardian. He argued that despite optimism about the US economy at the turn of the year, the uncertainty created by Trump's on-off tariff plans and the president's apparent contempt for the rule of law would deter investment. "If you're a corporate in the US or in Europe, do you think you have a global market, or do you have just a European market? Where do you locate your factories?" he said. If you were counting on education tax credits to help delay the cost of college or job training courses, watch out. In a recent budget proposal, Republican leaders in Congress want to eliminate two key tax relief programs for students. 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DOGE's moves threaten fragile payments system	Fuck that guy	As a series of recent books has detailed, successive U.S. administrations this century have shown an unprecedented willingness to use payments systems against foreign adversaries. Now, the Trump administration may be taking certain pages from the playbook domestically. At stake is the security and trustworthiness of the largest and most important payments system in the world, one that was already flying around the edges even before President Trump took office. Experts say there's no precedent for what Elon Musk's DOGE is doing with regard to federal payments.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/18/doge-new-jork-fema-banks	2025/02/18
Musk's SpaceX personnel visiting FAA to suggest improvements	Fuck that guy	Employees of Elon Musk's SpaceX will visit the Federal Aviation Administration's Air Traffic Control command center on Monday to suggest safety improvements, Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy said. ... Earlier this month, Duffy said DOGE was "going to plug in to help upgrade our aviation system," prompting some lawmakers to voice concerns about potential conflicts of interest for Musk. "It is a conflict of interest for someone whose company is regulated by the federal government to be involved in anything that affects his personal financial interest, his company or his competitors," Sen. Maria Cantello (D-Vt.) said in a letter to Duffy. Elon Musk is not the leader of DOGE — the mysterious Trump administration operation overseeing an effort to break and remake the federal bureaucracy. In fact, he's not even technically part of it at all, the White House said in court papers Monday night. In a three-page declaration, a top White House personnel official revealed that Musk's title is "senior adviser to the president," a role in which he has "no actual or formal authority to make government decisions himself".	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/17/elon-musk-space-x-doge-faa-air-traffic	2025/02/18
Who's in charge of DOGE? Not Elon Musk, White House says	Fuck that guy	That explanation, provided to a federal court by Joshua Fisher, the director of the White House's Office of Administration, seems to directly contradict the way President Donald Trump and Musk have spoken publicly about the so-called Department of Government Efficiency, widely seen as a Musk-driven project to shrink and dismantle key aspects of the federal government. Two House Republicans are planning long-shot impeachment bids against federal judges who have blocked parts of the Trump administration's nascent efforts to disrupt the federal government.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/charge-doge-not-elon-musk-0300007491	2025/02/18
GOP Reaps Plot Retaliation Against Judges Who Stood Up to DOGE	Fuck that guy	During an appearance on disgraced former Rep. Matt Gaetz's show on One America News Network on Wednesday, Crane claimed Democrats were trying to thwart the efforts of Musk and his gaggle of teen and twenty-something DOGE loyalists "through the judicial system with activist judges."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-reaps-plot-retaliation-against-17222473	2025/02/18
Musk Slammed as Hypocritical 'Parasite' Who Sucked the Government Dry Himself	Fuck that guy	Addressing Mazzucato, the host said, "You said people like Elon Musk act like parasites because they wanna destroy the public investments that helped them build their companies." Swisher added that by 2015, Tesla alone had already received almost \$20n from the state. The full extent of the won't be known until after the Tuesday night deadline for a mass firing largely carried out by email that's likely to dramatically reshape the government's health workforce. Most of the cuts are focused on probationary employees who've been on the job one or two years. Food and Drug Administration staff cuts that began hitting the agency Saturday evening reportedly targeted the center that regulates medical devices and digital health.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/musk-slammed-hypocritical-parasite-sucks	2025/02/18
Federal workforce cuts slice through health agencies	Government Jobs	Employees across the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Administration for Children and Families, the Indian Health Service and other agencies were also fired. The cuts hit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's vaunted Epidemic Intelligence Service — a training ground for epidemiologists who are on the front lines of public health responses.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/18/federal-health-worker-cuts-doge	2025/02/18
After landing his dream job as a park ranger, he's 'heartbroken' to be let go in federal cuts	Government Jobs	"The department determined that you have failed to demonstrate fitness or qualifications for continued employment because your subject matter knowledge, skills, and abilities do not meet the department's current needs, and it is necessary and appropriate to terminate, during the probationary period, your appointment," the letter reads. Last fall, Gibbs told CNN, an employee performance appraisal rated him "as 'exceeds expectations,' with no critical element on this evaluation being rated as unacceptable."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/landing-dream-job-park-ranger-18084894	2025/02/18
Department of Education warns schools to cut DEI policies or lose funding	Government-DOE	"This performance evaluation stated that I was an exceptional employee," he said. CNN does not have a copy of the evaluation. CNN has sought comment from the National Park Service. The Department of Education wrote in a letter to academic institutions that it may cut federal funding for those with policies related to race or diversity, signaling the latest crackdown by the Trump administration on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/17/trump-federal-funding-race-diversity	2025/02/18
RFK Jr.'s Comment on Antidepressants Explained	Health-Antidepressant s	The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey reported that 13.2% of U.S. adults took antidepressants between 2015 and 2018. Doctors commonly prescribe SSRIs, such as Prozac, Lexapro, and Zoloft, to treat depression and anxiety. A UCLA study found that these medications significantly reduce suicide rates. The U.S. Department of Agriculture gave conditional approval for an updated bird flu vaccine to protect poultry against the H5N1 strain that's sickened more than 150 million birds in commercial and backyard flocks. The USDA gave Zoetis a conditional license for an updated version of a vaccine developed in 2001-02, when there were large avian flu outbreaks in flocks in Southeast Asia. The license "was granted on the demonstration of safety, purity and reasonable expectation of efficacy," the company said. Federal officials created a national avian flu vaccine stockpile for use in commercial poultry after outbreaks in 2014 and 2015, though the vaccines were never deployed.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/18/rfk-antidepressants-explained-2324071	2025/02/18
Updated bird flu vaccine for poultry gets license	Health- Bird flu	The virus is causing more severe complications and hitting young children especially hard. This flu season is classified as a "high-severity" season, with estimates of at least 29 million cases, the most since the 2009-2010 flu season, according to the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data. There have been at least 370,000 hospitalizations, and 16,000 deaths from flu as of Feb. 8, per the CDC. That's on a pace to surpass the previous high recorded during the 2017-2018 flu season.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/18/updated-bird-flu-vaccine-licensed	2025/02/18
U.S. facing worst flu season since 2009, experts say	Health- Flu	"It's lots of more severe illnesses. Of the adults that are being hospitalized, most of them are having pneumonia and requiring intubation and ventilation," McLay said. In the tizzy of executive orders, Revolute deep pronouncements and mass firings of President Donald Trump's first weeks in office, it's easy to lose sight of what has been happening at the FCC and its chilling effect on the media. That said, the "news distortion" policy is a rarely enforced provision that subjects broadcasters to punishment only "if it can be proven that they have deliberately distorted a factual news report." But the FCC has long said its authority is narrow, noting that the agency is prohibited from engaging in censorship or infringing on the First Amendment. "It is unusual for any news distortion complaint to get this far, particularly when it involves a simple editing choice," said Robert Corn-Revere, former chief counsel to the FCC and a longtime First Amendment litigator.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/18/us-facing-worst-flu-season-since-20	2025/02/18
Donald Trump And The FCC Chairman Are Waging War On The News Media As Much Of The Industry Frets Over Whether To Fight Back - Analysis	Information blackout	"I don't know of any case that invalids this in terms of the weakness of the claim," said Corn-Revere, who is now with the group Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression. The top diplomats from Russia and the U.S. met Tuesday in Saudi Arabia to discuss improving ties and negotiating an end to the war in Ukraine — talks that reflected a major and rapid change in American foreign policy under President Donald Trump. No Ukrainian officials were present at the meeting, which came as the beleaguered country is slowly but steadily losing ground against more numerous Russian troops in a grinding war that began nearly three years ago. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said his country won't accept any outcomes from this week's talks if Kyiv doesn't take part. European allies have also expressed concerns they are being sidelined. Russian leader Vladimir Putin is eyeing NATO countries for future invasion even as he talks with the Trump administration about ending the Russia-Ukraine war, Ukraine's president warns. Zelenskyy told host Kristen Weicker that Ukraine had gathered intelligence showing that Russia was preparing training exercises that could include some 150,000 troops — mainly on the soil of Belarus, a Kremlin ally.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-fcc-chairman-waging-1458	2025/02/18
Top Russian and US officials discuss improving ties, end ending the Ukraine war — without Kyiv	International Relations	Mexico said Monday it's awaiting a new response from Google to its request that the tech company fully restore the name Gulf of Mexico to its Google Maps service before filing a lawsuit. "We will wait for Google's response and if not, we will proceed to court," Shelnbaum said Monday during a morning press briefing. But over the weekend, Trump raged against courts that have blocked his numerous executive actions as president, saying on X that "He who saves his Country does not violate any Law." The quote is reportedly attributed to Napoleon Bonaparte, though it is unclear whether the French emperor actually said the quote. No major Republicans pushed back against the comments. This comes despite the fact that Republicans repeatedly filed lawsuits to challenge the Biden and Obama administrations. Fox NFL executive Peter Dinkoff said the league has nothing to do with fans, players or TV rights. It's drones — which are hard for authorities to track, and almost impossible to stop if ever unleashed on an open air stadium. Ask U.S. intelligence experts their biggest fears, and you'll inevitably hear dire warnings of drone swarms — domestic or foreign — targeting American soil. Probe deeper, and you'll learn that the vast majority of these drones are made by China — and, therefore, conceivably controllable by America's greatest adversary. TikTok is accused of being a security threat — but it can't say or do anything about it.	https://www.axios.com/news/top-russian-us-officials-set-0618191961n	2025/02/18
Putin likely to strike NATO nations next, Ukraine leader warns	International Relations	He warned that such exercises could be a pretext for attacks on NATO countries such as Lithuania and Poland, perhaps even by this summer. Mexico said Monday it's awaiting a new response from Google to its request that the tech company fully restore the name Gulf of Mexico to its Google Maps service before filing a lawsuit. "We will wait for Google's response and if not, we will proceed to court," Shelnbaum said Monday during a morning press briefing. But over the weekend, Trump raged against courts that have blocked his numerous executive actions as president, saying on X that "He who saves his Country does not violate any Law." The quote is reportedly attributed to Napoleon Bonaparte, though it is unclear whether the French emperor actually said the quote. No major Republicans pushed back against the comments. This comes despite the fact that Republicans repeatedly filed lawsuits to challenge the Biden and Obama administrations. Fox NFL executive Peter Dinkoff said the league has nothing to do with fans, players or TV rights. It's drones — which are hard for authorities to track, and almost impossible to stop if ever unleashed on an open air stadium. Ask U.S. intelligence experts their biggest fears, and you'll inevitably hear dire warnings of drone swarms — domestic or foreign — targeting American soil. Probe deeper, and you'll learn that the vast majority of these drones are made by China — and, therefore, conceivably controllable by America's greatest adversary. TikTok is accused of being a security threat — but it can't say or do anything about it.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/putin-likely-strike-nato-nations-16222211	2025/02/18
Mexico awaits new response from Google on dispute, over Gulf of Mexico name before filing lawsuit	International-mexico	Donald Trump's foreign policy vision is starting to come into focus — and it is worse and more dangerous than you may have imagined. The president and his MAGA allies appear poised to rapidly undo the American-led global, democratic order. We should be clear about what we're watching: Trump is disassembling the U.S.-led international order to the benefit of the global authoritarian he envies and admires. Politically, Trump has succeeded in selling isolationism to a lot of Americans. It is true that our leading role in the world has been largely a product of a bipartisan elite consensus and sometimes it feels pretty removed from democratic majorities, who tend to believe America gives out too much foreign aid and "policies" the world. Believe me, I've spent two decades critiquing the many shortcomings and downright cruelties of that same order. But however imperfect that order is, what Trump wants to replace it with is far, far worse. ... But there's another reason Trump is eager to jettison the old order in favor of an anarchic world in which strong countries do what they want. When you hear Putin's claim that Ukrainians are really just misguided Russians, you can hear echoes of the Nazis' claim that Austrians and Czechs were just Germans. What Trump is doing now is sending the message to everyone around the world that not only is territorial acquisition by force OK but the U.S. is interested in pursuing it from Greenland to the Panama Canal to Canada as the 51st state to envisioning the Gaza Strip as an American-owned development project. "We've been slavishly working on a plan since April 2023 that would provide solar energy to hundreds of households in low- and moderate-income Columbus neighborhoods," says Mallett. The project was expected to be rolled out in April, with previously approved funding thought to have been made available by 14 February. "Unless the Trump administration makes a 180-degree turn on funding, that expectation will obviously not be met."	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/18/us-threats-drone-intelligence	2025/02/18
The days of Republicans daring to push back against Trump are well and truly over	Political Cesspool	The funding is part of the US Environmental Protection Agency's \$70n Solar for All program, which is meant to help low-income families save money on electricity costs. About \$117m was set for solar projects and initiatives in Indiana. When Kristian looks at Musk's program, he sees a classic Silicon Valley disruptor — someone who's built companies, taken over companies, sliced companies to the core — showing up in Washington with a nearly limitless mandate to do things his own way. The focus on these guys being young misses the point. It's like a McKinsey team: Yes, technically, all the people on the front lines are 22 years old, but they're not the ones driving the process in the first place. They're the intellectual equivalent of the new DeepSeek model, intelligent data processors whom you can utilize in a bunch of different ways. The difference here is that they're applying it to areas like the government, where maybe it has never been applied, or it's really hard to apply because the downstream implications are extremely complex. It could cut off cancer research, or genomics departments are getting axed, or AIDS assistance elsewhere in the world.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/many-things-break-silicon-valley-150006	2025/02/18
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Major airlines want to overturn a rule protecting disabled passengers	Aviation	As for the rule on disabilities, the IATA argued they "ignored operational and economic realities," pointing to a requirement that airlines would need to return a delayed wheelchair to a passenger's destination within 24 hours of arrival. More than 11,500 wheelchairs and scooters were mishandled in 2023, according to DOT data. In October, the agency fined American Airlines \$50 million after an investigation revealed "cases of unsafe physical assistance that at times resulted in injuries and undignified treatment of wheelchair users, in addition to repeated failures to provide prompt wheelchair assistance."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/major-airlines-want-overturn-rule-203500	2025/02/19	
Oklahoma lawmaker worried about 'pink-haired atheists' teaching the Bible in schools	Ceaspool-Religion	However, Bullard then issued a warning about the good book falling into the wrong hands inside the classroom. "We need to be specific here," he said on the podcast last Wednesday. "I don't want some pink-haired person who doesn't believe in God to start trying to teach the Bible."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/pink-ha	2025/02/19	
Trump signs order to claim power over independent agencies	Constitutional Crisis	President Donald Trump on Tuesday signed a sweeping executive order bringing independent agencies under the control of the White House — an action that would greatly expand his power but is likely to attract significant legal challenges. It represents Trump's latest attempt to consolidate power beyond boundaries other presidents have observed and to test the so-called unitary executive theory, which states that the president has the sole authority over the executive branch. And it reflects the influence of Russ Vought, Trump's budget chief, one of several conservatives in his orbit who have called for using independent arms of the executive branch.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-signs-order-claim-power-0139205	2025/02/19	
Donald Trump's New Executive Order Sparks Fierce Backlash, Full-Blown Power Grab	Constitutional Crisis	White House secretary Will Scharf announced Tuesday at a press conference alongside Trump at the president's Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida, that Trump was essentially bringing independent agencies under the control of the White House with increased supervision and therefore reestablishing "the long-standing norm that only the president or the attorney general can speak for the United States when stating an opinion as to what the law is." Preliminary data show homicides in the nation's largest cities fell by 16% in 2024 from the previous year, and overall violent crime appears to have dropped as well. Stats compiled by the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) suggest that the COVID-era crime wave all but evaporated during President Biden's final year in office, even as Donald Trump's claims that crime was rising became a key part of his winning election strategy.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-executive-order-sparks-fie	2025/02/19	
Early data show homicides dropped 16% in 2024	Crime	A U.S. appeals court has delivered another blow to the SAVE plan—an income-driven student loan replacement program implemented by the Biden administration. That's more bad news for Americans seeking relief from crushing levels of student debt. About 8 million federal student loan borrowers enrolled in the SAVE plan, which has been frozen for months as it faced court challenges. Seven Republican-led states—Missouri, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, North Dakota, Ohio, and Oklahoma—sued the U.S. Department of Education claiming that the department and former President Joe Biden lacked the authority to forgive millions of dollars in student loans.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/19/homicides-crime-decline-2024	2025/02/19	
Appeals court blocks student loan relief for 8 million borrowers, keeping Biden-era SAVE program on ice	Economy-Student Loans	The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Tuesday that it's working to reverse the firing of agency personnel tasked with the federal response to the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).	https://www.yahoo.com/news/appeals-court-blocks-student-loan-19330	2025/02/19	
USDA fires, then moves to rehire staff working on bird flu response	FAFO	"Although several positions supporting HPAI were notified of their terminations over the weekend, we are working to swiftly rectify the situation and rescind those letters," the agency continued in the statement first shared with NBC News.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/19/trump-usda-firings-bird-flu-response	2025/02/19	
Federal judge won't immediately block Elon Musk or DOGE from federal data or worker layoffs	Fuck that guy	A federal judge refused Tuesday to immediately block billionaire Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency from accessing government data systems or participating in worker layoffs. U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan found that there are legitimate questions about Musk's authority but said there isn't enough evidence of grave legal harm to justify a temporary restraining order.	https://apnews.com/article/elon-musk-doge-layoffs-government-data-1	2025/02/19	
Trump faces growing DOGE revolt from GOP lawmakers	Fuck that guy	As the Trump administration continues its crusade to pare down the federal job rolls and slash federal spending, some Republicans on Capitol Hill are growing unnerved by what they see as an impetuous exercise. The job and funding cuts are now hitting GOP lawmakers' districts and states. There's also a larger conflict brewing over whether the administration can simply bypass Congress on these decisions.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/19/donald-trump-doge-republicans-con	2025/02/19	
The family-values right takes on Musk's family	Fuck that guy	Schmitz gets straight to the heart of an uncomfortable tension within the new Trump coalition. Musk — who hopes to make humanity more interplanetary species, whose Neuralink seeks to integrate our brains with computers, who has employed assisted fertility technologies to father most of his children — represents a "transhumanist" strain of thought ascendant in Silicon Valley, one that sees humans and machines as equal and inevitably integrated, and in stark contrast to the religious vision that's traditionally propped up Republican politics. "This means the 8 billion people alive today simply don't matter — genocide and wars are mere ripples, as long as some survive, and Musk is the one that needs to survive," Thomas told OFD. "He's the one that needs to pass on the baton of civilization and create this future world. With that in mind, consider what the Trump administration is now doing to Social Security, seeding the idea, which is not backed up by known facts, that millions of dead people are collecting payments. Add in the departure of Michelle King, the acting commissioner of the Social Security Administration after a run-in with Musk's Department of Government Efficiency over the agency's request information, and it's worth paying attention to what's going on."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/family-values-takes-musks-family-011423	2025/02/19	
Trump and Musk set their sights on Social Security by spreading rumors	Fuck that guy	Trump promised throughout the presidential campaign that Social Security payments and Medicare coverage would not be cut. But as Musk looks to slash across the government, he can't help but look at the money Americans spend on the social safety net, just like a long line of fiscally minded lawmakers worried about the national debt. The top official of the Social Security Administration quit over the weekend after Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency sought access to sensitive records containing the private information of Americans, according to a source familiar with the dispute.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-musk-set-sights-social-21580807	2025/02/19	
Social Security's top official resigns after clash with Elon Musk's DOGE	Fuck that guy	Dudek, the new acting head of Social Security, has previously praised DOGE's efforts to cut government costs and search for fraud in multiple social media posts, the Post reported. "Sometimes really desperate people will try to hide the fact that grandma died so they get a couple more checks," O'Malley said. But he insisted it's more common that people's benefits are mistakenly cut off. Musk and Trump "keep throwing stuff out on Twitter that they can never back up," O'Malley added.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/social-security-ys-top-official-resigns-15046	2025/02/19	
Former Social Security commissioner James Musk's 19-year-old DOGE 'nihilist'	Fuck that guy	"These 19-year-old nihilists from DOGE that are violating the law and plucking people's ... personal identifying information, they don't know what they're looking at," he added. The move to bring in more experts within Musk's circle follows the Trump administration's decision to fire hundreds of Federal Aviation Administration personnel. SpaceX already holds billions in government contracts. Its staff visited Air Traffic Control System Command Center in Virginia Monday, according to Transport Secretary Sean Duffy, who said that President Donald Trump has "ordered" him to "deliver a new, world-class air traffic control system that will be the envy of the world."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-m	2025/02/19	
Musk helped fire hundreds of FAA workers. Now, his SpaceX employees could fill the void	Fuck that guy	Late last week, the administration fired thousands of "probationary" officials — those who had been employed for a relatively short period of time — at various agencies including nearly 400 at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and about 2,300 at the Interior Department. ... Phil Francis, a former National Park Service official who, among other roles, was superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, said that for national parks alone, the consequences of the firings could be far-reaching. "They're going to find visitor centers likely to be closed in places. Restrooms are not going to be as clean. If something goes wrong, they're going to have a harder time finding someone to report to. It may take longer for emergency personnel to reach someone," he said. OptumRx responded with a motion to dismiss the federal lawsuit Friday. In a brief supporting the motion, attorneys for OptumRx asserted that while the company "expresses its deepest sympathies to the parents and loved ones of Cole Schmittdirect, whose untimely death is unquestionably heartbreaking," federal law protects OptumRx from the claims made in the lawsuit. The court filing cites the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, known as ERISA, which if states enacted by Congress to ensure regulation of employee benefit plans are handled at the federal, and not the state, level. ERISA's "remedial provisions" are the sole avenue for resolving claims that concern employee benefit plans that are governed by ERISA, like the benefit plan Schmittdirect had through his employer, OptumRx argues.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-m	2025/02/19	
How fed layoffs may impact environment, parks	Government Jobs	Sanjay Jaiswal is a writer for New York magazine and now the author of Disposable, a study of "America's Contempt for the Underclass." Her new book describes in relentless detail what Covid-19 did to those who could not afford to fight the virus — or even to cope — in a country where access to healthcare depends on what you can pay. The result is a comprehensive picture of ordinary Americans in extraordinarily trying times, many pushed to extremes by what Jones diagnoses as the "social Darwinism" of elites who refuse to attempt to build a fairer society and make healthcare affordable for all. The subjects of Disposable come from across racial and economic groups: they are Black, brown, and Native American; they are urban, rural and from the white working class. Indignation at inequality and injustice runs through the book like a vein.	https://thehill.com/newsletters/energy-environment/5151926-how-fed-l	2025/02/19	
Company says family of Wisconsin man who died after inhaler price jumped have no grounds to sue	Health- Costs	OptumRx responded with a motion to dismiss the federal lawsuit Friday. In a brief supporting the motion, attorneys for OptumRx asserted that while the company "expresses its deepest sympathies to the parents and loved ones of Cole Schmittdirect, whose untimely death is unquestionably heartbreaking," federal law protects OptumRx from the claims made in the lawsuit. The court filing cites the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, known as ERISA, which if states enacted by Congress to ensure regulation of employee benefit plans are handled at the federal, and not the state, level. ERISA's "remedial provisions" are the sole avenue for resolving claims that concern employee benefit plans that are governed by ERISA, like the benefit plan Schmittdirect had through his employer, OptumRx argues.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/company-says-family-wisconsin-man-246	2025/02/19	
Disposable: what Covid-19 did to those who couldn't afford to fight the virus	Health- Covid	The result is a comprehensive picture of ordinary Americans in extraordinarily trying times, many pushed to extremes by what Jones diagnoses as the "social Darwinism" of elites who refuse to attempt to build a fairer society and make healthcare affordable for all. The subjects of Disposable come from across racial and economic groups: they are Black, brown, and Native American; they are urban, rural and from the white working class. Indignation at inequality and injustice runs through the book like a vein.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/disposable-covid-19-did-those-12003208	2025/02/19	
Texas measles cases are up, and New Mexico now has an outbreak. Here's what you need to know	Health- Measles	The measles outbreak in rural West Texas has grown to 58 cases as of Tuesday, and eight people in neighboring eastern New Mexico also have been diagnosed with measles. Measles is a respiratory virus that can survive in the air for up to two hours. Up to 9 out of 10 people who are susceptible will get the virus if exposed, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.	https://apnews.com/article/measles-texas-new-mexico-mmwr-outbreak-v	2025/02/19	
RFK's plan to make America healthy again? Round up people with mental health conditions in camps	Health- RFK JR	On Thursday, President Donald Trump signed an executive order that echoes Kennedy's lie that he wants to "make America healthy again." HHS is ordered to "assess the prevalence of and threat posed by the prescription of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, antipsychotics, mood stabilizers, stimulants, and weight-loss drugs." But it's clear from the context that no good faith assessment is intended, as the order repeatedly cites a predetermined conclusion that there is an "over-utilization of medication" and an "over-reliance on medication and treatments." Kennedy has long had it out for these drugs, and repeatedly argues that the only prevention most people need is better willpower. Kennedy occasionally tosses a red herring about "environmental" causes of illness, but mostly he frames the issue as a matter of personal failing, focusing on people's diets and exercise habits as the "root causes" of nearly all illnesses. He regards anti-depressants as an "addictive drug," falsely claiming people have "a much worse time getting off of SSRIs than they have getting off of heroin."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-plan-america-healthy-again-11000619	2025/02/19	
Kennedy says panel will examine childhood vaccine schedule after promising not to change it	Health- RFK JR	To earn the vote he needed to become the nation's top health official, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. made a special promise to a U.S. senator. He would not change the nation's current vaccination schedule. But on Tuesday, speaking for the first time to thousands of U.S. Health and Human Services agency employees, he vowed to investigate the childhood vaccine schedule that prevents measles, polio and other dangerous diseases. Minnesota has declared a state of emergency over the rise of three diseases on commercial farms. The state's Department of Agriculture issued the alert due to outbreaks of three viral infections among animals in the state. Avian Metapneumovirus (aMPV) is a respiratory disease that spreads among poultry and has been triggering outbreaks in the state since 2024.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kennedy-says-panel-examine-childhood-v	2025/02/19	
Minnesota declares state of emergency amid outbreak of diseases	Health- State of emergency	Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and the H5N1 bird flu virus are viral infections circulating among wild and domestic birds. HPAI refers to several strains of bird flu that can cause severe disease in birds, while H5N1 is the name of just one strain.	https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/other/minnesota-declares-state-of-em	2025/02/19	
Exclusive: MAGA's list of AP grievances	Information Backout	The White House blamed the restriction on AP's recent "Gulf of Mexico" decision. But it's part of a broader escalation against what conservatives see as the AP's tight control over the news media's word choices, as Axios' Marc Caputo reported. At a Mar-a-Lago press conference on Tuesday, Trump said that "some of the phrases that they want to use are ridiculous."	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/19/trump-ap-style-gulf-of-mexico	2025/02/19	
Trump levels stunning criticism against Zelensky after Russia talks	International Relations	Trump's comments — falsely suggesting Ukraine started the war and that Zelensky is deeply unpopular with his own people — will supercharge fears among Ukraine and U.S. allies that the Trump administration is siding with Moscow ahead of possible peace talks. They could also increase the tension and suspicion between the Trump administration and the Zelensky government.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/19/trump-criticizes-zelensky-pull	2025/02/19	

		In a signal of how he plans to use his new authority, Mr. Kennedy also made clear that he would prod the department, and the "Make America Healthy Again" commission established by President Trump that he will lead, to prioritize topics he cares about but that he said were "formerly taboo or insufficiently scrutinized" by mainstream scientists. Dr. Paul Offit, a vaccine expert at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, who is among Mr. Kennedy's most vocal critics, said the remarks suggested that Mr. Kennedy did, in fact, have preconceived notions. Dr. Offit also noted that there was a range of explanations for chronic disease that Mr. Kennedy did not mention: genetics, changes in the gut microbiome, the microbes that populate the intestinal tract, the use of certain drugs, and the fact that Americans are living longer and thus facing chronic ailments that come with age. "Our overall wellness must begin with a spiritual question: How do we relate to ourselves, to each other, to the community, to our communities and to the planet?" he said, adding, "trade of us, we know that love and self-knowledge are the only true paths to good health."		
Kennedy Says 'Nothing' Off Limits in Scrutinizing Chronic Disease	Political Cesspool	The US postmaster general, Louis DeJoy, said on Tuesday he had asked the US Postal Service (USPS) governing board to identify his successor. In November, DeJoy warned that the post office, which has lost more than \$100bn since 2007, must continue to cut costs or will remain on the path to either a "government bailout or the end of this great organization as we know it."	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/19/us/politics/rfk-speaks-tbha.html	2025/02/19
US postmaster to step down months after reporting billions in losses	Political Cesspool	Even as he has vowed to eliminate "every dollar of waste, fraud, and abuse across the federal budget and operations," The new acting administrator of the General Services Administration, Stephen Etkin, has appointed a senior adviser whose firm used to specialize in tax transactions that a bipartisan Senate committee excoriated and that the IRS branded as "abusive" and among "the worst of the worst tax scams." The adviser has been battling the tax agency in court over \$4 billion in disallowed deductions for thousands of his clients. But middlemen like Schuler's firm turned the tax provision into a highly profitable business, packaging easements into what were essentially outsized tax deductions for purchase. After snatching up a cheap piece of vacant land, Schuler and others typically hired a private appraiser willing to declare that the property had huge untapped development value — that it was suited to become anything from a gravel mine to a luxury resort — and was worth many times its purchase price. They then sold stakes in the easement donation to rich individuals, who claimed wildly inflated tax deductions based on the appraisal, cutting their taxes by twice as much as they'd invested. ProPublica first began investigating the syndicated easement business, which has cost the government tens of billions in tax revenue, back in 2017.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/feb/19/usps-postmaster-to-step-down	2025/02/19
Trump Vowed to Clean Up Washington, Then His Team Hired a Man Who Pushed a Scam The IRS Called the "World of the Worst"	Political Cesspool	Jim Jones, head of the food division at the Food and Drug Administration, has resigned, according to a source familiar with the matter. The division is tasked with ensuring that the country's food supply is safe, overseeing inspections and recalls. Ed Martin is poised to be the new top prosecutor in D.C. — a MAGA true believer who dismissed Jan. 6 investigators and says he will be tougher on violent criminals in the city. Since taking office, he has shown his loyalty to Trump and Elon Musk with posts on X.	https://www.gopublica.org/articles/jim-jones-fda-food-drug-administration-has-resigned-according-to-a-source-familiar-with-the-matter	2025/02/19
Leader of FDA food division resigns	Political Cesspool	Martin posted letters with DOJ letterhead threatening investigations into individuals that Musk claims are stymieing his DOGE efforts.	https://www.rbcnews.com/health/health-news/fda-food-division-head-jim-jones-resigns	2025/02/19
Trump's pick to be D.C.'s top prosecutor is a MAGA fixbrand	Political Cesspool	A Republican state lawmaker in Missouri has introduced legislation that would create a "central registry" of pregnant people who are "at risk for seeking an abortion," what the bill's author called the makings of an "e-Harmony for babies" to match with adoptive families. "Am I reading this right 15%?? Hugarin wrote back in disbelief, suddenly worried the cut could stall 25 years of work.	https://www.axios.com/local/washington-dc/2025/02/19/ed-martin-us-at	2025/02/19
Missouri Republican proposes 'e-Harmony for babies,' database to track pregnant women at risk of seeking abortion	Reproductive rights	The NIH policy is only one piece of a dramatic overhaul of the federal agencies that has included aggressive and at-times unforgotten cuts to scientific research. A judge halted the National Institutes of Health policy a little more than a week ago, at least temporarily, after 22 state attorneys general filed a lawsuit. Still, it has left some scientists, like Hugarin, in fear they may have to slow or abandon research projects, potentially walking back years of progress and preventing new scientific breakthroughs. NIH did not respond to a request for comment after a request from NBC News on Friday. Its most significant financial move took place on Feb. 7, when NIH announced it would limit indirect funding for laboratories that receive federal research grants to 15%. The policy, if allowed to continue, would slash billions of dollars for overhead costs that support biomedical research. Though NIH estimated that the move would save \$4 billion each year, it would also leave universities and research institutes to foot much of the bill instead, and many have said they simply can't.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/missouri-republican-proposes-e-harmony-for-babies-to-match-with-adoptive-families	2025/02/19
Science under siege: Trump cuts threaten to undermine billions of research	Science	Today, when a scientist at Johns Hopkins University receives an NIH grant for a project — say, \$1 million a year — the university receives an additional 65%, or \$650,000, to cover overhead costs. The rate is negotiated between NIH and Johns Hopkins, and it's based on an accounting of the university's research expenses. The Trump administration's planned cuts to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) not only threaten essential biomedical research in the U.S. but the livelihoods of researchers — and some are seriously considering leaving the country. A 27 January memo from the Office of Management and Budget instructed federal agencies to pause funding allocations to ensure they serve Donald Trump's goals, including "ending 'wokeness' and the weaponization of government, promoting efficiency in government, and Making America Healthy Again'".	https://www.rbcnews.com/science/science-news/trump-nih-budget-01	2025/02/19
Trump cuts threaten a 'generation of scientists' as many weigh leaving US	Science	President Trump said that he has directed the Department of Justice (DOJ) to fire all remaining former President "Biden-era" U.S. attorneys, claiming the department "has been politicized like never before." "Over the past four years, the Department of Justice has been politicized like never before. Therefore, I have instructed the termination of ALL remaining 'Biden Era' U.S. Attorneys," Trump wrote Tuesday on Truth Social. "We must 'clean house' IMMEDIATELY, and restore confidence. Americans Golden Age must have a fair Justice System - THAT BEGINS TODAY!" President Trump's far for a hemispheric shield raised more questions than it initially answered, spurring debate among lawmakers, military officials, defense contractors, analysts and hobbyists. Much like Trump riffed on Ronald Reagan with MAGA, here, too, does he invoke the former president and his Star Wars deals. This is a campaign promise made manifest and also a return to 2019, when Trump pledged to "detect and destroy any missile launched against the United States, anytime, anywhere and any place."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/19/trump-nih-funding-a	2025/02/19
Trump says he's ordered firing of all remaining 'Biden-era' US attorneys	Trump Bulshit	An Alabama grand jury has recommended that a city's police department be "immediately abolished," finding there is a "tarnished culture of corruption," officials said Wednesday while announcing the indictment of five of the agency's officers, including its police chief. Five Hanceville police officers were arrested and charged amid a probe into the department, Calhoun County District Attorney Champ Crocker said. The spouse of one of the officers was also charged, he said. Prosecutors investigating the death of a handcuffed man who was punched and roughed up by guards in an update New York prison were scheduled to appear in court Thursday with the possible announcement of criminal charges. Body camera video shows officers pummeling Brooks, whose hands are cuffed behind his back. Officers strike him in the chest with a shoe and lift him by the neck and drop him. The video recorded on the night of Dec. 8 has no sound, but the guards meting out the punishment and watching it appear unconcerned. Brooks, 43, died the next day.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/19/trump-iron-dome-technology-costs	2025/02/19
What Trump's Iron Dome demands	Trump Bulshit	The attorneys, who are responsible for helping vulnerable children access services and apply for protected status, are the latest contractors who have been affected by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). The controversial DOGE has impacted tens of thousands of government workers, and many of its actions have been challenged in the courts. The stop order is indefinite, and it prevents thousands of children both in and outside of the shelter system from accessing attorneys. Children who cross the border without parents are often the victims of trauma, and the order will delay resolutions to their cases as well as stability. After being held in immigration custody for over a year and facing the possibility of transfer to Guantanamo Bay, the three men asked a federal court to intervene, warning they might have "disappeared into the legal black hole" of Guantanamo. Last Sunday, a federal judge in New Mexico handed down a surprise ruling blocking the Trump administration from sending the men to Guantanamo -- the first successful legal challenge to the policy since it was enacted last month. But their victory was short-lived. The very next day, the men were placed on the first deportation flight back to Venezuela in over a year, according to their lawyer Jessica Vosburgh.	https://www.abcnews.com/US/hanceville-alabama-police-department-off	2025/02/20
Grand jury recommends Alabama police department be 'immediately abolished'	ACAB	An autopsy report issued by the county medical examiner's office in January concluded that Brooks' death was caused by compression of the neck and multiple blunt impact injuries and that the manner of death was determined to be homicide, according to Brooks family attorneys. Military medical units, including surgeons and OR-CYN specialists in the U.S. Air Force and Army, are preparing for deployment to Guantanamo Bay this weekend as part of the Trump administration's efforts to expand detention there for those without legal status in the U.S. An order obtained by NPR on Wednesday that was sent to service members showed that they were instructed about a deployment for more than 180 days, to a location that was redacted.	https://www.abcnews.com/US/stunbury-key-development-expected-death	2025/02/20
Development expected in death probe of handcuffed man beaten by prison guards	ACAB	The doctors and others who are getting deployed were told the site would be at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo and would last six months, according to internal communications reviewed by NPR and two sources familiar with the planning who were not authorized to talk publicly. The U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on Tuesday ordered lawyers hired to represent unaccompanied children to stop working. The attorneys, who are responsible for helping vulnerable children access services and apply for protected status, are the latest contractors who have been affected by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). The controversial DOGE has impacted tens of thousands of government workers, and many of its actions have been challenged in the courts. The stop order is indefinite, and it prevents thousands of children both in and outside of the shelter system from accessing attorneys. Children who cross the border without parents are often the victims of trauma, and the order will delay resolutions to their cases as well as stability. After being held in immigration custody for over a year and facing the possibility of transfer to Guantanamo Bay, the three men asked a federal court to intervene, warning they might have "disappeared into the legal black hole" of Guantanamo. Last Sunday, a federal judge in New Mexico handed down a surprise ruling blocking the Trump administration from sending the men to Guantanamo -- the first successful legal challenge to the policy since it was enacted last month. But their victory was short-lived. The very next day, the men were placed on the first deportation flight back to Venezuela in over a year, according to their lawyer Jessica Vosburgh.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/19/ga-414977/military-guantanamo-doctr	2025/02/20
Military doctors prepare to deploy to Guantanamo for extended stay	Borders and immigration	The attorneys, who are responsible for helping vulnerable children access services and apply for protected status, are the latest contractors who have been affected by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). The controversial DOGE has impacted tens of thousands of government workers, and many of its actions have been challenged in the courts. The stop order is indefinite, and it prevents thousands of children both in and outside of the shelter system from accessing attorneys. Children who cross the border without parents are often the victims of trauma, and the order will delay resolutions to their cases as well as stability. After being held in immigration custody for over a year and facing the possibility of transfer to Guantanamo Bay, the three men asked a federal court to intervene, warning they might have "disappeared into the legal black hole" of Guantanamo. Last Sunday, a federal judge in New Mexico handed down a surprise ruling blocking the Trump administration from sending the men to Guantanamo -- the first successful legal challenge to the policy since it was enacted last month. But their victory was short-lived. The very next day, the men were placed on the first deportation flight back to Venezuela in over a year, according to their lawyer Jessica Vosburgh.	https://www.bpr.org/government-police/2025-02-18/trump-administratio	2025/02/20
Trump administration orders lawyers for vulnerable unaccompanied minors to stop their work	Borders and immigration	"It's hard to imagine that it didn't have something to do with them filing a habeas petition and then stepping forward to challenge these threatened Guantanamo transfers," Vosburgh told ABC News. "The court's order only applied to transfers to Guantanamo, this is just a step in the face to get deported the next day."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/3-migrants-beat-trump-administration-115	2025/02/20
3 migrants beat the Trump administration in court. They got deported the next day	Borders and immigration	These were but the latest posts that GlomarResponder has made over the years that suggest the operator of the account is an ICE employee. GlomarResponder has also routinely expressed blatantly racist and anti-immigrant views. Through an extensive review of GlomarResponder's X posts, publicly available documents, and other social media profiles and posts, the Texas Observer has identified the operator of GlomarResponder as James "Jim" Joseph Rodden, a 44-year-old who works as an assistant chief counsel for ICE in the Dallas area. Rodden represents the agency in immigration court hearings where judges decide whether an individual is removed from the country. With a complaint Republican-led Congress virtually in President Trump's pocket, the courts appear to be the main guardrail for his push to remake government and boost his presidential power. Trump's most sweeping executive orders have drawn a series of legal challenges — which his administration has vowed to fight, even as it sends mixed signals over whether it will abide by court decisions. More than 70 lawsuits now have been filed against aspects of Trump's agenda, and more than two dozen court rulings have paused some of Trump's executive orders.	https://www.foxnews.com/news/judge-calls-prosecutors-court-explain-reasons	2025/02/20
ICE PROSECUTOR IN DALLAS RUNS WHITE SUPREMACIST X ACCOUNT	Cesspool	The federal judge overseeing the criminal case against New York City Mayor Eric Adams ordered the mayor and federal prosecutors to appear in court on Wednesday to discuss the Trump administration's effort to drop the case, a move that has sparked a crisis within the Justice Department and chaos within the Adams administration. Farmers Insurance, the state's second-largest home insurer, said it expects to lose at least \$600 million from the Los Angeles fires, a substantially smaller figure than some other major insurers have announced. From soft drinks and beer to aerosols and shelf-stable soups, many everyday grocery items sold in steel and aluminum cans could be in store for a price hike. But food and beverage industry experts warn that driving up the cost of imported steel and aluminum could make it more expensive to manufacture cars in the U.S. — a price increase that will ultimately be passed on to consumers. The U.S. Department of Education has given schools and universities that receive federal funding an ultimatum: eliminate diversity initiatives or risk losing federal funding. The Education Department has directed institutions, from preschools to colleges, to stop using "racial preferences" in admissions, financial aid, hiring and other areas in a letter sent last week. The directive extends President Trump's executive order banning diversity, equity and inclusion programs as part of his fight against "wokeness."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/farmers-announces-initial-600-million-1	2025/02/20
Courts become the final quardrail against Trump	Constitutional Crisis	The U.S. Department of Education has given schools and universities that receive federal funding an ultimatum: eliminate diversity initiatives or risk losing federal funding. The Education Department has directed institutions, from preschools to colleges, to stop using "racial preferences" in admissions, financial aid, hiring and other areas in a letter sent last week. The directive extends President Trump's executive order banning diversity, equity and inclusion programs as part of his fight against "wokeness."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/20/mga-41530051/tariffs-steel-aluminum-c	2025/02/20
Judge calls prosecutors into court to explain reasons, abandons Eric Adams case	Corruption	The funding at risk includes Title IV, student loans, state funding for curriculum development, free or reduced lunch programs, and support for students with special needs, among others.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/19/mga-st-5300992/the-department-of-educ	2025/02/20
Farmers announces initial \$600-million loss for Los Angeles fires	Economy-Losses			
How Trump's tariffs on steel and aluminum could hit you at the grocery store	Economy-Tariffs			
Schools, colleges have 2 weeks to ban DEI. An education expert warns it won't be easy	Education			

		Officials urged people to stay off the roads Wednesday in portions of Virginia and North Carolina where a storm dropped heavy snow and caused hundreds of accidents in places accustomed to significant accumulations. The storm that already dropped snow in the Midwest spread across the Tennessee and Ohio Valleys and into places that are just starting to clean up after a weekend of steady floods.			
Winter-crazy East Coast hit with another storm as temperatures plunge elsewhere	Environment-Polar vortex	Up to 10 inches (25 centimeters) of snow was possible Thursday along the Atlantic Coast in Virginia and major ice accumulations were forecast in eastern North Carolina. A new online tracker on the Department of Government Efficiency's website puts a dollar amount on the estimated savings from the DOGE effort to slash federal government spending at \$55 billion. ... Of the DOGE (let's initial claim of \$16 billion in savings, half came from an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) listing that was entered into the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) in 2022 with a whopping \$8 billion maximum possible value.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/winter-next-waves-storms-lakes-0507034	2025/02/20	
DOGE released data about federal contract savings. It doesn't add up	Fuck that guy	According to a DOGE post on X, that number was a typo that was corrected in the contract database to \$8 million on Jan. 22 of this year before being terminated a week later, and DOGE "has always used the correct \$8M in its calculations." Officially downplaying Musk's authority — even as the ultra-wealthy CEO himself amplifies it — may have both legal and political benefits. After all, Musk's consolidation of power might not just run afoul of the Constitution; it also could undermine some of the populist rhetoric that propelled Trump to victory in 2024.	https://www.npr.com/2025/02/19/mx-st-15302705-doge-overstates-saving	2025/02/20	
Why the White House insists Elon Musk is merely an 'employee'	Fuck that guy	On the other hand, the Musk murkiness allows Trump to operate in a familiar zone of unpredictability, impossible to pin down by adversaries and even allies while he asserts unprecedented power. China is slow-walking approval of Tesla's autonomous driving technology, the FT reported on Monday, with authorities seeking to use that approval "as a bargaining chip in trade negotiations with Trump." The White House, in response to state lawsuits, has said Musk has "no actual or formal authority" to make decisions himself.	https://www.politico.com/news/2025/02/19/elon-musk-role-trump-white-	2025/02/20	
How the world might retaliate against Elon Musk	Fuck that guy	DOGE was created unilaterally by President Donald Trump with the goal of "modernizing Federal technology and software to maximize governmental efficiency and productivity," according to his executive order. To date, the group has caused chaos and intimidation at a number of federal agencies where it has sought to take control and shut down various types of spending. It is also the subject of various lawsuits questioning its legal right to access wholesale the personal data of Americans on highly restricted government IT systems and to fire groups of federal workers in the manner it has. As with the IRS data systems to which DOGE has also sought access, the SSA systems are old, complex, interconnected and run on programming language developed decades ago. If you make a change in one system, it could trip up another if you don't know what you're doing, said Romig, who now is director of Social Security and disability policy at the liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. According to the Office of Personnel Management, about 75,000 federal employees had accepted the offer as of Feb. 12. On Feb. 13, the administration ordered agencies to lay off nearly all such workers. According to government data maintained by OPM, 220,000 federal employees had less than a year on the job as of March 2024. On Feb. 13, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced the dismissal of more than 1,000 employees who had served for less than two years. According to Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., that included researchers working on cancer treatment, opioid addiction, prosthetics and burn pit exposure. At least 39 people have been fired from the Education Department, including special education specialists and student aid officials, according to a union that represents agency workers. Hundreds of federal employees tasked with working on the nation's nuclear weapons programs were laid off Feb. 13, but that move was largely rescinded hours later, according to a memo obtained by the AP. Three U.S. officials who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation said as many as 350 employees at the National Nuclear Security Administration were ousted, with some losing access to email before they had learned they were fired. The jobs of more than 5,000 probationary employees are on the line at the Department of Health and Human Services. ... On Feb. 14, officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were told they were losing nearly 1,300 probationary employees — about one-tenth of the agency's workforce — but the final number was closer to 700, according to two CDC officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the cuts. ... The probationary cuts included more than 130 employees at the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, which oversees the nation's critical infrastructure, including the federal efforts to secure election systems. It is not clear whether those included 17 employees who had worked on election security and had already been placed on leave. The administration has fired about 1,000 newly hired National Park Service employees who maintain and clean parks, educate visitors and perform other functions. A spokesman for the department, which oversees the Forest Service, said Rollins supports Trump's directive to eliminate inefficiencies by firing about 2,000 "probationary, non-firefighting employees." ... Trump has fired at least 17 of them, including watchdogs he appointed in his first term. At least one Democratic appointee, Michael Horowitz at the Justice Department, was spared.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/19/trump-musk-spexx-tesla-trifly	2025/02/20	
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A comprehensive look at DOGE's firings and layoffs so far	Fuck that guy	After the negative press attention, the listed number on DOGE's website changed to \$8 million, without any other acknowledgement of the error or the change. (According to the Times, the erroneous federal database was corrected weeks ago, two days after Trump took office. The federal contractor responsible for the expense told CBS News the "billion" figure was a simple accounting error.) And still, DOGE hasn't changed its overall "estimated savings" figure of \$55 billion to account for the \$7,592,000,000 edit. Nor has it explained where the overall \$55 billion figure comes from. The "savings" that are listed on its webpage only add up to about \$16 billion — and that's before crediting for the ICE accounting error the Times and Bloomberg reported. Neither Musk nor Trump care about the actual structure of the government, or that it was created in direct response to the tyranny of monarchy. That's why they so openly attempt to skirt the rules about destroying federal agencies such as USAID, which can only be done by an act of Congress, and float impeaching judges who say things they don't like. To them, there is only the executive branch, the reins of which Musk seems to have happily taken off of Trump's hands.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/comprehensive-look-doge-firings-layoffs-0507034	2025/02/20	
Is DOGE just Making Up Numbers And Hoping No One Notices?	Fuck that guy	The will the people, according to Musk, means chomping off Congress's approved funds, shutting down federal agencies, firing thousands of workers, seizing the Treasury Department's payments system, and blasting out hysterical false information to a massive social media platform on which he is the star. Two top Democrats raised concerns about an Elon Musk-led effective shuttering of a consumer financial watchdog as the world's richest man launches his own payment system. Sens. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), the top Democrat on the Senate Banking Committee, and Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) demanded that staffers at Musk's "Department of Government Efficiency" be removed from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and fend fears of the billionaire "enriching himself and supercharging his new digital payment platform."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-just-making-numbers-hoping-2353f	2025/02/20	
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Top Democrats Fear Elon Musk Will 'Enrich' Himself In Newswall Move	Fuck that guy	On Tuesday, Trump said at a press briefing in Florida that "we have millions and millions of people over 100 years old" receiving Social Security benefits. "They're obviously fraudulent or incompetent," Trump said. A July 2024 report from Social Security's inspector general states that from fiscal years 2015 through 2022, the agency paid out almost \$8.6 trillion in benefits, including \$71.8 billion — or less than 1% — in improper payments. Most of the erroneous payments were overpayments to living people. Part of the confusion comes from Social Security's software system based on the COBOL programming language, which has a lack of date type. This means that some entries with missing or incomplete birthdates will default to a reference point of more than 150 years ago. The news organization WIRED first reported on the use of COBOL programming language at the Social Security Administration. Additionally, a series of reports from the Social Security Administration's inspector general in March 2023 and July 2024 state that the agency has not established a new system to properly annotate death information in its database, which included roughly 18.9 million Social Security numbers of people born in 1920 or earlier but were not marked as deceased. This does not mean, however, that these individuals were receiving benefits.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/top-democrats-fear-elon-musk-161640	2025/02/20	
Tens of millions of dead people aren't getting Social Security checks, despite Trump and Musk claims	Fuck that guy	Donald Trump has derailed Senate Republicans' budget strategy by endorsing a competing House option, leaving GOP leaders scrambling to save their agenda just weeks before a potential government shutdown. The announcement forces Senate Republicans to reconsider their carefully planned schedule of votes this week on a slimmer package that was meant to cover defense, border security and energy provisions. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has ordered military officials to find \$50 billion in budget cuts for fiscal year 2026 to be redirected to align with President Trump's priorities for the department, the Pentagon said Wednesday. The review to identify offsets from the Biden administration's FY26 budget is set to overhaul Defense Department priorities, with a Pentagon official noting its mandate is border security, ending diversity equity and inclusion (DEI) programs and building Trump's planned Iron Dome missile defense shield. "Through our budgets, the Department of Defense will once again resource warfighting and cease unnecessary spending that set our military back under the previous administration, including through so-called 'climate change' and other woke programs, as well as excessive bureaucracy," he added. "Senseless" comments echo those of Hegseth at a conference in Germany last week. "The Defense Department is not in the business of climate change, solving the global thermostat. We're in the business of deterring and winning wars," Hegseth said. The Defense Department, which has 128 coastal military installations in the U.S. alone, had previously identified climate change as a key threat and the Navy has held exercises to help be better prepared for extreme weather. The Navy in its Climate Action 2030 report described it as "one of the most destabilizing forces of our time, exacerbating other national security concerns and posing serious readiness challenges." A 2023 Congressional Research Service report citing Pentagon officials warned climate change "has growing implications for the costs of operating U.S. military installations and associated equipment," noting recent hurricanes and storms had caused billions of dollars in damage to bases. Educators, researchers and employees at the Department of Education say that the Trump administration's slashing of federal bureaucracies and workforces has significantly weakened special education enforcement and killed programs meant to help students with disabilities. Last week, Tamara Linkov, the senior director of the American Institutes for Research's education evaluation studies program, told The Independent that she learned that the federal government was canceling funding for Challenging My Path for Future Success. The program was meant to help students with disabilities learn about programs to transition to adulthood.	https://nypost.com/2025/02/19/social-security-payments-deceased-false-cls/	2025/02/20	
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		Groups that receive foreign aid are asking a federal judge to find the Trump officials now running the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development in contempt of court for not reopening the flow of money to thousands of programs around the globe, as the judge has ordered.			
In potential showdown, aid groups demand court find USAID, State officials in contempt	Government- USAID	In a filing Wednesday afternoon, the plaintiffs said that each day the funding is delayed, millions of people across the world who rely on it suffer. It urged the judge to impose penalties until the U.S. government complies.	https://www.npr.org/sections/pols/and-south/2025/02/19/ga-41-497164/	2025/02/20	
Fatal drug overdoses are falling — but not everywhere	Health- Addiction	The fatal drug overdose rate fell 4% nationwide from 2022 to 2023, per new CDC data — but grew notably out West and up in Alaska. Overdose deaths seem to be falling as pandemic-era isolation ebbs and access to life-saving medications like Naloxone grows. The age-adjusted rate of U.S. fatal drug overdoses fell from 32.6 per 100,000 people in 2022 to 31.3 in 2023, the CDC says.	https://www.aaxos.com/2025/02/20/drug-overdoses-death-rate-map/	2025/02/20	
Philippine officials offer cash for mosquitoes amid rise in dengue cases	Health- Dengue	In a filing Wednesday afternoon, the plaintiffs said that each day the funding is delayed, millions of people across the world who rely on it suffer. It urged the judge to impose penalties until the U.S. government complies.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/20/philippines-officials-offer-cash-for-mosquitoes-amid-rise-in-dengue-cases	2025/02/20	
Fed workforce cuts hit FDA foods program	Health- FDA	As a former Environmental Protection Agency leader, Jones was particularly focused in his work on the role of chemicals in the food system, which aligns closely with MAHA's goals, said Jerold Mande, former deputy undersecretary at the Department of Agriculture.	https://www.aaxos.com/2025/02/20/fda-food-division-cuts/	2025/02/20	
Mass polio vaccination campaign to continue in Gaza, after virus detected in wastewater samples	Health- Polio	A mass polio vaccination campaign is set to continue in Gaza after the virus was recently detected in wastewater samples. The campaign aims to vaccinate more than 591,000 children in Gaza under 10 years old between Saturday and Feb. 26, the World Health Organization announced.	https://abcnews.go.com/International/mass-polio-vaccination-campaign/	2025/02/20	
HHS redefines sex as “immutable” in new guidance	Health- Sex and gender	The definition of female is “a person of the sex characterized by a reproductive system with the biological function of producing eggs (ova),” while a male is “a person of the sex characterized by a reproductive system with the biological function of producing sperm.”	https://www.aaxos.com/2025/02/20/hhs-redefines-sex-as-immutable/	2025/02/20	
Trump administration yanks CDC flu vaccine campaign	Health- Vaccines	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is stopping a successful flu vaccination campaign that juxtaposed images of wild animals, such as a lion, with cute counterparts, the a kitten, as an analogy for how immunization can help tame the flu.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/02/19/nx-41-5302/	2025/02/20	
Revealed: US firm running Guantanamo migrant jail accused over rights abuses	Human Rights	In one example, a federal audit report on a migrant facility run by the company in Miami found multiple incidents of alleged “inappropriate use of force” — including guards pepper-spraying a man in solitary confinement even though he posed no threat to them, the report said.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/20/guantanamo-migrant-jail	2025/02/20	
Brazilians hail strength of democracy as Bolsonaro is called to account	International- Brazil	Brazilian democrats have celebrated the strength of their country's judiciary and institutions after the former president Jair Bolsonaro was left being political oblivion and jail time for allegedly plotting a coup, in stark contrast to the US's failure to bring Donald Trump to justice for his anti-democratic acts.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/19/brazil-jair-bolsonaro-cz	2025/02/20	
Georgia Touts Its Medicaid Experiment as a Success. The Numbers Tell a Different Story.	Political Cesspool	As of the end of 2024, the Pathways program has cost federal and state taxpayers more than \$86.9 million, three-quarters of which has gone to consultants. The Current and ProPublica found. The state asserted that costs increased because of a two-year delay to the program's launch.	https://www.republica.org/article/georgia-medicaid-work-requirements/	2025/02/20	
9 Trump Cabinet picks you probably haven't heard of and why you should know them	Political Cesspool	Summary	https://www.yahoo.com/news/9-trump-cabinet-picks-you-probably-have	2025/02/20	
Two more staffers quit John Fetterman's office as the senator carves his own lane with Trump	Political Cesspool	Two of Sen. John Fetterman's longest-serving staff members are leaving his team as the senator takes a more open approach to President Donald Trump than many of his Democratic colleagues are.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/two-more-staffers-quit-john-220156126-n	2025/02/20	
Hegseth could soon fire or remove generals and senior officers, US officials say	Political Cesspool	Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth is considering firing or removing generals and senior officers as early as this week, according to multiple U.S. and congressional officials.	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/hegseth-fire-remove-generals-senior-officials-say/	2025/02/20	military
‘The deification of Trump will be complete’ at CPAC 2025	Political Cesspool	“CPAC always been the ideological north star for the conservative grassroots movement,” said Tara Seligman, a former Republican communications director on Capitol Hill who used to regularly attend the conference. “Unless you weren't paying attention, CPAC was the roadmap for what MAGA becoming mainstream would look like and what they wanted to accomplish.”	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/19/trump-cpac-conference	2025/02/20	
Louisiana, New York battle over abortion laws: What comes next	Reproductive rights	Louisiana's attorney general is seeking to extradite a New York doctor who prescribed and sent abortion medication through the mail to a resident of the Pelican State, escalating a legal battle surrounding the doctor that could test the limits of state abortion shield laws.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/louisiana-york-battle-over-abortion-11000	2025/02/20	states rights
An 11-year-old girl in Texas died by suicide after she was bullied about her family's immigration status, her mother says	Tragic	A young girl's death by suicide is being investigated by school police after her mother says she was bullied by other students who hurled insults at her, claiming her family was in the US illegally.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/11-year-old-girl-texas-died-193221903.html	2025/02/20	
Trump's mega-MAGA month transforms America	Trump Bullshit	Like Trump 1.0, the belch of new and norm-busting behavior is — and will continue to be — the defining feature of this administration. Unlike Trump 1.0, the chaos is calculated — and explicitly designed to institutionalize MAGA, paralyze the president's enemies and permanently break the Washington establishment.	https://www.aaxos.com/2025/02/20/trump-maga-month-transforms-amer	2025/02/20	
One month of fear for groups targeted by Trump's executive orders	Trump Bullshit	Two primary targets of President Trump's executive orders have been transgender Americans and undocumented immigrants, deepening a climate of fear for both groups.	https://www.aaxos.com/2025/02/20/trump-executive-orders-trans-rights/	2025/02/20	
Trump's appeal on birthright citizenship order rejected by court	Trump Bullshit	President Trump remains blocked from ending birthright citizenship in the U.S. after a federal appeals court ruling on Wednesday night.	https://www.aaxos.com/2025/02/20/trump-birthright-citizenship-order-rej	2025/02/20	
Trump's “dictator” slam of Zelenskyy rocks Capitol Hill	Trump Bullshit	The three judges in the San Francisco-based appeals court, comprising appointees of Presidents Trump, Jimmy Carter and George W. Bush, found the DOJ had failed to make a “strong showing that they are likely to succeed on the merits of this appeal.”	https://www.aaxos.com/2025/02/20/trump-zelenskyy-dictator-ukraine-con	2025/02/20	
Trump officials want to ban junk food from SNAP. Past efforts show it's not easy to do	Trump Bullshit	The case has been set down for further review, with arguments due to be heard in June.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-officials-want-ban-junk-142048667	2025/02/20	
Trump Endorses House Budget Plan With Medicaid Cuts	Trump Bullshit	“The president speaks for himself.” Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) told reporters about Trump's latest comments.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-endorses-house-budget-plan-1557	2025/02/20	
Postmaster General's Resignation Opens Door for Trump's Privatization Plan	Trump Bullshit	In the past 24 hours, Trump called Zelenskyy “a dictator without elections,” falsely accused Ukraine of starting the war with Russia and said it “could have made a deal” to end the fighting.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/postmaster-general-resignation-opens-do	2025/02/20	
Trump receives widespread backlash to social post calling himself ‘King’	Trump Bullshit	A push to ban sugary drinks, candy and more from the U.S. program that helps low-income families pay for nutritious food has been tied before — but it may soon get a boost from new Trump administration officials.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/19/trump-backlash-soc	2025/02/20	
Historic ocean liner departs Philadelphia on voyage to become the world's largest artificial reef	Weird World	Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the newly confirmed health and human services secretary, and Brooke Rollins, the new agriculture secretary, have both signaled that they favor stripping such treats from SNAP's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.	https://abcnews.com/article/historic-ship-artificial-reef-philadelphia-florid	2025/02/20	
It's definitely not moving, another bear makes, excavated LA home its own	Weird World	Kennedy has been most vocal, calling for the government to stop allowing the nearly \$113 billion program that serves about 42 million Americans to use benefits to pay for “soda or processed foods.”	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/19/black-bear-los-ange	2025/02/20	
Birkenstocks are not works of art, top German court rules in copyright case	Weird World	After having hemmed and hawed from the sidelines, Trump announced in a social media post Wednesday he favors the House approach, which would combine border security, military funding and a sweeping package of tax cuts partially offset with major spending cuts — including to Medicaid, a program Trump suggested this week he wouldn't touch.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/20/birkenstocks-are-not-w	2025/02/20	
A 2,000-year-old statue is found abandoned in a garbage bag in Greece	Weird World	U.S. Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's resignation, which he announced this week, could open the door for President Donald Trump to carry out his long-sought after plan to privatize the massive federal agency.	https://abcnews.com/article/greece-ancient-statue-thessaloniki-ac75148	2025/02/20	
FDA scientists told ‘woman’ and ‘disabled’ are on Trump's banned word list	WTF?	Donald Trump is receiving widespread backlash after he likened himself to a “king” on social media following his administration's decision to rescind New York City's congestion pricing program.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald-trump/	2025/02/20	

		The Trump administration is rolling back protections for Haitian migrants in the U.S., allowing hundreds of thousands of people to be targeted for deportations this summer, the Department of Homeland said Thursday. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem vacated a decision Thursday from the Biden administration to extend Haiti's Temporary Protect Status (TPS) by 18 months.			
Trump rolls back protections for about 520,000 Haitian migrants	Borders and immigration	Former Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas had extended TPS for Haitians until February 2026 before Trump took office. Noem's move ends TPS eligibility for an estimated 520,000 Haitians as of Aug. 3, 2025, unless extended.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/20/trump-haitian-migrants-ksa	2025/02/21	
US flies 177 deportees from Guantánamo to Honduras en route to Venezuela	Borders and immigration	The US government has flown 177 deportees from Guantánamo Bay to Honduras, from where they are set to be transferred on to Venezuela, apparently employing the military facility of migrant detainees.			
Arizona lawmakers ready 'bounty' bill that would pay police agencies \$2,500 for every migrant deported	Borders and immigration	Lawyers representing several of the deportees said that they learned about the deportations on Thursday afternoon. An Arizona lawmaker has proposed a bill that would give state and local police agencies a \$2,500 "bounty" for each deportation of an unauthorized migrant they help secure.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/20/deportation-venezuela https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/arizona	2025/02/21	ACAB
The White House said book bans aren't happening. Now JD Vance's memoir is a target	Censorship	Vice President JD Vance's memoir became a political lightning rod that propelled him to office, but now "Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis" has been caught up in a censorship controversy sparked by the White House. The agency has not outright banned "Hillbilly Elegy," but its officials have flagged the book for a compliance review, according to PEN America, a freedom of expression advocacy group. The pending review appears to be a case of "soft censorship," which occurs when officials temporarily pull books for evaluation, require parental permission for students to read, relocate materials to certain parts of libraries or impose other restrictions short of a ban.	https://19thnews.org/2025/02/book-bans-jd-vance-hillbilly-elegy/	2025/02/21	
Justice Department broadens Trump's Jan. 6 clemency as it moves to drop gun cases	Cesspool-January six	The Justice Department now says that President Donald Trump's clemency for Jan. 6 rioters covers unrelated crimes that were discovered during FBI searches stemming from the attack on the Capitol. Skyscrapers built to withstand major hurricanes fare much more poorly in less powerful windstorms known as derechos, researchers have found, raising questions for cities worldwide over the resilience of tall buildings as the climate emergency worsens. A team from Florida International University's (FIU) civil and environmental engineering department studied the unexpectedly severe damage caused to buildings in Houston, a city with 50 skyscrapers of 452ft (150 metres) or more, during the 16 May 2024 derecho.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/justice-department-broadens-trump-jan-0	2025/02/21	
Hurricane-proof skyscrapers vulnerable to less powerful windstorms, study finds	Environment-Wind	They found that the storm's long line of fast-moving thunderstorms spawned "downburst" winds peaking at 90mph that bounced off the buildings and inflicted considerable damage, especially to the facades of structures designed to withstand stronger, category 4 hurricane-force wind speeds of up to 156mph. "All the gold is present and accounted for," Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told talk show host Dan O'Donnell in an exclusive interview Wednesday, emphasizing that an audit is conducted every year. Non-authorized personnel have entered the Kentucky depository on only three occasions. Roosevelt inspected the depository in 1943. His visit was the first time it opened its doors to anyone aside from authorized personnel. More than 30 years later, in 1974, then-Treasury Secretary William Simon again departed from the no-visitors policy in response to rumors that the gold held in the depository was gone, welcoming a congressional delegation and a group of journalists. The New York Times reported at the time that the gold was still there. This century, non-authorized personnel have only been invited in the historic vaults once. In 2017, during Trump's first term, Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin, Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and others took a trip to see the stash. Over the last several days, Musk has zeroed in on the depository, demanding to know whether the gold is "still there."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/21/hurricane-proof-sky	2025/02/21	
What to know about Fort Knox's gold depository that Musk wants audited	Fuck that guy	"Who is confirming that gold wasn't stolen from Fort Knox?" he wrote Monday. "Maybe it's there, maybe it's not." For years, Musk has been amassing his economic power in Texas. And this year, Musk's presence in the area is set to explode, raising hopes and sowing concerns about what the Elon effect will mean for Central Texas. The new headquarters for social media platform X is being built here, and it looks to open soon. SpaceX, his aerospace company, will more than double its size next door. And then there's the Shuttlesbrook, the company town Musk is building at the compound. The Texas Newsroom has learned that the Musk "dopla" is likely to restart development by year's end — and may be even more massive than previously reported.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/20/fort-knox-gold-trump-musk	2025/02/21	
Elon Musk's head is in DC. The heart of his business empire is in Texas — and it's growing.	Fuck that guy	While Elon Musk and his underlings demand budget cuts and layoffs across the federal government, funding for their agency — the Department of Government Efficiency — has soared to nearly \$40 million, ProPublica found in a review of Office of Management and Budget records.	https://www.bud.org/austin/2025-02-12/elon-musk-doge-texas-business	2025/02/21	
DOGE's Millions: As Musk and Trump Cut Government, Their Ax-Cutting Agency Gets Cash Infusion	Fuck that guy	The top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., told ProPublica she didn't believe DOGE had the legal authority for the actions it's taken. She called it a "made-up federal department" that's wasting taxpayer dollars.	https://www.propublica.org/article/dooge-trump-musk-funding-foia-congr	2025/02/21	
Elon Musk's private security detail gets deputized by US Marshals Service	Fuck that guy	The US Marshals Service has deputized members of Elon Musk's private security detail, giving them certain rights and protections of federal law enforcement agents, three law enforcement officials familiar with the matter told CNN.	https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/20/politics/elon-musk-private-security-de	2025/02/21	
DOGE SAID IT CUT \$232 MILLION FROM SOCIAL SECURITY BUDGET. IT WAS ONLY ABOUT HALF A MILLION.	Fuck that guy	THE "DEPARTMENT OF Government Efficiency" claimed to have saved the American taxpayer nearly \$232 million by canceling an IT contract for the Social Security Administration. They were only off by about \$231 million. In fact, the government cut only \$560,000, a paltry savings generated by yet another Trump administration anti-trans attack: the elimination of a project to develop an "X" gender marker for the agency's internal databases. The Social Security Administration Wednesday confirmed the discrepancy between the DOGE claims and the actual total, which was first uncovered by "The Intercept".	https://theintercept.com/2025/02/20/dooge-social-security-cuts-musk-re/	2025/02/21	
How DOGE's sketchy 'Wall Of Receipts' Set Off Panic Inside A Federal Agency	Fuck that guy	The site, which purports to tally up the dollar value of the layoffs, asset sales and contract cancellations since Donald Trump took office, listed \$1 million in annual savings due to "true termination considerations" of the Buffalo lease. The NLRB investigates and prosecutes unfair labor practices committed by employers and unions, and many workers file charges in person or show up seeking advice on their rights. The office also includes a courtroom where labor trials are held, and space for the board's attorneys to prepare witnesses for hearings. After seeing their office among DOGE's cuts, the board's Buffalo employees wondered whether they would have a physical space to work out of and how they would serve the workers who rely on them.	https://www.huffpost.com/entry/nlr-office-lease-doge-wall-of-receipts_	2025/02/21	
Trump Again Claims He Put Musk 'in Charge' Of DOGE, Contradicting His Own DOJ	Fuck that guy	President Donald Trump Wednesday evening again asserted that he put billionaire Elon Musk "in charge" of his "Department of Government Efficiency," contradicting his own Department of Justice, which is claiming that Musk is merely a White House adviser with no authority. Elon Musk is on a crusade against government spending. Unless, apparently, it's going to him.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-again-claims-put-musk-013703072	2025/02/21	
Here's how many billions Elon Musk's companies are making from U.S. taxpayers	Fuck that guy	"Yet according to federal data analyzed by The Independent, Musk's own companies have been promised or awarded nearly \$21 billion by the U.S. government since 2008. The cash was still flowing as of Feb 17, with another \$76.7 million promised since Donald Trump's inauguration.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/millions-billions-elon-musk-companies-17	2025/02/21	
Senate Republicans approve budget framework, pushing past Democratic objections after all-night vote	Government Funding	Republican senators pushed a \$340 billion budget framework to passage early Friday, chugging through an all-night session and Democratic opposition in a step toward unleashing money the Trump administration says it needs for mass deportations and border security but that their agenda. President Trump's vow to keep Medicaid intact is colliding headlong into the Republicans' strategy to extend their 2017 tax cuts, complicating the GOP effort to secure a major policy win in the early months of Trump's second term. Trump on Wednesday endorsed the House Republicans' plan to move "one big beautiful bill," combining immigration and energy policies with \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts. A large part of that cost, according to the GOP's budget blueprint, would be offset by reductions in Medicaid spending.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-ready-stay-night-pass-232703876	2025/02/21	
Trump's vow to preserve Medicaid collides with House GOP plan for tax cuts	Government Funding	Yet hours earlier, the president had vowed to preserve Medicare and Medicaid in their current form. Officials, he suggested, would find the budget savings for the tax law elsewhere. The Internal Revenue Service, better-known as the IRS, is cutting more than 6,000 jobs in the middle of a busy tax season.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-vow-preserve-medicare-collides-11	2025/02/21	
IRS cuts over 6,000 jobs in the middle of tax season	Government Jobs	Landing right in the middle of the tax season, the job cuts are expected to make it harder for taxpayers to get questions answered and for the government to collect all of the money it's owed. The move drew protests from government watchdogs, who worry it will compromise the government's ability to go after wealthy tax cheats.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/20/mst-s33042201rs-job-cuts-doge-tax-ss	2025/02/21	
Trump can continue mass firings despite disruption, say critics, US judge rules	Government Jobs	The Trump administration can continue its mass firings of federal employees for now, a federal judge ruled on Thursday, rejecting a bid by a group of labor unions to halt President Donald Trump's dramatic downsizing of the roughly 2.3 million-strong federal workforce. U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper in Washington, D.C., said Trump's onslaught of executive actions in his first month in office have caused "disruption and even chaos in widespread quarters of American society." But he said he likely lacks the power to decide whether the firing of tens of thousands of government workers is lawful.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-continue-mass-firing	2025/02/21	
Trump administration's mass firings could leave federal government with 'monumental' bill, say experts	Government Jobs	Donald Trump's administration could wrack up a "monumental" bill and be breaking the law by firing government workers on spurious grounds, according to a top labor lawyer. Officials have cited "poor performance" when terminating thousands of federal workers. In many cases it's not true, according to employees embroiled in the blitz, many of whom are now seeking legal advice.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/21/trump-mass-firings	2025/02/21	
'Scared To Death': Former FAA Employee Sounds Alarm On Mass Firings	Government-FAA	"This is about protecting national security, and I'm scared to death," said Charles Spitzer-Stadtlander, who was part of the FAA's National Airspace System Defense Program, in an interview with The Associated Press. "And the American public should be scared, too."			
Get Ready For Delayed Tax Refunds, Long Hold Times After Mass IRS Firings	Government-IRS	Spitzer-Stadtlander told CNN's Kaitlin Collins on Tuesday that the public "needs to be concerned" by the firings of public safety and national security professionals in the FAA and the Department of Transportation. "We expect Americans to experience a return to slower refunds, to longer waits on hold, to dropped calls," said Williamson. "It's going to have a real impact on customer service — right as taxes are due this year."	https://www.huffpost.com/entry/faq-employee-firings-warning_n_67b6ef https://www.huffpost.com/entry/irs-mass-firings-refund-delays-tax-evad	2025/02/21	
Critics say Trump's executive orders to reshape the NIH 'will kill' Americans	Government-NIH	Academics and scientists who work with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) said the Trump administration's orders have severely disrupted work — delaying projects and casting the future of research funding and jobs into doubt as chaos in the agency reigns. "They will have drastic effects on all of us — this is not hyperbole, this is fact," said Todd Wolfson, the president of the American Association of University Professors and an anthropologist at Rutgers University in New Jersey. The orders "will kill", Wolfson said, as advances in the treatment of diseases as diverse as cancer, Alzheimer's and diabetes are delayed.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/20/nih-trump-executive	2025/02/21	
This rare genetic disorder was just treated in the womb for the first time ever	Health-advances	Following the first-ever treatment for spinal muscular atrophy in the womb, physicians say a 2-year-old girl shows no signs of the rare genetic disorder. Spinal muscular atrophy is a genetic condition set in motion before birth that causes worsening muscle weakness. There are four types of the disorder, each with varying degrees of severity. However, for those with the most common and severe form, children typically do not live past age 2. The child's mother was given the drug nusinersen, which is the first oral medication approved to treat the progressive neurodegenerative disorder by the Food and Drug Administration. It is manufactured by Swiss biotech firm Roche.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/genetic-testing-muscular-at	2025/02/21	
Dairy workers' cats died from bird flu, but it's not clear how they got infected	Health-Bird flu	Two cats that belonged to Michigan dairy workers died after being infected with bird flu. But it's still not clear how the animals got sick or whether they spread the virus to people in the household, a new study shows. Veterinary experts said the report, published Thursday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, lacks detail that could confirm whether people can spread the virus to domestic cats — or vice versa.	https://apnews.com/article/cats-michigan-bird-flu-h5n1-7049f83803ade	2025/02/21	

Texas Banned Abortion, Then Sepsis Rates Soared.	Health- pregnancy	Pregnancy became far more dangerous in Texas after the state banned abortion in 2021, ProPublica found in a first-of-its-kind data analysis. ... The rate of sepsis shot up more than 50% for women hospitalized when they lost their pregnancies in the second trimester, ProPublica found. The new reporting shows that, after the state banned abortion, dozens more pregnant and postpartum women died in Texas hospitals than had in pre-pandemic years, which ProPublica used as a baseline to avoid COVID-19-related distortions. As the maternal mortality rate dropped nationally, ProPublica found, it rose substantially in Texas. The Mississippi Legislature is not a public body and not subject to the state's Open Meetings Act, a Hinds County Chancery Court judge ruled Tuesday, affirming a 2023 Mississippi Ethics Commission finding and rejecting an appeal from the Mississippi Free Press. The decision clears the way for Mississippi's Republican House majority to continue operating in secret, gathering a quorum of legislators to plan votes and shape legislative agendas without public access to their proceedings. A Mississippi judge ordered a newspaper to remove an editorial criticizing the mayor and city leaders after the officials sued, sparking complaints from press advocates that it violates the First Amendment. Chancery Judge Crystal Wolf Martin issued the restraining order against the Clarion-Ledger Press Register on Tuesday in connection with a Feb. 8 editorial titled "Secrecy, Deception Erode Public Trust." The piece criticized the city for not sending the newspaper notice about a meeting the City Council held regarding a proposed tax on alcohol, marijuana and tobacco. https://www.propublica.org/article/texas-abortion-ban-sepsis-maternal-r 2025/02/21
Mississippi Legislature Not a 'Public Body' and Not Subject to Open Meetings Act, Judge Rules	Information backlog	https://www.mississippifreespress.com/mississippi-legislature-not-a-publi 2025/02/21
A Mississippi judge ordered a newspaper to remove an editorial. Press advocates are outraged	Information backlog	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mississippi-judge-ordered-newspaper-rer 2025/02/21
Outcry as Trump withdraws support for research that mentions 'climate'	Information backlog	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/feb/21/trump-scientific 2025/02/21
Trump's first month turns U.S. foreign policy upside down	International Relations	Zoom in: Nothing has alarmed America's longtime European partners so much as his treatment of Zelensky, who was let out of this weeks U.S.-Russia talks then repeatedly bashed by the president. As Donald Trump picks away from Europe and toward Russia, he's putting at risk the deepest and most important economic relationship in the world: that between the U.S. and Europe. More than 60% of foreign investment into the U.S. comes from Europe, and in the other direction, more than 60% of foreign investment by the U.S. goes into Europe. Similarly, U.S. companies employ about 5 million Europeans, while European companies employ some 5 million Americans. European companies are major employers in several Trump-supporting states, including BMW in South Carolina, Volkswagen in Tennessee, Airbus in Alabama, and Siemens in Texas and the Carolinas. https://www.axios.com/2025/02/20/trump-foreign-policy-zelensky-green 2025/02/21
The economic peril of pivoting to Russia	International Relations	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/20/trump-russia-europe-investment 2025/02/21
Commercial flights diverted as Chinese warships undertake apparent live-fire drill in sea between Australia and New Zealand	International Relations	https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2025/feb/21/commercial-fl 2025/02/21
Long lines and canceled rentals. Firings bring chaos to national parks	National parks	Chinese warships have undertaken an apparent live-fire drill in the seas between Australia and New Zealand, diverting commercial flights in the skies above. The Chinese navy notified the Australian defence department shortly before the drill on Friday. At California's Yosemite National Park, the Trump administration fired the only lockdown on staff on Friday. He was the sole employee with the keys and the institutional knowledge needed to rescue visitors from locked restrooms. The wait to enter Arizona's Grand Canyon National Park this past weekend was twice as long as usual after the administration let go four employees who worked at the south entrance, where roughly 90 percent of the park's nearly 5 million annual visitors pass through. https://www.yahoo.com/news/long-lines-canceled-rentals-firings-14530 2025/02/21
Senate confirms mega-MAGA loyalist Kash Patel as FBI director	Political Cesspool	The Senate voted 51-49 on Thursday to confirm Kash Patel, a mega-MAGA ally of President Trump, to serve as FBI director. Patel wrote a book in 2023 that features a list of "deep state" officials to target. Democrats argued Patel would use the federal law enforcement agency to go after the president's perceived enemies. Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) were the two Republicans to vote against Patel. Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-Wis.) this week became the first House Republican to file articles of impeachment against a federal judge who has blocked President Trump in his efforts to upend the federal government. The measure is an extreme long shot, but it signals a new willingness by congressional Republicans to use impeachment as a cudgel to help clear obstacles to Trump's agenda. https://www.axios.com/2025/02/20/senate-trump-impeach-judge-van-or 2025/02/21
GOP lawmakers files measure to impeach judge who blocked Trump	Political Cesspool	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/20/hochul-new-york-major-eric-adams 2025/02/21
Hochul won't remove NYC mayor, will institute guardrails	Political Cesspool	The Republican-led Senate voted Thursday to confirm Kash Patel as the new FBI director despite questions about whether he has the qualifications and the temperament to lead the nation's most powerful law enforcement agency. Sen. Mitch McConnell has announced he will not seek reelection next year, ending a 40-year career in Congress that saw the Kentucky Republican serve as the longest-serving Senate party leader in U.S. history. https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/20/g-a-1-49998/trump-cabinet-picks-kash-g 2025/02/21
Senate confirms Kash Patel, fierce critic of FBI, to head the bureau	Political Cesspool	One of the most consequential and controversial legislators who helped redefine the modern Senate, McConnell stepped down from leadership last year after facing questions about his health. Now 83, he abruptly froze and seemed unable to speak during two news conferences in July and August of 2024. In March of 2023 he fell during a dinner event at a D.C. hotel and spent five days in the hospital. McConnell's most lasting legacy will be his efforts to remake the federal judiciary, shifting the balance of the courts toward conservatives, likely for the next generation. Those actions made him a hero of the conservative movement, despite years of attacks questioning his commitment to the cause and a tattered relationship with President Trump. https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/20/g-a-1-5304307/mitch-mcconnell-retire 2025/02/21
Sen. Mitch McConnell says he will not seek reelection in 2028	Political Cesspool	Republicans, who narrowly control Congress, are pushing proposals that could sharply cut funding to the government health insurance program for poor and disabled Americans, as a way to finance President Trump's agenda for tax cuts and border security. https://www.axios.com/2025/02/20/senate-health-insurance-program-cuts 2025/02/21
Republican proposals to cut Medicaid could be politically fraught	Political Cesspool	At stake is coverage for roughly 79 million people enrolled in Medicaid and its related Children's Health Insurance Program. So, too, is the financial health of thousands of hospitals and community health centers — and a huge revenue source to all states. https://www.rpr.org/sections/whats-health-news/2025/02/20/nc-a-1-5303 2025/02/21
Infant Mortality and Births Increased in Most States With Abortion Bans, Studies Find	Reproductive rights	The Georgia Republican who recently told CNN that school kids should be sent to work to earn school lunches was met with outrage and fury from residents at a town hall meeting on Thursday night. It got heated quickly over McCormick's support for the sweeping federal budget cuts made in recent weeks by Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-rep-rich-mccormick-faces-04435647 2025/02/21
Once off the table, bills to charge women who get abortions with murder get votes before falling	Reproductive rights	https://time.com/7259962/trump-administration-officials-resign/ 2025/02/21
Tracking Trump's executive actions by category	Trump Bushlit	The studies, which were published in the Journal of the American Medical Association on Thursday, indicate that these impacts can be especially felt by people with socioeconomic disadvantages. Researchers said that the results "suggest that abortion bans may exacerbate racial disparities and disproportionately affect communities in southern states, where more than half of the U.S. Black population resides and infant mortality was already high." The investigators analyzed data from birth and death certificates, as well as the U.S. Census Bureau, for all 50 states and Washington, D.C., from January 2012 through December 2023 to compare data from previous years and the 18 months after the Supreme Court's ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. One of the studies estimated that, overall, infant mortality was 5.6% higher than expected in states that enacted near-total abortion bans or bans after six weeks of pregnancy, resulting in about 478 more infant deaths than expected based on data from previous years. The other study estimated that, overall, the birth rate in those states was 1.7% higher than expected, amounting to about 22,000 more births than expected based on previous years' data. https://time.com/7225531/infant-mortality-births-increased-states-aborti 2025/02/21
Infant Mortality and Births Increased in Most States With Abortion Bans, Studies Find	Reproductive rights	Abortion rights advocates feared the 2022 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that opened the door to state abortion bans would also lead to tracking women and charging women who get abortions with murder. No states have allowed either, but the ideas, once off the table, have gotten attention in legislatures this month. Oklahoma lawmakers killed a bill that would have allowed murder charges after a public hearing, and North Dakota did so after a floor debate. Similar bills have been introduced before, but they haven't been granted hearings, in part because most major anti-abortion groups oppose them. President Trump has signed more than 75 executive orders, memos and proclamations during his first few weeks in office at a pace that surpasses his most recent predecessors'. https://www.yahoo.com/news/once-off-table-bills-charge-205411764.html 2025/02/21
Trump wants more power over agencies. Experts worry about campaign finance regulators	Trump Bushlit	Critics say his foreign policy approach may leave a vacuum for U.S. adversaries as Trump touts his "America First" agenda. President Trump's executive order Tuesday to "rein in" independent agencies is raising particular concern among those who follow the work of the Federal Election Commission, which is in charge of enforcing the country's campaign finance laws. There are currently about 80 agencies across the federal government that were designed by Congress to be independent of the White House, including at least two agencies related to elections. Trump's executive order announced Tuesday seeks to require these agencies to run all new policies, rulings and regulations by the president. https://www.axios.com/2025/02/21/trumps-executive-orders-memos 2025/02/21
Donald Trump Keeps Teasing a Third Term. Here's What to Know	Trump Bushlit	But the Constitution hasn't proved to be a deterrent for Trump before. Even after the 22nd Amendment's ratification in 1951, some Presidents have toyed with the idea of a third term. In 1968, Ronald Reagan half-jokingly raised "giving it one more try," according to a TIME report at the time, which added: "Reagan has come to see the 22nd Amendment as limiting presidential leverage, and believes it should be repealed, effective after he leaves office. 'It's only democratic,' he said, 'for citizens to vote for a President as many times as they want. Some future President, that is.'" Politico Magazine recently outlined four ways Trump could "snatch a third term—despite the 22nd Amendment," which it summarized as: change the Constitution, sidestep the Constitution, ignore the Constitution, or defy the Constitution. Trump's Attorney General Pam Bondi acknowledged during her confirmation hearing that a third Trump term would require changing the Constitution. And Trump ally Rep. Andy Ogles (R-Tenn.) introduced a joint resolution to try to kickstart that process on Jan. 23. The resolution seeks to amend the Constitution such that "no person shall be elected to the office of the President more than three times, nor be elected to any additional term after being elected to two consecutive terms." Critics have suggested the latter clause was included to prevent Obama from taking advantage of such an amendment to seek a third term. https://time.com/7222820/trump-third-term-president-explainer-pathway 2025/02/21

		Trump and Tate have a lot in common, and both stand to gain much from each other. They are disinformation whippersnappers, having sought to delegitimize criminal allegations against them through information warfare. They both mastered their loud, obnoxious performance of self under the lights and cameras of reality TV (The Apprentice for Trump, Big Brother for Tate), before using the same model to dominate social media. There, among the likes and the shares and the algorithms, they learned that while truth and integrity get you nothing, controversy, lies and extremism can be easily transmuted into fame, wealth and power. ... But the Tate-Trump alliance is about more than just votes, especially now Trump has won. The Trump administration and Tate are both promoting a conspiracy theory that USAid and the mainstream media have worked together to fabricate charges against Tate. By supporting him, the Trump administration is forging a new axis of disinformation to go after the press and the very idea of justice and due process.		
Andrew Tate's alliance with Trump has been in the making for a long time	Trump Trash	For those of us following closely, all the signs of a coordinated disinformation attack on the media and the courts by the Trump administration, the Tates, and a network of far-right agitators and trolls are there. Tate's attack lines are parroted by the Trump administration and vice versa. Nearly 500 cat figurines were stolen in one week from Gordon Ramsay's new London restaurant, the TV chef has said. The restaurant's 58, recently launched Lucky Cat 22 Bishopsgate by Gordon Ramsay in one of London's tallest buildings, which features the beckoning Japanese cat models called maneki-neko.	https://www.theguardian.com/news/2025/feb/21/andrew-tate-trump-all	2025/02/21
Nearly 500 cat figurines stolen from Gordon Ramsay's London restaurant	Weird World	Ramsay, known for his Hell's Kitchen and Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares reality TV programmes, said: "The cats are getting stolen. There were 477 stolen last week – they cost £4.50 each."	https://www.theguardian.com/food/2025/feb/20/nearly-500-cat-figurines	2025/02/21
Worm the creature with 'dark secret' wins New Zealand bug of the year award	Weird World	An ancient gummy-looking worm-like creature with a vicious hunting method that involves projecting sticky goo from its head has been crowned New Zealand's bug of the year. The menu of 14 species that included slingsay casserole, bear stew, racoon andouille and rabbit kebabs was the centerpiece of a 12-year-old event organized by Larry Primrose, the volunteer rescue captain and a man with the cooking chops and network of sportsman friends needed to pull it off. There was roasted grey squirrel, bobcat to mein, wild boar ham and coyote teriyaki on a stick. And the mystery meat this year, as a boy in the crowd correctly guessed, was alligator. For the less adventurous, there was also venison and salmon. In previous years, dishes have included wood duck, snapping turtle satani, smoked eel, beaver shepherd's pie, goose in sauerkraut and groundhog chili and chorizo.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/20/yet-worm-new-zeal	2025/02/21
Crow is not the only thing they eat at a wild game dinner in rural Pennsylvania	Weird World	Firefighters in Madrid came to the rescue of a goat that somehow ended up stranded on a ledge on the fifth floor of an apartment building.	https://agnews.com/article/wild-game-dinner-pennsylvania-bc3b46cd4	2025/02/21
Goat rescued from fifth floor window ledge	Weird World	The goat's origins, and how it came to be stranded on the ledge, were a mystery. A rescued black vulture escaped from his home with a Georgia nature show and has been seen wandering loose south of Atlanta. Robin Pressley, operator of Animal Adventures of Georgia, said the 1-year-old vulture, named Buzz, escaped from a flight cage at Historic Banning Mills in Whitesburg.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/21/spain-window-goat-sparrow/	2025/02/21
Vulture that 'loves people' escapes nature show in Georgia	Weird World	"Buzz loves people, cuddles and 'upies' and may try to fly to you, but he is not dangerous," Pressley wrote. An artist from England broke a Guinness World Record when he created a sculpture of a Lego brick roughly the same size as a human white blood cell.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/21/escaped-vulture-Buzz-Geo	2025/02/21
Micro-artist creates Lego sculpture the size of a blood cell	Weird World	Bournemouth resident David A. Lindon's Lego brick sculpture measures just .02517 millimeters (.00099 inches) by .02184 millimeters (.00086 inches), about four times smaller than the average record-holder for the smallest handmade sculpture. A Virginia woman scored a \$2 million lottery prize thanks to a store clerk who mistakenly gave her the wrong ticket. Carrollton resident Kelly Lindsay told Virginia Lottery officials she was initially unhappy when a clerk at Race Way Carrollton on Carrollton Boulevard handed her a Money Ball scratch-off ticket instead of the ticket she wanted.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/20/guinness-world-record/	2025/02/21
Clerk's mistake earns Va. woman \$2M lottery prize	Weird World	Lindsay took the ticket out to the parking lot and scratched it off, revealing a \$2 million top prize. A "snow village" attraction in China temporarily shut down and apologized to visitors for using fake snow made from cotton and soapy water. The Chengdu Snow Village in Sichuan province issued an apology on social media after facing online criticism from visitors who arrived to find the "snow" was an unconvincing mixture of cotton and soapy water.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/18/side-Virginia-Lottery-wrong/	2025/02/21
Chinese Snow Village apologizes for using fake snow	Weird World	"It did not achieve the result we had anticipated, but left a bad impression among tourists," the statement said. "We are sincerely sorry for not being able to exhibit a real snow scene and making visitors change their travel plans." 38-year-old Sun Guo Shan only started practicing handstand climbing in May of 2023, but last year he embarked on a monumental challenge – to climb the 50 most popular mountains in China by Spring 2025. Previously employed in the education system, Sun realized the importance of health during the COVID-19 pandemic and decided to convey a message of health training but also honor his country's mountaineering scenic spots in a unique way. Sun Guo Shan began his unusual challenge in May 2024, but he only went viral in November 2024, when a clip of him tackling Hailu – the highest peak of Wudang Mountain at 1,912 meters – using his hands went viral.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/18/Chengdu-Snow-Village-ai	2025/02/21
Man climbs China's Most famous mountain on his hands	Weird World	Water buffalos are among the biggest bovine species, but even among them, King Kong, a 3-year-old specimen born on a farm in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand, stands out as exceptionally tall. Measuring a whopping 8 feet and 0.8 inches from hoof to withers, he is about 20 inches taller than the average water buffalo, according to Guinness World Records. Owner Suchart Booncharoen said that the animal's name is no lucky coincidence, as his potential to grow into a huge frame was obvious from birth. Still, despite his massive size, King Kong is a gentle giant who loves playing and being around people.	https://www.odysseycentral.com/news/mon-climbs-chinas-most-famous-m	2025/02/21
Meet King Kong, the World's Tallest Water Buffalo	Weird World	Giuliana Fanelli, head of the simple structure of Interventional Radiology and Neuroradiology at the Pavia Hospital in Aosta, Italy, recently split his home country into two camps – one that considers him a hero who values life over rules and regulations, and another that thinks he should face the consequences for knowingly breaking the rules of his workplace. On the evening of January 27, after taking his injured cat to a veterinarian and receiving a dire diagnosis, the radiologist took his feline, Athena, to Pavia Hospital and put in the CT scanner to get an idea of the internal organ damage she had suffered. He then performed pneumothoracic surgery on her in the unit's angiography room in order to save her life.	https://www.odysseycentral.com/animals/meet-king-kong-the-worlds-talle	2025/02/21
Doctor Under Fire for Giving Pet Cat a Cat Scan at His Hospital	Weird World	Primates like the Groves' 16 monkey and golden-headed tamarin have witnessed their homes out in two by asphalt roads, and often have to choose but to brave the white lines on foot. Leveraging the Waimiri-Aetoe's knowledge of where local wildlife pass and congregate, the project has used grant funding to build 30 wildlife road crossings that present as a horizontal rope and or wire bridge. Some incorporate Tyrolean traverses as well.	https://www.odysseycentral.com/animals/doctor-under-fire-for-giving-pet-c	2025/02/21
In the Amazon, One Woman's Ingenious Canopy Bridges Are Helping Monkeys Cross the Road Safely	Weird World	Each crossing has a camera trap mounted on the anchor poles so that Abra can monitor who is using the crossings. The data will help inform conservation actions, including population estimates, as well as where to put more road crossings. A company making wooden wind turbine blades has successfully tested a 50-meter-long prototype that's set to debut soon in the Indian and European markets. Last year, the German firm Voodin successfully demonstrated that their laminated veneer timber blades could be fabricated, adapted, and installed at a lower cost than existing blades, while maintaining performance.	https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/in-the-amazon-one-womans-ingenio	2025/02/21
World's First All-Timber Wind Turbine Blades are Cheaper, Recyclable, Fire-Resistant and Stronger than Carbon Fiber	Weird World	Now, Voodin has announced a partnership with the Indian wind company Servinon to supply its 4.2-megawatt turbines with these wooden blades for another trial run. An initiative piece of hardware is collecting days' worth of renewable energy from airplane engine exhaust before take-off from a Dallas airport. A company called JetWinds has realized that all that idling force is like the strong winds needed to power a wind turbine, and has built a series of pods that can capture it during the 5-10 minutes the aircraft is sitting at the gate waiting for clearance to taxi.	https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/worlds-first-all-timber-wind-turbine-b	2025/02/21
Jet Engine Exhaust is Turned into Electricity to Power Dallas International Airport	Weird World	Three years of testing between 2021 and 2024 have informed the official deployment of JetWinds' flagship product at Dallas Love Field airport: 13 sets of pods will sit beneath the gate hooked up to external batteries that connect to the grid the airport uses. Solar panels add to the energy generation, and the whole set can create about 30 kilowatt-hours of renewable energy, enough to power a family home for a few days. A young Australian ecologist travels from town to town building bee "hotels" and educating children and adults alike about the importance of making room for native insects. Australia has a high prevalence of solitary bee species, that is, bees that don't live in colonies or hives and potentially don't even make honey. Nicknamed the "Bee Man," his dream is to ensure no more go extinct.	https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/jet-engine-exhaust-is-turned-into-el	2025/02/21
Australia's 'Bee Man' is Saving Native Species, One 'Hotel' at a Time	Weird World	A protein found in oysters has been identified as an outright killer of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, and to strengthen antibiotics' overall effectiveness. Staphylococcus aureus, Streptococcus pneumoniae, and Streptococcus pyogenes, may not mean much to the average person, but the common infectious diseases they cause probably will. They can result in STAPH infections, pneumonia, and scarlet fever and strep throat respectively, but they are also three species that the Sydney rock oyster's blood-like fluid seems to be capable of treating. It makes sense oysters would have potent, endogenous, antimicrobial secretions since they are filter feeders: slurping in liters of water every day, keeping the nutrients, and expelling the rest. "But in reality, a lot of them actually adhere to surfaces. The advantage of having something that disrupts the biofilm is... it's stopping all of those bacteria from attaching to the surfaces. It's releasing them back out into the blood, where then they can be attacked by antibiotics."	https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/australias-bee-man-saving-native-s	2025/02/21
Oysters Carry Protein That Kills Bacteria Behind Pneumonia, Strep Throat, and Scarlet Fever, Study	Weird World	The oyster protein on its own killed S. pneumoniae and S. pyogenes, but when combined with antibiotic drugs, the effect was between 2 and 32 times greater, depending on the drug and bacteria. People with disabilities say President Trump's DEI purge is eroding health care, education and legal protections they've only won in recent decades. People with disabilities say President Trump's DEI purge is eroding health care, education and legal protections they've only won in recent decades. Beyond policies, advocates say Trump and those in his orbit routinely denigrate people with disabilities, giving supporters license to use the same rhetoric online.	https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/oysters-carry-protein-that-kills-bacte	2025/02/21
Americans with disabilities warn protections are vanishing in Trump's DEI rollbacks	ADA	Oklahoma City is the proud home to the only air traffic controller academy in the nation. And despite decades of warnings about dangerously understaffed control towers, the state's delegation in Washington says that's how it should remain.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/23/trump-attacks-dei-diversity-disability	2025/02/24
New air traffic academy died in Congress despite dire need for more staff	Aviation	The disappearing academy is just a small piece of a larger mosaic of inaction and delay that has hampered the FAA's ability to improve air traffic safety at America's airports. Problems with understaffed towers, difficulty recruiting and training, and outdated electronics systems have been documented for years. The Trump administration on Friday rescinded a stop-work order affecting federally funded legal services for unaccompanied migrant children. The Asaca Center for Justice, a nonprofit that has a federal contract to provide legal aid to unaccompanied migrant children, said in a statement to NBC News on Friday afternoon that it received notice that "it can immediately resume work providing representation and legal assistance to unaccompanied children."	https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/02/24/aa-air-traffic-co	2025/02/24
Trump administration rescinds order to halt legal aid for unaccompanied migrant children	Borders and immigration	Steve Bannon was accused of wrapping up his CPAC speech with a Nazi salute, prompting the far-right politician to cancel his appearance at the conservative festival, prominent white nationalists said that the gesture has gotten "a little excessive" even for them. An international neo-Nazi terrorist group with origins in the US appears to be quickly rebuilding its global and state-level ranks, according to information obtained by the Guardian from its digital accounts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-rescinds-order-halt-	2025/02/24
Even neo-Nazis say it's getting a 'little excessive', following Steve Bannon's CPAC salute	Cesspool: Nazis	The Base's regrouping comes at a time when the Trump administration has made it a policy goal to move away from policing far-right extremism and during the appointment of Kash Patel – a MAGA loyalist who leads January 6 attackers and has peddled QAnon conspiracy theories – to helm the FBI. Experts say federal law enforcement ignoring far-right groups such as the Base could expose Americans to increased domestic terror threats.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/even-neo-nazis-getting-little-225166289/	2025/02/24
Neo-Nazi group plots rebuild as Trump's FBI chief takes helm, audio reveals	Cesspool: Nazis	The other challenge was too much messaging focused solely on democracy: "If you go out and knock on a hundred doors in any neighborhood across the country – and I've knocked on a lot of doors in my life – and you say to those people that democracy is in danger, well, a lot of them wouldn't know what you're talking about. They know they go to the polls and vote every two or four years and things just keep going, no matter who gets elected. Democracy being challenged or being at risk isn't something most people can imagine."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/24/neo-nazi-trump-fbi	2025/02/24
To win again, Democrats need to focus on affordability over threats to democracy	Constitutional Crisis		https://www.marcbc.com/bc-division/fpaweb/p-articles/democrats-acco	2025/02/24

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Cuts drain federal government of technical expertise	Cult of Ignorance		https://www.avox.com/2025/02/23/federal-government-cuts-drain-tech/	2025/02/24		
Secret study found Florida insurers sent billions to affiliates while crying poor	Economy-Corruption	The result left some insurers financially weaker — and potentially unable to pay claims — heading into the depths of the state's insurance crisis. According to the USDA, SNAP served an average of 42.1 million Americans monthly in fiscal year 2023, accounting for about 68% of USDA nutrition spending. Nearly 40% of recipients in 2022 were children, with 11.6% under age 5 and 28% between ages 5 and 17. The program provides critical food benefits to supplement the grocery budgets of low-income families. The Biden administration had increased benefits by updating the Thrifty Food Plan to reflect current food prices and dietary guidance, according to Newsweek. Republican lawmakers opposed the move, with House Agriculture Committee Chair Glenn Thompson (R-PA) attempting to restrict USDA's authority to revise the plan in his proposed 2024 Farm Bill. "This is not about 'cutting waste, fraud, and abuse.' It's about slashing benefits for working-class Americans for pay for tax breaks for the ultra-rich," Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA) posted on X. Experts at the Center for American Progress warn that the Republican-controlled Congress will likely target the critical food aid program.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/secret-study-found-florida-insurers-100	2025/02/24		
SNAP Benefits In Focus: Trump Admin Targets Biden's Food Assistance Policies	Economy-SNAP	Whether take the insurance money and run is something a lot of folks are considering across this vast expensive city since the wildfires that ignited January 7th destroyed an estimated 18,000 structures and killed 29 people. If recent wildfires in the West are any indication, it will indeed be years before Altadena is rebuilt. The scale of the devastation is huge. And as a long recovery from Altadena to Pacific Palisades is just beginning, a flames debate has reopened in the disaster recovery world, should we be encouraging rebuilding in places that we know are at high risk for more disaster? Before it can be refined, lithium-rich brine is pumped to the surface and mixed with groundwater, then slowly transferred between turquoise pools on the surface of the salt flat where it evaporates. The concentrated lithium carbonate salts are driven in great convoys of trucks to the city of Antofagasta on the coast, where they are purified and exported to be made into batteries — and end up in your cellphone or electric vehicle. Three companies have now set up operations on the Atacama salt flat. ... Chile is the world's second-largest producer of lithium and has the largest known reserves of the mineral, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. But there is little consensus among locals as to what should be done with the proceeds of the lithium boom. Some of the communities around the salt flat have accepted direct compensation from the companies. Others are adamant that the damage being done is irreparable and cannot be offset by payments. Elon Musk on Saturday said all federal employees will be required to send an email reporting what they accomplished in the last week — and failing to do so will be considered a resignation.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/snap-benefits-focus-trump-admin-233/	2025/02/24		
Tough choices about whether to rebuild after L.A. wildfires	Environment-Housing	"It is cruel and disrespectful to hundreds of thousands of veterans who are wearing their second uniform in the civil service to be forced to justify their job duties in this out-of-touch, privileged, unselected billionaire who has never performed one single hour of honest public service in his life," Everett Kelley said in a statement. "ATGE will challenge any unlawful terminations of our members and federal employees across the country."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/20/mx-a1-54781153/la-recovers-from-wildfire/	2025/02/24		
How one community in Chile is blessed and cursed with lithium	Environment-Mining	Elon Musk on Saturday said all federal employees will be required to send an email reporting what they accomplished in the last week — and failing to do so will be considered a resignation. "It is cruel and disrespectful to hundreds of thousands of veterans who are wearing their second uniform in the civil service to be forced to justify their job duties in this out-of-touch, privileged, unselected billionaire who has never performed one single hour of honest public service in his life," Everett Kelley said in a statement. "ATGE will challenge any unlawful terminations of our members and federal employees across the country."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/23/mx-a1-53960098/chile-lithium-mineral-at/	2025/02/24		
Musk says federal employees must explain their work or lose jobs	Fuck that guy	Billionaire White House adviser Elon Musk said failure to reply would be taken as resignation. But some department officials told their employees they could hold out on responding. Adding to the confusion is previous guidance from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the agency that sent the broad request, saying that responses to such mass emails were "voluntary."	https://www.avox.com/2025/02/22/musk-doge-federal-workers-email/	2025/02/24		
What did you do last week? email stokes confusion and anger among federal workers	Fuck that guy	Federal workers resurfaced the OPM guidance after they received Saturday's email, signaling their latest objection to changes pushed by Musk's Department of Government Efficiency. Ethics experts say that by continuing to run his businesses while also working for the government, Musk is blurring the lines between his roles in a way that could hurt the public trust. Musk and the White House say they will avoid conflicts of interest. In frequent posts on his social media site X, Musk ping-pongs between talking about his work slashing the government and promoting his business ventures, many of which have government contracts or are regulated by federal agencies. On Friday, Musk celebrated the Trump administration Department of Justice dropping a lawsuit against SpaceX. "he's basically a walking conflict of interest," said Richard Briffault, who specializes in government ethics at Columbia Law School.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/23/mx-a1-5306366/musk-federal-worker-er/	2025/02/24		
Elon Musk blurs the line between his government and business roles	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk's so-called Department of Government Efficiency has fired hundreds of federal workers who are not funded by the taxpayer — lowering savings for the American people that Trump's administration promised, according to a report. DOGE's purge reached the Food and Drug Administration last week, where around 200 employees were fired. But the roles were largely funded by medical device companies, not American taxpayer dollars, Reuters reported.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/22/mx-a1-5306582/elon-musk-doge-don't/	2025/02/24		
Hundreds in DOGE purge had jobs not paid by taxpayers - lowering the amount of savings America sees by cuts	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency staffer who gashed eugenics and declared himself "racist before it was cool" is reportedly working with the Social Security Administration. Marko Elez resigned from the administration earlier this month after The Wall Street Journal uncovered a history of now-deleted racist statements on X, including support for "eugenic immigration policy" and calls to "normalize Indian hate."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/doge-r/	2025/02/24		
DOGE staffer with history of racist posts is now working at Social Security	Fuck that guy	Elez, a 25-year-old engineer who previously worked Musk's SpaceX and X, recently had an office at the Treasury Department and an email address with the agency, where he was "mistakenly" given "readwrite" permissions to write over payment systems that disburse trillions of dollars, according to court documents. In his CNN interview, Bannon's tone was quite different as he matched his energy to the Musk-friendly venue in which he was appearing. "Elon's doing some great work," he said after being asked why more Republicans were not speaking out about Musk. "I'm a huge supporter of the deconstruction of the administrative state and what Elon's doing in DOGE. I'm a big supporter of that."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/marko/	2025/02/24		
CPAC provides a safe space for Elon Musk against Bannon and parental responsibility	Fuck that guy	Yet a Washington Post analysis of the contract data found that many of the canceled contracts were already complete, meaning canceling them didn't yield any money back because they had been fully paid out — and indeed, 417 of the deals on DOGE's list indicate that they saved \$0. Another 51 added up to savings of just under \$1 million.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cpac-provides-safe-space-elon-1839575/	2025/02/24		
Musk's DOGE says it has saved \$85 billion. Not so fast.	Fuck that guy	"Elon Musk has a massive following on X and often shares unverified or exaggerated claims — about tech, politics, or science — that spread like wildfire," Grik said. "His influence amplifies the reach, and his tendency to double down rather than correct fuels the disinformation cycle. Posts from him frequently spark debates with little grounding in fact, like hyping Tesla beyond reality or pushing fringe COVID takes. That's the gist."	https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/02/22/doge-savings-f/	2025/02/24		
Grok Response: Elon Musk Spreads the Most Misinformation on X, Linked to 15 Pro-Russia Accounts	Fuck that guy	President Trump's firings of Joint Chiefs of Staff chair Gen. Charles "CQ" Brown, Jr. and other top military leaders sends a "dangerous message" to service members about how the administration regards political loyalty, Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) said Sunday. Democrats and some former military officials decried Trump's move to boot respected leaders, characterizing the decision as a signal from the administration that partisan loyalties outweighed expertise and experience. The Joint Chiefs chair "should be independent of politics," Booker said on NBC's "Meet the Press Sunday," noting Brown was "supported overwhelmingly" on both sides of the political aisle. But Trump, Booker said, "has thrown that out the window and is sending a dangerous message to the military. It's not about your independent expertise. It's not about your years of service. It's about your personal political loyalty to me."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/grok-response-elon-musk-spreads-0051/	2025/02/24		
Trump's military firings leave some Democrats reeling	Government Jobs	The sweeping cuts are being felt across areas and agencies, from public health to consumer protection to national parks. Staffers at some agencies say the notification process has been chaotic, leaving their employment status and teams' futures unclear. To add to the confusion, some employees have received termination notices only to have their firings reversed within days or even hours. "The way we've traditionally reduced the size of the federal workforce is to take a scalpel and kind of target particular programs where we think there might be bloat," he said. "This is more like taking a sledgehammer to the entire executive branch."	https://www.avox.com/2025/02/23/trump-military-firings-charles-brown/	2025/02/24		
After mass layoffs, some federal agencies are trying to bring employees back	Government Jobs	A number of agencies appear to be trying to reinstate employees they just fired. That's been the case for dozens of workers at agencies including the U.S. Department of Energy, the Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The federal office that funds housing and other support for homeless people across the country is slated to shrink dramatically, a prospect that advocates warn would make record-high homelessness even worse. The federal office that funds housing and other support for homeless people across the country is slated to shrink dramatically, a prospect that advocates warn would make record-high homelessness even worse.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/21/mx-a1-5304152/federal-government-lay/	2025/02/24		
Trump administration plans mass firing at office that funds homelessness programs	Government Jobs	"That proposed cut is massive. And the potential for adverse impact at the community level and at the national level is also massive," said Ann Oliva, who spent a decade at HUD and is now CEO at the National Alliance to End Homelessness. More than 200 employees at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have been fired, according to the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees FEMA. The move is part of the Trump Administration's sweeping layoffs across government which have led to thousands so far losing their jobs. The loss is likely to hinder FEMA's ability to respond to disasters, according to several current and former FEMA employees who spoke on the condition of anonymity over concerns of reprisal. FEMA is already understaffed according to government reports, and is facing an increasing number of disasters, sourced by more intense hurricanes, storms and wildfires.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/22/g-a1-501985/doge-hud-cuts-home/	2025/02/24	Economy, housing	
What the firings at FEMA could mean for the next hurricane or wildfire	Government Jobs	The president issued an executive order shortly after his inauguration demanding all federal employees return to the office five days a week. Then came the deferred resignation offers, also referred to as a "buyout," which around 75,000 federal workers accepted. His administration also began the process of firing probationary federal employees across the country—recent hires to the agency or long-serving employees who were recently moved or promoted into a new position. Around 220,000 federal employees in total had less than a year of service completed as of March 2024, according to government data. Before Trump took office, there were approximately 2.4 million federal workers in the country, making up around 1.87% of the entire civilian workforce, according to data from Pew Research Center. But those workers are not distributed evenly across the U.S. An estimated 20% live in the greater Washington D.C. area, according to Partnership for Civil Service, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization. And federal workers make up around 43.26% of the district's workforce, according to OPM data gathered by USA Facts, a nonprofit. That number is 4.6% in Maryland, and 3.27% in Virginia, although the concentration in towns close to D.C. is likely much higher. "You take a baseball bat to the United States government, and the things that are broken are going to ripple throughout the entire economy," Max Stier, president and CEO of the Partnership for Public Service, tells Fortune.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/21/mx-a1-5301064/trump-fema-layoffs-dis/	2025/02/24		
Donald Trump's decision to cut down the federal workforce could lead to an economic disaster in some parts of the country	Government Jobs		https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-decision-cut-down-090000/	2025/02/24		

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FBI told to transfer 1,500 personnel from headquarters- Reuters	Government Jobs	During the first month of Trump's second term, at least 75 career FBI officials and Department of Justice lawyers have either been fired, resigned or stripped of their positions, Reuters noted on Friday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fbi-told-transfer-1-500-042141958.html	2025/02/24
Federal workers took the 'buyout.' Some got fired anyway	Government Jobs	"I saw the writing on the wall," said Laura, who declined to use her last name out of fear of retaliation. But one week after she received confirmation of her acceptance into the "deferred resignation program," she woke up to an email informing her she'd been terminated anyway. "..."	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/federal-workers-buyout-fired/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
Exclusive- US FDA asks fired scientists to return, including some reviewing Musk's Neuralink	Government- FDA	The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is asking some of its recently fired scientists if they will come back to their jobs, including some employees reviewing Elon Musk's brain implant company, Neuralink, multiple sources familiar with the matter told Reuters.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/exclusive-us-fda-asks-fired-19184112.html	2025/02/24
NIH funding freeze stalls applications on \$1.6 billion in medical research funds	Government- NIH	The National Institutes of Health has stopped considering new grant applications, delaying decisions about how to spend millions of dollars on research into diseases ranging from heart disease and cancer to Alzheimer's and allergies.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/02/22/nih-a-5305	2025/02/24
Judge 'dissolves' order preventing Trump administration from overhauling USAID	Government- USAID	A federal judge on Friday moved to "dissolve" a temporary restraining order preventing the Trump administration from halting out the U.S. Agency for International Development, paving the way for the administration to pursue its plan to place thousands of foreign aid employees on administrative leave.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-dissolves-order-preventing-trump-administration-from-overhauling-usaid-19184112.html	2025/02/24
1 airman dead, another wounded in shooting near New Mexico Air Force base	Guns	In a 26-page order, U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols found that two unions representing thousands of foreign service officers had failed to demonstrate how personnel changes at USAID would cause them "irreparable harm," the legal standard for a preliminary injunction.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/1-airman-dead-another-wounded-shooting-new-mexico-air-force-base/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
Motive revealed in Pennsylvania hospital shooting that left 1 officer dead, 5 injured	Guns- Mass shooting	Nichols, a Trump appointee, wrote that if the government deems it necessary to place thousands of workers on administrative leave in order to review U.S.-backed foreign assistance, it is their prerogative to do so.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/1-airman-dead-another-wounded-shooting-new-mexico-air-force-base/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
		A shooting early Saturday morning near an Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico, left one airman dead and another wounded, authorities said.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/1-airman-dead-another-wounded-shooting-new-mexico-air-force-base/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
		Anguish and anger at the very recent loss of a loved one apparently spurred on the man who would target the intensive care unit at a Pennsylvania hospital Saturday morning, a senior law enforcement official briefed on the investigation told ABC News.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/1-airman-dead-another-wounded-shooting-new-mexico-air-force-base/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
		On Friday, one was killed and at least five others were shot in the hostage situation that unfolded at a hospital in York County, according to state officials.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/1-airman-dead-another-wounded-shooting-new-mexico-air-force-base/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
		But the recent wave of anxiety about ADHD medications largely stems from a line from the executive order calling on the soon-to-be-formed MHA Commission to produce a report on children's health "assess[ing] the prevalence of and threat posed by the prescription of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, antipsychotics, mood stabilizers, stimulants, and weight-loss drugs."	https://abcnews.go.com/US/1-airman-dead-another-wounded-shooting-new-mexico-air-force-base/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
Can RFK Jr. Really Take Away ADHD Medications?	Health- Medication	Simultaneously, the Adair and Blain are commonly used to treat ADHD in adults and children, along with behavioral treatment. This attack on ADHD medication comes more than two years into a nationwide Adair shortage, which has already made accessing the medication especially difficult.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-really-take-away-adhd-152947023.html	2025/02/24
		Banning or restricting access to any medication currently used in the treatment of ADHD would have to involve the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which falls under and follows the policies of the Kennedy-led Department of Health and Human Services, Rutschman says. "These ADHD drugs have been approved by the FDA — which by law has to make a determination that a drug is safe and effective before a company can sell it," she says. "Also by law, the FDA can withdraw approval or restrict distribution if new evidence suggests that an approved drug is not safe or effective." So, banning or restricting access to these drugs would require some sort of FDA-initiated decision based on data raising concerns about a specific ADHD drug.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-really-take-away-adhd-152947023.html	2025/02/24
		"The Secretary absolutely can and certainly does influence FDA's conduct and what it investigates, but he cannot dictate it," McCloskey says. "There is cause for concern, but the administrative processes put in place by Congress and challenged in court are designed to pump the brakes a bit on what any one political appointee can do to an approved drug."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-really-take-away-adhd-152947023.html	2025/02/24
Trump administration fires workers at NIH's Alzheimer's research center, including incoming director	Health- NIH	As President Donald Trump directs cuts of tens of thousands of federal government employees, among those laid off at America's health agencies are workers at a National Institutes of Health department focused on dementia research, including its incoming leader, three people familiar with the terminations told ABC News.	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-administration-fires-workers-nih/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
		The firings at the Center for Alzheimer's and Related Dementias (CARD) affected roughly a tenth of the nearly 100 employees at the center, but in interviews with ABC News, workers there described a carefully woven web of collaboration that they say could be threatened by the layoffs of just a handful of employees, warning that it could jeopardize progress in answering key questions about dementia.	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-administration-fires-workers-nih/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
Antioxidants in fruits and flowers seem to counteract harmful effects of microplastics, study shows	Health- pollution	Antioxidants that give fruits and flowers their vibrant colors seem to counteract some of the most dangerous reproductive system effects of exposure to microplastics, such as decreased fertility, and could ultimately be used in developing treatments, new peer-reviewed research shows.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/feb/24/antioxidants-bu	2025/02/24
UN chief Gutierrez says human rights are being suffocated by autocrats and warmongers	Human rights	The paper focused on microplastics' reproductive toxicity and plant compounds called anthocyanins, which are widely found in nuts, fruits and vegetables. The new review of scientific literature on anthocyanins found that the compounds are probably protective against a range of plastic-induced impacts on hormones, reductions in testosterone and estrogen, decreased sperm counts, lower sperm quality, erectile dysfunction and ovarian damage.	https://abcnews.go.com/International/liveStory/chief-gutierrez-human-d/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
AP says Trump officials over Oval Office ban, citing First Amendment	Information Blackout	In a speech to the Human Rights Council, Gutierrez decried Russia's full-scale war in Ukraine that marked its third anniversary Monday, appealed for a permanent cease-fire between Palestinian militants and Israel, and urged respect for Congo's territorial integrity, among other things.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ap-says-trump-officials-over-oval-office-ban-citing-first-amendment-19184112.html	2025/02/24
		The Associated Press on Friday sued three Trump administration officials for blocking its reporters from access to events like Oval Office meetings and Air Force One press pools, citing a violation of its First Amendment rights.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ap-says-trump-officials-over-oval-office-ban-citing-first-amendment-19184112.html	2025/02/24
		Efforts by Trump to block reporters during his first administration didn't pass muster in court, and First Amendment experts believe the principles established by those decisions should apply to the AP's case.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ap-says-trump-officials-over-oval-office-ban-citing-first-amendment-19184112.html	2025/02/24
		What happens when one of the world's largest repositories of free information becomes unreliable? It's not just academics, journalists and government officials who were impacted by this loss. In our information-driven age, large portions of the U.S. economy use government data to make business decisions. "In their development of plans, businesses have to benchmark how they compare to the rest of the industry or in markets that they're targeting," said Ellen Hughes-Cromwick, a senior visiting fellow at Third Way. "You can't do that without government data."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ap-says-trump-officials-over-oval-office-ban-citing-first-amendment-19184112.html	2025/02/24
Why it matters that Trump is deleting government data	Information Blackout	Agencies in the federal government do more with data than collect and collate it. They use that information to identify public policy problems, develop programs to address those problems and then evaluate whether or not the programs are working using an evidence-based approach built on rigorous assessment of the data. "It's this whole cycle that's really important, and that is, I think, in jeopardy right now," said Molly Irwin, former chief evaluation officer at the U.S. Department of Labor and a board member at the Data Foundation.	https://abcnews.go.com/38/matters/trump-deleting-government-data/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
This NATO ally will buy, buy, buy 'more weapons as quickly as possible' after intelligence report says Russia may start a war in Europe in a few years	International- Denmark	NATO member Denmark will pour billions more into its military as Europe reckons with the risks of wavering U.S. support for the trans-Atlantic alliance and continued aggression from Russia.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/this-nato-ally-will-buy-buy-buy-more-weapons-as-quickly-as-possible-after-intelligence-report-says-russia-may-start-a-war-in-europe-in-a-few-years-19184112.html	2025/02/24
White House envoy to travel to the Middle East in effort to extend Gaza deal	International Relations	Over the next two years, Denmark will spend an additional \$7 billion on defense, representing a 70% increase and lifting its outlays to 3.2% of GDP from 2.4% last year.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-envoy-to-travel-to-the-middle-east-in-effort-to-extend-gaza-deal-19184112.html	2025/02/24
		White House envoy Steve Witkoff will travel to the Middle East on Wednesday to discuss with Israel, Qatar and Egypt the possibility of extending the first phase of the Gaza hostage and ceasefire deal.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-envoy-to-travel-to-the-middle-east-in-effort-to-extend-gaza-deal-19184112.html	2025/02/24
Trump puts Ukraine in a vise	International Relations	Three years after Russia invaded Ukraine, Washington is shifting its pressure from Moscow to Kyiv as the Trump administration tries to end the war.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-puts-ukraine-in-a-vise-19184112.html	2025/02/24
Trump is 'surrendering to the Russians,' Democratic Sen. Jack Reed says	International Relations	President Trump's dramatic change in U.S. policy toward Russia shocked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and is fueling fears among U.S. allies that the Trump administration will side with Moscow as it tries to negotiate an end to the conflict.	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-surrendering-to-russians-democrat/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
U.S. threatened to cut off Musk's Starlink to Ukraine in mineral negotiations, says report	International Relations	At any other time in the past 80 years, it would have been unimaginable that the U.S. president would be pressing for a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin while calling Zelenskyy a dictator.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/u-s-threatened-to-cut-off-musk-s-starlink-to-ukraine-in-mineral-negotiations-says-report-19184112.html	2025/02/24
		Essentially, this is President Trump surrendering to the Russians, Reed told co-anchor Martha Raddatz. "This is not a statement or a diplomat," Reed added. "This is just someone who admires Putin, does not believe in the struggle of the Ukrainians and is committed to cozying up to an autocrat."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/u-s-threatened-to-cut-off-musk-s-starlink-to-ukraine-in-mineral-negotiations-says-report-19184112.html	2025/02/24
		The Trump administration reportedly threatened to cut off Ukraine's access to Starlink, which has been a lifeline in providing internet access to the country during the war with Russia, during negotiations over access to valuable minerals.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/u-s-threatened-to-cut-off-musk-s-starlink-to-ukraine-in-mineral-negotiations-says-report-19184112.html	2025/02/24
		Keith Kellogg, the U.S. special envoy to Ukraine, raised the prospect this week of turning off service to Starlink if the two countries don't strike a deal over crucial minerals, an unnamed source told Reuters.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/u-s-threatened-to-cut-off-musk-s-starlink-to-ukraine-in-mineral-negotiations-says-report-19184112.html	2025/02/24
		It is the second time the alleged threat has been raised during negotiations, according to the report. Retired Gen. George Casey said Sunday that recent Pentagon firings by President Trump are "extremely destabilizing" to the military.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/u-s-threatened-to-cut-off-musk-s-starlink-to-ukraine-in-mineral-negotiations-says-report-19184112.html	2025/02/24
Retired general says Trump Pentagon firings 'extremely destabilizing'	Military	"That's extremely destabilizing at — at a time that's a lot going on domestically and a lot going on abroad," Casey told ABC News's Martha Raddatz on "This Week."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/retired-general-says-trump-pentagon-220-19184112.html	2025/02/24
MSNBC will lean into its progressive roots in Trump era	News media	"When you remove so many senior leaders, especially without justifying ... [and] giving due cause, it creates huge uncertainty in the ranks. And it just isn't a good thing for the military at a very difficult time," Casey added.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/retired-general-says-trump-pentagon-220-19184112.html	2025/02/24
		MSNBC's new president Rebecca Kuhler plans to announce broad programming changes to the network that elevate some of its most progressive voices, sources told Axios.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/retired-general-says-trump-pentagon-220-19184112.html	2025/02/24
Who is Trump's pick for chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, Dan Caine?	Political Cesspool	Why it matters: The changes signal the network's intent to double down on its liberal bend instead of moving toward the center in a new Trump era.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/23/msnbc-maddow-trump-programming	2025/02/24
		Caine was an unusual choice for the top military job and is not well known. Several officials on Capitol Hill and the Pentagon, granted anonymity as they were not authorized to speak publicly on the matter, told NPR they had to Google his name.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/23/msnbc-maddow-trump-programming	2025/02/24
RFK Jr.'s Stunning Claim About Black People And Vaccines Sparks Concern From Medical Experts	Political Cesspool	Caine has not served in any of the roles — Joint Chiefs vice chairman, chief of staff for one of the branches of the armed service, or head of a combatant command — that nominees are legally required to be performed in order to be nominated. The president, however, may waive those requirements if he "determines such action is necessary in the national interest."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/22/pa-1-503463dan-caine-new-chairman-jc	2025/02/24
		In 2021, Kennedy had said, "We should not be giving Black people the same vaccine schedule that's given to whites, because their immune system is better than ours."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/22/pa-1-503463dan-caine-new-chairman-jc	2025/02/24
		"The comment that [Kennedy] made about the vaccine schedule, it's basically scientific racism, which has been debunked," Dr. Ori Blackstock, a primary care and HIV physician who is the founder and executive director of Health Justice, a racial and health equity consulting company, told HuffPost.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-s-stunning-claim-about-black-people-and-vaccines-sparks-concern-from-medical-experts-19184112.html	2025/02/24
		"He's really perpetuating this false belief that Black people are somehow biologically different from white people, in that way, justifying differential and ultimately unequal treatment for Black people versus white people," Blackstock added.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-s-stunning-claim-about-black-people-and-vaccines-sparks-concern-from-medical-experts-19184112.html	2025/02/24
Trump expected to name Kash Patel as acting ATF director, sources	Political Cesspool	President Donald Trump is expected to name FBI Director Kash Patel as the acting head of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, sources familiar with the matter told ABC News.	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-expected-kash-patel-acting-atf-d/story?id=706141958	2025/02/24
Who is Dan Bongino? The right-wing podcaster and failed Congressman who is now Trump's deputy FBI director	Political Cesspool	A Justice Department official told ABC News that Patel is expected to be sworn in as acting director early next week.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/who-is-bongino/	2025/02/24
Trump official calls Social Security 'wrong' as administration lays groundwork for massive cuts	Political Cesspool	Dan Bongino, a former U.S. Secret Service agent turned right-wing media darling, has been tapped by President Donald Trump as the new FBI deputy director.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/who-is-bongino/	2025/02/24
		He joins several other Fox News personalities to be handpicked for key roles in the new administration, including Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, Tammy Bruce, Tyla Gabbert, Sebastian Gorka, and Transport Secretary Sean Duffy. Bongino was previously thought to be in the running to head up the Secret Service, a role that went to one of Trump's former bodyguards, Sean Curran.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/who-is-bongino/	2025/02/24
		Despite promises on the campaign trail that his administration would not touch Social Security, and claiming that his Democratic rivals are the ones trying to end it, Trump and the world's wealthiest men and his allies are trying to justify cuts to Social Security and federal health programs Medicare and Medicaid to come up with Musk's target figure of more than \$1 trillion in savings.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/who-is-bongino/	2025/02/24

		A group of Manhattan criminal defense attorneys was so concerned about prosecutor Emil Bove's professionalism that they banded together to send an email to his bosses.		
Trump's Justice Department enforcer is no stranger to complaints about his conduct	Political Crispool	One lawyer complained in the 2019 email that Bove was "completely reckless and out of control" in how he handled his cases. Another, upset about Bove's rudeness and power plays, said he needed "adult supervision." A third, a top federal public defender in the city, said "he cannot be bothered to treat lesser mortals with respect or empathy."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-justice-department-enforcer-long-	2025/02/24
Russian State TV Says It's No 'Coincidence' Trump Is Echoing Putin, Talking Points	Russian agent	This week Trump publicly parroted several of Putin's positions, calling Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy a "dictator" while later claiming the war "never would have happened" if he was in the Oval Office.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/russian-state-tv-says-no-191920841.html	2025/02/24
3 dead, 2 injured and 1 missing after boat capsizes near Staten Island, Coast Guard	Tragic	At least three people are dead and two are injured after a boat capsized off the coast of Staten Island in New York on Sunday, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=11856221&pid=hp&cid=11856221	2025/02/24
Kristi Noem Says \$200 Million DHS Ad Campaign, Thanking Trump Was His Idea	Trump Bullshit	The ad campaign amounts to an extremely expensive taxpayer-funded propaganda blitz to scare off migrants and to flatter Trump on television. On Friday, Trump's DHS secretary entertained the CPAC high roller audience with her account of how Trump orchestrated the whole thing.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kristi-noem-says-200-million-dhs-ad-campaign-20250224	2025/02/24
In ongoing stunt, Trump names Alice Johnson his 'pardon czar'	Trump Bullshit	Indeed, it's great that Johnson was released from prison. But MAGA world has done a whole lot of gaslighting in using her as a supposed example of Trump's compassion. After all, he has said drug dealers deserve the death penalty, promoted stop-and-frisk policies that have led to racial profiling and supported sending American prisoners to be jailed in El Salvador, which has been widely criticized for its human rights abuses toward incarcerated people.	https://www.msnbc.com/the-redout/redout/blog/trump-pardon-czar-also-20250224	2025/02/24
This rare, intelligent species of crow is taking flight in Hawaii again	Weird World	For the first time in years, a rare bird is flying free in the forests of Hawaii. The 'akihi is a species of crow found only on the Hawaiian Islands, one that holds an important place in Native Hawaiian culture. When it was clear decades ago that the chatty, intelligent birds were heading toward extinction, they were brought into captivity as a last resort. They went extinct in the wild in 2002.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/19/mi-a1-5232008/hawaii-crow-species-ny	2025/02/24
'Super exciting' visit of dolphins to East River offers hope of cleaner New York	Weird World	On the morning of 14 February, a pair of common short-beaked dolphins was spotted alongside Manhattan's Upper East Side. Experts tracking them observed that they lingered until 17 February, swimming up and down the fast-flowing channel that divides Manhattan from the boroughs of Queens and Brooklyn and is lined with skyscrapers.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/24/dolphins-new-york	2025/02/24
Why hens have become an unlikely ally in restoring olive groves	Weird World	Retired hens have found a new calling: fertilising olive groves in Cyprus. The pilot project, dubbed "Kot-Kot," aims to boost olive yields, combat disease, and tackle food waste simultaneously.	https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/food-and-drink/olive-groves-hens	2025/02/24
DHS memo lays out plans to detain migrants at Fort Bliss and other U.S. bases	Borders and immigration	The Department of Homeland Security is asking the Department of Defense for help detaining immigrants without legal status, according to the DHS memo, a step that could significantly expand the military's role in immigration enforcement.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/24/mi-a1-5307156/immigration-dhs-memo	2025/02/25
Judge blocks ICE enforcement in some houses of worship, citing 'chilling effect on religion'	Borders and immigration	A federal judge has sided with a group of Quaker religious organizations, a Baptist church in Atlanta and a Sikh temple in California that sued Donald Trump's administration to block federal immigration arrests in their houses of worship.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-judge-blocks-ice-enforcement-some-houses-of-worship	2025/02/25
Federal bill couples ending taxes on tips with banning sub-minimum wage	Economy- Pay	Horford has proposed a bill to provide further relief, reintroducing the Tipped Income Protection and Support Act on 13 February. The bill would abolish taxes on tips, eliminate the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers, and enact guardrails to ensure eliminating taxes on tips is not abused for tax avoidance purposes. Nevada's other two Democratic congressional representatives, Dina Titus and Susie Lee, have co-signed the legislation.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/feb/25/nevada-and-taxes	2025/02/25
Tariffs make consumers and businesses anxious	Economy- Tariffs	The new administration's policies appear to be weighing on purchasing plans, hiring intentions and hopes of lower inflation, according to recent survey data. In the immediate aftermath of the election, markets rallied and businesses celebrated the dawn of a friendlier era for regulation. Now, tariff threats look to be putting a dent in the economic outlook of consumers and businesses.	https://www.axes.com/2025/02/24/trump-tariffs-inflation-small-business	2025/02/25
A new document undercuts Trump admin's denials about \$400 million Tesla deal	Fuck that guy	When asked about it, the State Department issued a statement saying the purchase is now on hold with no plans of fulfilling the contract, pointing out that talks with Tesla began during the Biden administration.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/24/mi-a1-5306299/tesla-state-department	2025/02/25
Trump backs Musk as he roils the federal workforce with demands and threats	Fuck that guy	NPR has obtained a State Department document detailing that Biden's State Department planned to spend just \$483,000 in the 2025 fiscal year on buying electric vehicles and \$3 million for supporting equipment, like charging stations. It represented less than 1% of the hundreds of millions of dollars likely destined for Tesla vehicles after the Trump administration quietly revived a State Department procurement document.	https://abcnews.com/article/musk-trump-federal-workers-frings-amp-97	2025/02/25
DOGE will use AI to assess the responses from federal workers who were told to justify their jobs via email	Fuck that guy	The vast discrepancy in the numbers raises the question: Was it an error, or a deliberate action?	https://www.rbcnews.com/politics/doge-federal-workers-agencies-push	2025/02/25
Judge blocks 2 federal agencies from disclosing personal records to Trump adviser Musk's DOGE	Fuck that guy	A judge agreed Monday to temporarily bar two federal agencies from disclosing records containing sensitive personal information to representatives of billionaire Trump adviser Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency.	https://abcnews.com/article/doge-musk-judge-589e1ead50d10dd569	2025/02/25
Email starts power clash between Musk and agency leaders — even the Trump loyalists	Fuck that guy	U.S. District Judge Deborah Boardman in Greenbelt, Maryland, ruled that the Department of Education and the Office of Personnel Management likely violated the Privacy Act by disclosing people's personal information to DOGE without their consent.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/email-starts-power-clash-between-22145	2025/02/25
Musk Dangles Promotions With 'Five Minute' Justify-Your-Job Assignment	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk has used threats to federal workers triggered panic and confusion Sunday as administration officials rushed to issue sometimes conflicting guidance, setting in motion a power struggle between Musk and agency heads appointed by President Donald Trump to lead the federal government.	https://www.rbcnews.com/politics/doge-federal-workers-agencies-push	2025/02/25
Elon Musk's protégé 'Big Balls' is grandson of executed KGB agent, report says	Fuck that guy	It's the latest episode of Musk's "move fast and break things" philosophy clashing with the layers of rules and laws that fortify the bureaucracy he hopes to hobble. And it's the first sign that even staunch Trump loyalists are beginning to flex their political muscle against Musk, an unelected "special government employee," whose power stems primarily from his proximity to the president.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-protoge-big-balls-170140389	2025/02/25
Huge national security threat? Musk emails federal employees asking them to justify work	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk said that federal civil servants who gave "good responses" to his bizarre demand that they provide a list of what they did last week should be considered for a promotion.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/huge-national-security-threat-musk-1657	2025/02/25
Nearly 40% of contracts canceled by DOGE are expected to produce no savings	Fuck that guy	In a tweet, Musk threatened those who failed to respond with termination. And, hours later in the middle of the night, he suggested those who did comply with the order to his satisfaction should be rewarded.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-dangles-promotions-five-minute-19	2025/02/25
Mike Johnson's moment of truth	Government funding	Eward Conline, a protégé of Elon Musk's at the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), who has already gained notoriety for his checkered early tech career and for gorying in the "billionaire Big Balls," is the grandson of a KGB spy, according to a new report.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-protoge-big-balls-170140389	2025/02/25
Upside-down U.S. flag hung at Yosemite National Park to protest employee cuts	Government Jobs	Nearly 40% of the federal contracts that the Trump administration claims to have canceled as part of its signature cost-cutting program aren't expected to save the government any money, the administration's own data shows.	https://www.rbcnews.com/news/us-news/upside-u-flag-hung-yosemite	2025/02/25
Fired federal workers hunt for new jobs but struggle to replace their old ones	Government Jobs	"It's like confiscating used ammunition after it's been shot when there's nothing left in it. It doesn't accomplish any policy objective," said Charles Tiefer, a retired University of Baltimore law professor and expert on government contracting law. "Their terminating so many contractors pointlessly obviously doesn't accomplish anything for saving money."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fired-federal-workers-hunt-jobs-2018426	2025/02/25
Radical change? Inside Trump's State Department takeover of USAID	Government- USAID	The Senate's Plan B is in place. Now it's up to Speaker Mike Johnson to deliver on Plan A — the "one big, beautiful bill" he's been promising for weeks.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/24/bird-flu-hospitalizati	2025/02/25
Trump is pushing to make USPS private — here's why it could harm his base	Government- USPS	It amounts to a key inflection point for President Donald Trump's domestic policy agenda, and GOP senators — who muscled through their own two-bill legislative blueprint early Friday morning — are eagerly watching to see if Johnson can finally unify his fractious conference and move forward with his own plan.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/trump-postal-serv	2025/02/25
Two people in US hospitalized with bird flu, CDC reports	Health- Bird flu	The federal agency that sent out an email over the weekend asking workers what they accomplished last week can't fire those workers for not responding, claims an amended lawsuit filed Monday on behalf of federal employees.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/2025/feb/24/bird-flu-hospitalizati	2025/02/25
An unknown illness kills over 50 people in part of Congo, with hours between symptoms and death	Health- Congo	The email went out on Saturday to millions of workers — subject line "What did you do last week?" — causing confusion and an array of responses inside federal agencies, with many telling employees not to respond. Crucially, the email did not threaten workers with termination.	https://www.rbcnews.com/politics/doge-federal-contracts-canceled-musk-trump	2025/02/25
		On Monday afternoon, President Trump appeared to back Musk's threat — if employees don't respond to that email, "you're sort of semi-fired or you're fired," he said, answering reporter questions during an event with French President Emmanuel Macron.	https://www.axes.com/2025/02/24/musk-email-doge-lawsuit	2025/02/25
		"A lot of people are not answering because they don't even exist."		
		The demonstration came at a time when at eyes are on the summit for the first event evening — a phenomenon that unfolded in February when Nonatale Falls, a seasonal waterfall on the east side of El Capitan, takes on an orange, lava-like glow as the sun sets. The event attracts a flurry of photographers who wait hours for the perfect shot.		
		Alex Wild, a former Yosemite and the only certified EMT ranger at Devils Postpile National Monument in California, told NBC's Morgan Chesky last week, "I'm the only person available to rescue someone, to do CPR, to carry them out from a trail if they got injured."	https://www.rbcnews.com/news/us-news/upside-u-flag-hung-yosemite	2025/02/25
		He said without him, people will likely wait hours for local first responders to arrive. "It could mean life or death for someone who's having an emergency," Wild said.		
		Avoid from jobs not easily found outside government, the losses of federal workers caught in President Donald Trump's cost-cutting efforts now face a difficult search for work.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fired-federal-workers-hunt-jobs-2018426	2025/02/25
		If you're doing, say, vegetation sampling and prescribed fire as your main work, there aren't many jobs," says Eric Erickson, 46, of Chicago, who was fired Feb. 14 from his job as a biological science technician at Indiana Dunes National Park.		
		Multiple sources who attended the Feb. 13 meeting described the mood in the room as "deeply uncomfortable," saying that some of the attendees who were representing groups teetering on bankruptcy were left "traumatized" by the tone and the lack of specific details.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/trump-postal-serv	2025/02/25
		If President Donald Trump manages to privatize the U.S. Postal Service, the move could widely harm members of his base.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/24/bird-flu-hospitalizati	2025/02/25
		Millions of Americans in rural areas depend on the agency for prescription drugs, checks, online purchases and election ballots. In hard-to-reach parts of the country, delivery is often accomplished by the Postal Service instead of large corporations like UPS, FedEx or Amazon due to high fuel costs, labor intensity and increased distances.		
		Two people in Wyoming and Ohio, have been hospitalized with H5N1 bird flu, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in a routine flu update on Friday.		
		An unknown illness has killed over 50 people in northwestern Congo, according to doctors on the ground and the World Health Organization on Monday.		
		The interval between the onset of symptoms and death has been 48 hours in the majority of cases, and that's what's really worrying," Serge Ngabato, medical director of Bikoro Hospital, a regional monitoring center, told The Associated Press.	https://abcnews.com/article/congo-mystery-unknown-illness-c8bf16dc3	2025/02/25

		In truth, scientists were both right and wrong about the speed at which SARS-CoV-2 mutates. The rate of mutations as this virus jumps from person to person is indeed unimpressive. But scientists were not aware of a second, accelerated evolutionary track: When SARS-CoV-2 infects a single immunocompromised patient, it can persist for months, accumulating countless mutations in that time.		
COVID Broke the Rules of Virus Evolution	Health- Covid	Scientists now believe that chronic infections in immunocompromised patients are a key driver of variants in Omicron and beyond. Even as COVID surveillance has faded in urgency, researchers are watching chronic infections for signs of what's to come.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/covid-broke-rules-virus-evolution-130000	2025/02/25
Measles alerts issued in San Antonio, New Braunfels and San Marcos as Texas outbreak spreads	Health- Measles	Measles is a highly contagious virus that can lead to serious complications, especially in young children and individuals with weakened immune systems. If you think you may have been exposed or are showing symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider immediately," said Dr. Anita Kuran, Deputy Deputy Director at the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. Measles was declared eradicated in the United States in 2000. This was achieved through a successful vaccination program that ensured high levels of immunity in the pre-population.	https://www.for.org/public-health/2025-02-23/breaking-news-possible-r	2025/02/25
Mental health issues ripple through the federal workforce with fringes	Health- Mental health	Some experts warn that destabilizing the collective mental health of the workforce with these kinds of unprecedented firings will undermine productivity. "I have never seen anything that from the outside looks so random, sloppy — the impact is intimidation and fear," says Amy Edmondson, who studies organizational psychology at Harvard Business School. Employees still working in such environments will be less productive. Edmondson's research shows that organizational psychology at Harvard Business School.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/02/24/mx-s1-5304	2025/02/25
Federal judge declines to temporarily restore AP's full access to White House	Information Blackout	A federal judge declined on Monday to temporarily restore the Associated Press' access to some of President Donald Trump's events, the Oval Office and Air Force One. US District Judge Trevor McFadden turned down a request from AP to temporarily lift a ban Trump imposed earlier this month to punish the news organization over its decision to continue using the phrase "Gulf of Mexico" even though Trump renamed the body of water "Gulf of America."	https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/24/politics/white-house-access-ruling/	2025/02/25
U.S. votes against UN resolution condemning Russia for Ukraine invasion	International Relations	The U.S. was one of just 18 countries to vote against the resolution, pitting the Trump administration against 93 member states, including much of the European Union.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/24/ukraine-russia-un-resolution-trump	2025/02/25
Center-right opposition wins German election, with the far right coming in 2nd	International- Germany	Germany's conservative opposition leader Friedrich Merz won a shock victory in a national election Sunday, while the Alternative for Germany doubled its support in the strongest showing for a far-right party since World War II, projections showed.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/23/mx-s1-5306403/center-right-germany-e	2025/02/25
NATO prepares for a post-America alliance	International- NATO	The Trump administration has had a shadow of doubt not only across embattled Kyiv, but across an entire continent that has trusted the U.S. for decades as its most powerful protector and partner.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/24/nato-trump-new-american-alliance	2025/02/25
Dark MAGA spreads as conservatives embrace Musk's influence on Trump	MAGA bullsh!t	"What Elon and the team are doing is what Congress has not had the ability to do," House Speaker Mike Johnson told the crowd of conservatives. "They have cracked the code. They're inside the belly of the beast of the bureaucracy, and the algorithms are crawling through."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dark-maga-spreads-conservatives-embrace-2025/02/25	2025/02/25
Wyoming Resident Purposely Misgendered Senator To Prove A Point	Malicious compliance	During Friday's Wyoming Senate Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources committee meeting, Britt Borli joined the meeting via video and addressed French as "Madam Chairman." When French told Borli to call him "Mister Chairman," Borli responded that she "cannot be compelled to use" his preferred pronouns.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wyoming-resident-purposely-misgendered-2025/02/25	2025/02/25
What to know about Dan Bongino, new FBI deputy director	Political Cesspool	Bongino has launched three unsuccessful bids for Congress in multiple states.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/24/dan-bongino-fbi-deputy-director-abc	2025/02/25
10 things Dan Bongino, Trump's FBI No. 2 pick, has said in the last year	Political Cesspool	1. Trump "should ignore" court decisions 2. People need to "sacrifice for a little bit" for Trump's policies 3. USAID was "used to infiltrate governments" 4. Trump could investigate "special hyess" Jack Smith 5. Don't trust the FBI or DOJ 6. FBI has been hiding "a massive fake assassination plot" 7. DEI is a "cancerous curse" 8. The left wants to "destroy our boys" 9. Zelensky could have prevented "a lot of drama" by defending Trump during impeachment 10. After Trump's conviction: "Laugh now motherf---s, you'll be crying soon"	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/24/dan-bongino-fbi-10-things-he-has-sa	2025/02/25
Trump's loyalty-first FBI	Political Cesspool	With loyalist Kate Patel confirmed as FBI director, the bureau can function effectively as Trump's private security force. Announcing the appointment on Truth Social last night, Trump said Patel "will be the best ever Director" and said of Bongino, "Working with our great new United States Attorney General, Pam Bondi, and Director Patel, Fairness, Justice, Law and Order will be brought back to America, and quickly."	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/24/dan-bongino-fbi-deputy-director-tru	2025/02/25
After clashes with AG's top aide, a White House liaison pushing loyalty to Trump at DOJ is reassigned. Sources	Political Cesspool	As the Trump administration continues to vet potential candidates for top posts within the Justice Department, a powerful White House intermediary has been pushing to hire candidates that exhibit what he called "exceptional loyalty" to Trump, and his efforts sparked clashes with Attorney General Pam Bondi's top aide, Chad Mizelle, sources familiar with the matter told ABC News.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/clashes-aga-top-aide-white-1504229924	2025/02/25
'They're not laughing now,' Dan Bongino rubs it in after surprise FBI appointment	Political Cesspool	The White House intermediary, Paul Ingrassia, complained directly to Trump about Mizelle, the Justice Department's chief of staff, and suggested that the president that Mizelle is hurting Trump's political agenda, sources said. Ingrassia has since been reassigned to work with the Department of Homeland Security, a White House official familiar with the matter told ABC News.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/theyre-not-laughing-now-dan-bongino-21546400	2025/02/25
Pete Hegseth Says Quiet Part Out Loud on Why He Fired DoD Lawyers	Political Cesspool	In his broadcast since he was shockingly announced as the deputy director of the FBI, MAGA podcaster and lemonade aficionado Dan Bongino grew emotional as he thanked his audience for their support before turning to his critics and letting them know he got the last laugh. "Trump also fired the Army, Navy and Air Force JAGs. In some ways that's even more chilling than firing the four stars," Brooks wrote Friday. "It's what you do when you know he broke the law: you get rid of any lawyers who might try to slow you down."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pete-hegseth-says-quiet-part-out-loud-on-why-he-151947862	2025/02/25
This Guy Might Be Even Worse Than Musk	Political Cesspool	That move, back in 2020, was partly the work of Russell Vought, who is once again leading the OMB. In the four years that Trump was out of power, Vought was busy establishing the framework for the current attacks on the federal agencies and laying out plans for more kingly powers for the president.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/guy-might-even-worse-than-musk-20040852	2025/02/25
4-year-old boy dies after accidentally shooting himself in head: 'Heartbreaking tragedy'	Responsible gun owners	A 4-year-old boy named Chosen Morris has died after accidentally shooting himself in the head with a handgun he found in his parents' car, according to authorities in Florida.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/4-year-boy-dies-after-accidentally-shooting	2025/02/25
Parrotling Putin and Trump, Witkoff Says Russia Was 'Provoked' into Invading Ukraine	Russian Propaganda	There were at least 411 unintentional shootings by children in 2023, marking the worst year on record since Everytown's tracking started in 2015. There were at least 360 unintentional shootings by children last year, causing 130 fatalities, according to Everytown.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/parrotling-putin-trump-witkoff-says-20201	2025/02/25
Beats of text messages about unpaid tolls, FBI and state authorities warn	Scams	The text messages name the local toll service, such as FasTrak in California, and have a link that takes the victim to a convincingly-duped version of the collection operator's website.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/beats-text-messages-unpaid-tolls-1401	2025/02/25
Aging AI Chatbots Are Showing Signs of Dementia	Technology AI	A team of neurologists and data scientists at Tel Aviv University found that generative AI chatbots like ChatGPT and Google's Gemini can eventually show signs of cognitive impairment that resemble the way humans' brains degrade with age.	https://www.vice.com/en/article/ai-chatbots-are-showing-signs-of	2025/02/25
Trump rescinds Biden policy meant to block U.S. arms from being used in war crimes	Trump Bullsh!t	This degradation is more prevalent in earlier versions of AI chatbots. The results were so jarring that the researchers say that if they had seen a similar mental decline in a human, they would be deeply concerned about that human's health and safety.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/biden-p	2025/02/25
'Puppy Mountain' photo draws onlookers to a Chinese overseas	Weird World	The Trump administration has reportedly rescinded a Biden-era policy requiring countries that receive weapons from the U.S. to comply with international law and support humanitarian aid and deliveries, despite ongoing concerns that U.S. ally Israel has used American materiel in human rights abuses.	https://abcnews.com/arc/clip/puppy-mountain-yonghe-river-china-photo-y	2025/02/25
New data show deadly police encounters hit decade-high in 2024	ACAB	When Shanghai-based designer Guo Qingshan posted a vacation photo on Valentine's Day and captioned it "Puppy Mountain," it became a sensation in China and even created a tourist destination.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/25/trump-refugee-program-judge	2025/02/26
Federal judge temporarily blocks Trump's effort to nix refugee program	Borders and immigration	A mapping initiative by Campaign Zero, an organization that advocates against police violence, found that 2024 saw 1,365 people killed by law enforcement.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/25/police-shooting-violence-black-latin	2025/02/26
Texas, Mississippi have the most detained immigrants	Borders and immigration	A large majority of police killings (64.6%) were in response to 911 calls, the analysis found. A federal judge in Seattle temporarily blocked President Trump's effort to suspend the country's refugee resettlement program on Tuesday, multiple outlets reported.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/25/mississippi-texas-ice-immigrant-det	2025/02/26
Health care workers are rushing to learn about immigration law in case of ICE raids	Borders and immigration	The judge said during a hearing Tuesday that Trump's executive order likely violates the Refugee Act of 1980, the Administrative Procedure Act and the Fifth Amendment's due process clause, the Seattle Times reports.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/02/25/mx-s1-5307	2025/02/26
Trump's expanded ICE raids are causing big problems for some schools	Borders and immigration	In his ruling following the hearing, Whitehead wrote that the president's actions amounted to an "effective nullification of congressional will" in setting up the nation's refugee admissions program, per AP.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-expanded-ice-raids-scare-00054	2025/02/26
Trump to sell citizenship via his 'gold cards' for \$5m to foreigners who create jobs	Borders and immigration	Facilities in Mississippi and Texas are holding the most detainees among the tens of thousands who've been rounded up across the nation during the ongoing crackdown on illegal immigration, according to newly released federal data.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-s	2025/02/26

"Donations can't fill the gap": Nonprofits support local partners through USAID upheaval	Charity	A Trump administration freeze on foreign aid has left nonprofits and volunteers scrambling to fill gaps in funding that have forced layoffs, suspended services and closed doors. The U.S. is the single largest humanitarian donor in the world. Though foreign assistance accounts for just around 1% of the total federal budget, that's a massive gap for crowdfunding organizations and nonprofits to fill. On Friday, President Donald Trump fired the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the chief of naval operations, and the vice chief of staff of the Air Force, as well as the judge advocate generals of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, simultaneously resegregating America's military leadership and eliminating a critical safeguard against the execution of unlawful orders—a decision tantamount to flipping a weapon from safety to fire. However, one white officer did get the axe too: Air Force Gen. James C. Slife. This move, along with firing the three JAGs—the senior legal advisers to each of the military branches—indicates that the removals were about more than race and gender. They signal a presidential willingness to commit war crimes in pursuit of partisan political objectives that could fundamentally rupture the American military chain of command from private to general, undermine national security, and destroy an institution that has been a democratic cornerstone of the republic since its founding. On Fox News Sunday, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth justified the firings by saying, "President Trump has given another set of lawful orders, and they will be followed." He added that he would continue to be senior officers until the president's "lawful" orders were followed, a threat suggesting that the first officers had been asked to carry out orders prohibited by their constitutional oaths and the laws of war. When this comes up on cable news, the host typically asks the guests whether Trump is just trolling the libs or should be taken seriously. It's a silly question, because the answer is obviously both. He's always trolling. But if you've watched these first four weeks and think he's not capable of finding a way to suspend the Constitution and stay in office, well, you're not watching the same show I am. These terminated included the judge advocates general of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Why do they matter? Talking Points Memo's Josh Marshall put his finger on it last week: "Among many other things it's the military lawyers who determine what is a legal order and what's not. If you're planning to give illegal orders they are an obvious obstacle." Trump wants to remake the Pentagon, so he has total control over it. Of course, he is the Commander in Chief so it's his prerogative to do so, but by firing Brown who is Black and Franchetti who was the first woman to run the Navy, Trump signaled that unquestioned loyalty will be the key qualification for these jobs rather than providing the best military advice to the president irrespective of American domestic politics, which is meant to be the key function of the role. But Trump's bromances with his generals sound over time (note here, Elorfi) because Kelly, Mattis and McMaster each in their different ways wouldn't comply with Trump's wishes, as I found when I was reporting my book, "Trump and His Generals: The Cost of Chaos." Trump expects nothing less than Patel-levels of loyalty in his generals and top officials at the Pentagon. And Friday night's purge of six senior military officers is likely to be just the aperitif since Hegseth is now looking for tens of billions of dollars of cuts at his department and he'll likely have to lose significant numbers of personnel.	https://www.axis.com/2025/02/25/foreign-aid-freeze-local-partners-ay	2025/02/26
Trump and Hegseth Just Signed Terrifying Plans, The Pentagon and Congress Must Act	Constitutional Crisis	These terminated included the judge advocates general of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Why do they matter? Talking Points Memo's Josh Marshall put his finger on it last week: "Among many other things it's the military lawyers who determine what is a legal order and what's not. If you're planning to give illegal orders they are an obvious obstacle." Trump wants to remake the Pentagon, so he has total control over it. Of course, he is the Commander in Chief so it's his prerogative to do so, but by firing Brown who is Black and Franchetti who was the first woman to run the Navy, Trump signaled that unquestioned loyalty will be the key qualification for these jobs rather than providing the best military advice to the president irrespective of American domestic politics, which is meant to be the key function of the role. But Trump's bromances with his generals sound over time (note here, Elorfi) because Kelly, Mattis and McMaster each in their different ways wouldn't comply with Trump's wishes, as I found when I was reporting my book, "Trump and His Generals: The Cost of Chaos." Trump expects nothing less than Patel-levels of loyalty in his generals and top officials at the Pentagon. And Friday night's purge of six senior military officers is likely to be just the aperitif since Hegseth is now looking for tens of billions of dollars of cuts at his department and he'll likely have to lose significant numbers of personnel.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/military-congress-safeguard-against-trum	2025/02/26
Trump Wants to Be President for Life—and He's Already Preparing for It	Constitutional Crisis	These terminated included the judge advocates general of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Why do they matter? Talking Points Memo's Josh Marshall put his finger on it last week: "Among many other things it's the military lawyers who determine what is a legal order and what's not. If you're planning to give illegal orders they are an obvious obstacle." Trump wants to remake the Pentagon, so he has total control over it. Of course, he is the Commander in Chief so it's his prerogative to do so, but by firing Brown who is Black and Franchetti who was the first woman to run the Navy, Trump signaled that unquestioned loyalty will be the key qualification for these jobs rather than providing the best military advice to the president irrespective of American domestic politics, which is meant to be the key function of the role. But Trump's bromances with his generals sound over time (note here, Elorfi) because Kelly, Mattis and McMaster each in their different ways wouldn't comply with Trump's wishes, as I found when I was reporting my book, "Trump and His Generals: The Cost of Chaos." Trump expects nothing less than Patel-levels of loyalty in his generals and top officials at the Pentagon. And Friday night's purge of six senior military officers is likely to be just the aperitif since Hegseth is now looking for tens of billions of dollars of cuts at his department and he'll likely have to lose significant numbers of personnel.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-wants-president-life-already-11000	2025/02/26
Why Trump wants to own the Pentagon	Constitutional Crisis	Kootenai County Sheriff Robert Norris by then was standing over Bornepohl. He was in panderlithes, and she didn't recognize him at first. "Get 'em out!" Bejarana exclaimed, to boos and applause. Sheriff Norris told Bornepohl to get up or be arrested. He leaned over to a woman next to her, who was recording the scene on a phone, and said she would also be removed. Bornepohl was likely recognized by at least some in the room as a former Democratic candidate for office, but she said she didn't know why she was in trouble. She stayed in her seat. "That little girl is afraid to leave!" Bejarana called from the stage. "She spoke up, and now she doesn't want to suffer the consequences." LEAR has operated in California going back at least to 2012, with Trouette running what "looks like a military assault force," as Time magazine observed in 2014, "clad in body armor and camouflage and carrying AR-15 rifles, they creep through the trees toward their target, one of the illegal marijuana gardens dotting Mendocino County." More recently, LEAR seems to have turned up pro boos and perhaps uninvited to clear an encampment where unhoused people were living near Ackman Creek in Mendocino County. After a local news outlet reported on Paul Trouette doing security at the cleanup, a county agency involved in the effort said, "It is unclear to us who contacted Lear." In the recent past, unfortunately, what the far right do in Idaho has been an indicator of what may be erupting elsewhere—whether that's masked militia groups patrolling Pride events or violent white supremacists running for office. Under this Trump administration, it feels like a series of limits are being tested, and in this part of the country, the tests were already underway. Unlike the Right attendee already won an endorsement from the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee in 2021 (he lost). Sheriff Norris already went viral for hunting for "suspect" books in a local library. Now, with the apparent blessing of the county sheriff, a group of men who would not identify themselves and who were working for the local Republican Party have dragged someone out of a political meeting, her spouse considered grounds for arrest. What's next? And who will stand in their way? Trump may have said he had "nothing to do with" the far-right game plan for his presidency—always a dubious claim, given that its architects are either former administration members or people with close ties to it. But now that he's in office, he's following their plan almost to the letter. A month into Trump's presidency, I went back through the Project 2025 "Mandate for Leadership." It was alarming just how closely it tracked with the Trump presidency, not just in content but also in strategy. One of the first arguments the document makes is that new presidents have a narrow window within which to implement their agenda, hesitating while they sort out policy details wastes precious time. And, indeed, Trump has hit the ground running. The only way he has been able to do so much is because the Project 2025 team wrote it out for him. As Democrats and the public struggle to even keep up with what the Trump administration is doing to the nation, it's tempting to get caught up in the play-by-play. And although the details certainly are important, the single message must be this: Trump is trying to be a king or a dictator, and Project 2025 is his monarchial playbook.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/why-trump-wants-own-pentagon-174456f	2025/02/26
What Trump Really Wants is Clearer Than Ever	Constitutional Crisis	The U.S. Trade Representative's office has proposed charging up to \$1.5 million for Chinese-built vessels entering U.S. ports as part of its investigation into China's growing domination of the global shipping, maritime and logistics sectors. The Commerce Department will investigate whether to slap tariffs on imports of copper, the latest manufacturing component — on top of aluminum and steel — to be swept up in the Trump administration's trade crackdown. The White House on Tuesday said the billions of dollars worth of annual copper imports threaten national security, given the metal's critical role in the buildup of military vehicles, aircraft and more. The U.S. exported more copper, in dollar terms, than it imported in 2024 — a sign that the Trump administration is not just targeting materials where there is a trade imbalance.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/learned-project-2025-now-think-1040007a	2025/02/26
USTR proposes charging Chinese ships up to \$1.6 million to enter US ports	Economy-China	The U.S. Trade Representative's office has proposed charging up to \$1.5 million for Chinese-built vessels entering U.S. ports as part of its investigation into China's growing domination of the global shipping, maritime and logistics sectors. The Commerce Department will investigate whether to slap tariffs on imports of copper, the latest manufacturing component — on top of aluminum and steel — to be swept up in the Trump administration's trade crackdown. The White House on Tuesday said the billions of dollars worth of annual copper imports threaten national security, given the metal's critical role in the buildup of military vehicles, aircraft and more. The U.S. exported more copper, in dollar terms, than it imported in 2024 — a sign that the Trump administration is not just targeting materials where there is a trade imbalance.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/ustr-proposes-charging-chinese-ships-	2025/02/26
Trump's latest tariff target is copper	Economy-Tariffs	Last year, the U.S. exported \$11 billion worth of copper, while it imported about \$9.5 billion worth of copper from foreign nations, according to Commerce Department data released earlier this month. A report from the Conference Board Tuesday showed the sharpest one-month drop in confidence since August 2021. Consumers are particularly nervous about rising prices, with the outlook for inflation a year from now jumping to 6% — double the current rate. "This increase likely reflected a mix of factors, including sticky inflation but also the recent jump in prices of key household staples like eggs and the expected impact of tariffs," said Conference Board economist Stephanie Guillard. "There was a sharp increase in the mentions of trade and tariffs, back to a level unseen since 2019."	https://www.axis.com/2025/02/25/trump-trade-copper-tariffs	2025/02/26
Consumer confidence falls the most since 2021 over fears about inflation and tariffs	Economy-Tariffs	President Donald Trump said Monday that his tariffs on Canada and Mexico are starting next month, ending a monthlong suspension on the planned import taxes that could potentially hurt economic growth and worsen inflation. "We're on line with the tariffs, and it seems like that's moving along very rapidly," the U.S. president said at a White House news conference with French President Emmanuel Macron.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/25/1-51367965consumer-confidence-s	2025/02/26
Trump says Canada and Mexico tariffs are 'going forward' with more import taxes to come	Economy-Tariffs	BP is almost doubling its target for oil and gas production by the end of the decade and slashing its spending on low-carbon energy as part of a fundamental reset of the troubled company away from previous green goals. The FTSE 100 fossil fuel company has promised shareholders it will increase its planned oil and gas production by 2030 to the equivalent of about 2.4m barrels a day — almost twice the figure in its net zero plan set out five years ago. or placed is losing its appetite for mopping up carbon dioxide. Analysis of atmospheric carbon dioxide measurements show that Earth's plants and soils reached peak carbon dioxide sequestration in 2008 and absorption has been declining ever since. Passing this tipping point increases the chances of runaway climate breakdown.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-canada-mexico-tariffs-11902	2025/02/26
BP to almost double oil and gas production by 2030 in move away from green goals	Environment-Fossil fuels	BP is almost doubling its target for oil and gas production by the end of the decade and slashing its spending on low-carbon energy as part of a fundamental reset of the troubled company away from previous green goals. The FTSE 100 fossil fuel company has promised shareholders it will increase its planned oil and gas production by 2030 to the equivalent of about 2.4m barrels a day — almost twice the figure in its net zero plan set out five years ago. or placed is losing its appetite for mopping up carbon dioxide. Analysis of atmospheric carbon dioxide measurements show that Earth's plants and soils reached peak carbon dioxide sequestration in 2008 and absorption has been declining ever since. Passing this tipping point increases the chances of runaway climate breakdown.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/feb/26/bp-oil-and-gas-spe	2025/02/26
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DOGE workers quit, refuse to "disarmate public services" on Musk's orders	Fuck that guy	More than 20 Department of Government Efficiency employees resigned on Tuesday, saying that DOGE's actions are incompatible with their mission as civil servants. The workers, who were folded into DOGE via executive order when President Trump took office, warned in their resignation letter about the risks that DOGE presents to Americans' data and public services. "We will not use our skills as technologists to compromise core government systems, jeopardize Americans' sensitive data, or dismantle public services," they wrote in the anonymous letter directed to White House Chief of Staff Suze Wiles. "We will not lend our expertise to carry out or legitimize DOGE's actions."	https://www.axis.com/2025/02/25/doge-elon-musk-employees-quit	2025/02/26
DOGE cuts spur more Republican pushback	Fuck that guy	The growing pushback to DOGE comes as many Republican lawmakers are faced with the impacts the agency's cuts will have on their constituents and states. Some GOP lawmakers have even been forced to contend with anti-DOGE protests and town halls in their districts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-refuses-name-doge-19270f	2025/02/26
Elon Musk's DOGE efforts hit a brick wall	Fuck that guy	"Our public workforce deserves to be treated with dignity and respect for the unparalleled jobs they perform. The absurd weekend email to justify their existence wasn't it," Murkowski wrote. So far legal battles have not stopped Musk's DOGE push and he even has President Trump's explicit support in his latest effort — yet Musk may now be bumping up against a harder boundary. For the first time, federal agencies appear to be pushing back, and they're getting support from the executive branch, despite what Trump is saying publicly.	https://www.axis.com/2025/02/25/elon-musk-doge-email-trump	2025/02/26
White House refuses to name the DOGE administrator	Fuck that guy	Online, people participating in the trend have both sent their own versions of emails, or drafted different examples they would send if they were federal employees. But they're not the only ones. Two sources familiar with the matter, including a Trump administration official, tell Rolling Stone that the replies to the recent Musk OPM email have been flooded with pranks and, in the words of the Trump official, "very rude" emails listing fake, vulgar "accomplishments," and even sending links to graphic images of sex and scatological content. Elon Musk's mandated email demanding federal employees detail what they accomplished last week was sent to some judiciary staff even though the executive branch has no authority over them. Legal experts condemned the move, with one branding it a "fundamental failure" in understanding the separation of powers, given the court system is not part of the executive branch.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judicial-branch-employees-trump-does-2f	2025/02/26
Judicial branch employees – which Trump does not oversee – got Musk's email asking for their accomplishments	Fuck that guy	Equipment from Musk's Starlink has been installed in Federal Aviation Administration facilities as a prelude to a takeover of a \$2 billion contract held by Verizon, according to government employees, contractors and people familiar with the work. After government lawyers were dragged in court for failing to identify who is leading the so-called U.S. DOGE Service while Elon Musk and his team gut federal agencies, and after White House officials refused to publicly provide a name, the White House finally revealed the agency's acting administrator. Amy Cieshan has been tapped to lead the U.S. DOGE Service. The Independent has learned.	https://apnews.com/article/musk-starlink-spacex-fsa-b6e4d9097f	2025/02/26
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Trump funding freeze includes payments to keep the Colorado River flowing	Government Funding	The first executive order President Trump signed in his second term, "Unleashing American Energy" "wouldn't seem to have a direct impact on how much water is in the Colorado River, at least in the short term. The order, signed the first day Trump took office, aims to "unleash America's affordable and reliable energy and natural resources," by ending "burdensome and ideologically motivated regulations." But the order also says, "All agencies shall immediately pause the disbursement of funds appropriated through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022." While some of those funds were earmarked to prop up renewable energy, at least \$4 billion was set aside to protect the flow of the Colorado River, which supplies about 40 million people with drinking water, is the foundation for a massive agricultural economy across the Southwest, and generates significant hydroelectric power. A Trump administration plan to change how the National Institutes of Health pays for medical research at universities and other institutions has sent shock waves through labs around the country. This is the Gesundheit II, a research tool that collects and measures particles in people's exhalations (or sneezes). "We have people come in who have flu or other respiratory infections. The person sits with their face in the cone and the air around them is drawn into the cone," says Milton, a professor of environmental health at the university's School of Public Health in College Park, Md. The device is one way that Milton and his colleagues study how respiratory viruses like the flu and COVID-19 spread from one person to another.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/25/mx-1-5307118/trump-funding-freeze-in	2025/02/26		
Medical research labs brace for possible funding cuts that could disrupt their work	Government Funding	"That's a big important question because how you stop transmission depends on how that's happening," he says.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/24/mx-1-5307157/trump-nh-funding-cut-n	2025/02/26		
Mike Johnson delivers win for Trump as House narrowly passes GOP budget framework calling for steep cuts	Government Funding	The Republican-controlled House of Representatives voted to adopt a budget framework supported by GOP leadership and President Donald Trump on Tuesday, allowing Speaker Mike Johnson to hold on to his image as a unifying voice among Republicans in the chamber.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-house-	2025/02/26		
Federal watchdog Trump wants to oust tries to stop probationary staff firings	Government Jobs	Harriet Delinger, who's suing the administration after President Trump tried to remove him from his role leading the Office of Special Counsel, said he's requested that the firing of six probationary agency workers be halted due to concerns the action may violate the law — and he indicated he may intervene in more cases. Delinger filed a request on Friday for a 45-day stay in the probationary workers' firings "across various executive branch agencies" with the independent agency the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), which reviews the Office of Personnel Management actions, per a statement from the special counsel's office. The U.S. government's human resources agency is rushing to shut down and drastically shrink entire departments in what sources familiar with the actions say will serve as a template for a second wave of mass layoffs in the federal bureaucracy. The Office of Personnel Management, which oversees the personal information of millions of past and current government workers, has eliminated its entire 40-strong procurement team and gutted a group overseeing the handling of sensitive employee data within the agency, according to two sources familiar with the matters. An email seen by the Guardian described how staff in Washington would be allowed to briefly return on Thursday or Friday of this week. They would be "escorted to their workspace" and granted "approximately 15 minutes" to gather their items. It said: All of the nearly 10,000 employees at USAID, aside from personnel deemed essential, have been placed on administrative leave. The Trump administration has signaled it plans to cut 2,000 positions.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/25/trump-federal-workers-firings-specis	2025/02/26		
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USAID workers to be "escorted" back to collect belongings amid Trump shutdown bid	Government Jobs	House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) is once again grappling with persistent right-wing defectors ahead of a key budget vote that could come as soon as Tuesday evening. Several GOP lawmakers said Tuesday they remain opposed to the resolution, which would allow for \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts, a \$4 trillion debt ceiling increase and \$2 trillion in spending cuts. "I'm very straightforward with my opposition," said Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.), telling reporters that "a number of members have concerns." Rep. Tim Burchett (R-Tenn.) told Axios: "I'm still a no."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/25/usa-id-workers-peru	2025/02/26		
Mike Johnson struggles to contain a GOP budget revolt	Government Spending	The widespread upheaval at federal health agencies in the first month of the Trump administration comes at a time when the U.S. faces infectious disease threats on multiple fronts: The ongoing spread of bat flu around the country; the risk of emerging insect-borne viruses; and a ballooning measles outbreak in the Southwest. Ahead, there are new strains of mpox and deadly outbreaks of Ebola and polio just a plane ride away. House Democrats are ramping up their attacks on the GOP's budget plan, warning that the massive spending blueprint would translate into the sleepest Medicaid cut in the program's history. A federal judge on Tuesday ordered the Trump administration to pay a swath of foreign assistance funding for work contracted by USAID and the State Department, multiple outlets reported. It comes days after U.S. District Court Judge Amiri Ali said the administration had "not complied" fully with his order pausing the freeze on foreign aid. Ali said the administration must disburse invoices and letter of credit drawdown requests for work done before Feb. 13 by 11:59pm Wednesday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/25/mike-johnson-budget-vote-trump	2025/02/26		
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FDA rehires staff to its medical devices division after mass layoffs	Health- FDA	"These people are indispensable," one said. "Many of these roles require so much training and specialization and are so important for keeping people alive." Utah appears to be the first state ready to put a full ban on fluoride in public water systems under a bill that doesn't allow cities or communities to decide whether to add the cavity-preventing mineral.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fda-rehires-staff-medical-devices-001509	2025/02/26		
Utah close to fully banning fluoride in water, stripping cities' ability to decide	Health-Fluoride	The CDC says a certain type of inactive measles vaccine made available between 1963 and 1967 "was not effective," which is why they advise certain adults to get a booster. "People who were vaccinated prior to 1968 with either inactivated (killed) measles vaccine or measles vaccine of unknown type should be revaccinated with at least one dose of live attenuated measles vaccine," the federal agency says on its website. Regardless of age, Hotz says, "It's never too late to go ahead and vaccinate." He cautions Americans to make sure children are vaccinated. "It was causing half a million deaths annually in the 1950s and 1970s," Hotz says. "It was the leading killer of children globally." Dr. Jean Kaseyha has a warning for the world: "We are playing with fire."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/utah-close-fully-banning-fluoride-220722	2025/02/26		
A measles outbreak in Texas and New Mexico has sickened over 130 people. The highly contagious virus explained — and what the CDC says about getting revaccinated as an adult.	Health-measles	There seemed to be encouraging news at the end of January, when the number of new cases dropped suddenly. But mpox trackers are not celebrating. "This decrease in terms of cases is not the reality," says Kaseyha. Instead, he says, this is a sign that the ability to monitor and tally new cases has been interrupted. He attributes this to two things: "The combination between insecurity [and] lack of funding."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/a-measles-outbreak-in-texas-and-new-mx	2025/02/26		
Why the good news about the mpox outbreak of 2025 isn't really good after all	Health-Mpox	When Biden won in 2020, I felt a huge sign of relief in London and across European capitals, says Michael Cox, a professor emeritus of international relations at the London School of Economics. But with Trump's reelection, "Europeans are far more worried this time around than they were previously." Vice President Vance scolds EU leaders Zelenskyy calls for "an armed force of Europe" U.S. holds separate talks with Russia over Ukraine German leader questions U.S. commitment to Europe's defense At the U.N., the U.S. refuses to condemn Russia for Ukraine invasion Not long ago, Hungary wasn't on the radar for many Americans. But the small country in central Europe — about the size of Indiana — has become the envy of some American conservatives in recent years, particularly President Trump and his inner circle. Orbán has weakened the country's judicial independence, clamped down on press freedoms and cleared the way for corruption to flourish, according to David Pressman, former U.S. ambassador to Hungary. He doesn't describe what happened to that country's political system as "democratic backsliding." "It's not an expression that I like to use because it suggests somehow that political leaders are, you know, trying to climb up Mount Olympus and are slowly slipping backwards," Pressman said. Instead, he told NPR's Lola Fabela the prime minister has made a very deliberate set of choices and actually turned around and headed in the opposite direction."	https://www.npr.org/sections/health/stories/health-news/2025/02/25/g-1-49839/m	2025/02/26		
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Former U.S. ambassador to Hungary discusses democratic decay under Viktor Orbán	International-Hungary	Many of President Trump's plans aren't possible without help from state leaders — who have the power to enable or block White House goals. Not just a matter of manpower, it's also a question of authority. The federal government is powerful but states have jurisdiction over cities and counties, police, schools and health departments. Think back a few years ago when governors took their states in different directions on Covid shutdowns and vaccine requirements.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/25/mx-1-5298499/former-u-s-ambassador	2025/02/26		
From deportations to health care, state lawmakers are key for much of Trump's domestic agenda	Political	Summary	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/25/mx-1-5298323/trump-deportations-ach	2025/02/26		
Trump's Cabinet members have already backtracked on some promises made before being confirmed	Political-Cabinet	The White House is suspending the active security clearances of lawyers from the large legal defense firm Covington & Burling who are working with former special counsel Jack Smith, who prosecuted Donald Trump unsuccessfully on behalf of the Justice Department under the Biden administration. According to a memo released Tuesday by the White House, all executive agencies are to suspend the licenses that may be used by Covington lawyers in private practice as the White House launches a "review and determination of their roles and responsibilities, if any, in the weaponization of the judicial process."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-cabinet-members-already-backtr	2025/02/26		
White House suspending active security clearances of Covington & Burling lawyers who are working with Jack Smith	Political-Cespool	Deserving 12 million people in two years "would require the government to eject nearly 500,000 illegal aliens per month," the document says. "To keep pace with the Trump deportations, it would require a 600% increase in activity. It is unlikely that the government could swell its internal ranks to keep pace with this demand — in order to process this enormous number of deportations, the government should enlist outside assistance."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-suspending-active-security-4	2025/02/26		
Trump allies circulate mass deportation plan calling for 'processing camps' and a private citizen 'army'	Political-Cespool	Forty-five percent of female voters backed Trump in 2024, despite his overt misogyny. Most, no doubt, believed that complicity would protect them and that the attacks would be centered on other women. But while the GOP certainly wants to strip liberal and feminist women of their rights, male MAGA leaders are showing increasing interest in bringing Republican women to heel, both culturally and through the force of law. After all, they are more likely to live and work with Republican women. If they want to feel the full towering of male domination, it's Republican women they need to see submitting.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/documents-reveal-military-contractors-w	2025/02/26		
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Military contractors linked to controversial Blackwater want civilian army and detention camps to run Trump's deportation plans	Resist	Orbán has weakened the country's judicial independence, clamped down on press freedoms and cleared the way for corruption to flourish, according to David Pressman, former U.S. ambassador to Hungary. He doesn't describe what happened to that country's political system as "democratic backsliding." "It's not an expression that I like to use because it suggests somehow that political leaders are, you know, trying to climb up Mount Olympus and are slowly slipping backwards," Pressman said. Instead, he told NPR's Lola Fabela the prime minister has made a very deliberate set of choices and actually turned around and headed in the opposite direction."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/private-military-contractors-linked-blackw	2025/02/26		

#AIGov: the secret network of federal workers resisting Doge from the inside	Resist	Calling themselves #AIGov, the network has developed a visible, public-facing presence in recent weeks through Buzsády accounts, most of which bear the names or initials of federal agencies, aimed at getting information out to the public – and correcting disinformation – about the chaos being wrought by the Trump administration. With 40 accounts to date, their collective megaphone is getting louder, as most of the accounts have tens of thousands of followers, with “AI CDC (they)them” being the largest, at nearly 95,000 followers.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/26/aigov-elon-musk-doge	2025/02/26
Opinion - ignoring science for profit will have deadly consequences for America	Science	But shame and guilt, and decency and kindness, are apparently foreign to the new administration. Those are woke, antiquated concepts in MAGA world, where only money, power and influence seem to have meaning. What's next after removing the "ball of worms" at USAID? It involves consigning climate science to the dustbin of history — to a deep, dark memory hole. And why is such industrial-strength ignorance necessary? Because scientific understanding of the climate harms caused by fossil fuel burning is bad for business.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-ignoring-science-profit-deadly-16	2025/02/26
American workers are skeptical AI will help them on the job	Technology- AI	About 80 percent of Americans generally don't use AI at work, and the ones who do aren't bowled over by its benefits, according to the Pew Research Center's first in-depth survey of AI in the workplace released on Tuesday. This spring, Meta plans to stop working with fact-checkers in the U.S. to label false or misleading content, the company said on Jan. 7. And if a post like the one about ICE goes viral, the pages that spread it could earn a cash bonus.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/american-workers-skeptical-ai-help-1635	2025/02/26
As Facebook Abandons Fact-Checking, It's Also Offering Bonuses for Viral Content	Technology- Misinformation	Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg also said in January that the company was removing or dialing back automated systems that reduce the spread of false information. At the same time, Meta is revamping a program that has paid bonuses to creators for content based on views and engagement, potentially pouring acceleration on the kind of false posts it once policed. The new Facebook Content Monetization program is currently invite-only, but Meta plans to make it widely available this year.		2025/02/26
Trump loses in court three times – on USAID, refugees, and frozen funds – within 49 minutes	Trump Bulshit	Federal judges in Washington, D.C. and Seattle ordered the administration to restart hundreds of millions of dollars in payments for foreign aid, blocked the administration from freezing federal grants and loans, and temporarily struck down the president's executive order suspending refugee admissions.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-	2025/02/26
Shark Steals Camera, Capturing Amazing Footage From Inside Its Mighty Jaws	Weird World	The decisions were issued within 90 minutes of one another. A video shared by diver Andrea Ramos Nascimento on Instagram shows a shark gobbling up an Insta360 underwater camera, leading to incredible views from inside the sea creature's cavernous mouth – before it spits it back up, only to reconsider its choice of prey.	https://www.yahoo.com/ifestyle/shark-steals-camera-capturing-amazn	2025/02/26
Why The U.S. Government Has Been Stockpiling Cheese For Nearly 100 Years	Weird World	The government has tried some creative ways to get rid of all that cheese, but the stockpile has continued to grow as dairy consumption has dropped. President Bill Clinton tried to alleviate the cheese hoard through Dairy Management Inc. It's a marketing and strategy agency within the USDA that had a \$140 million budget to use in figuring out how to get rid of the surplus of cheese. The agency funneled money to ad campaigns like "Got Milk?" and to fast food companies for new cheesier and dairy-based food options. This was the origin of Pizza Hut's stuff crust pizzas. Taco Bell's whipped freezes, and other dairy-based options found on Wendy's, McDonald's, and Burger King's menus. None of these efforts have succeeded in reducing the cheese stockpile, however.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/why-u-s-government-stockpiling-cheese-16	2025/02/26
Trump administration creates registry for immigrants, who are in the US illegally	Borders and immigration	The Trump administration is creating a registry for all people who are in the United States illegally, and those who don't self-report could face fines or prosecution, immigration officials announced Tuesday. Everyone who is in the U.S. illegally must register, give fingerprints and provide an address, the Department of Homeland Security said in a statement. It cited a section of the Immigration and Nationality Act – the complex immigration law – as justification for the registration process, which would apply to anyone 14 and older.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-creates-registry-imm	2025/02/27
Republicans Are Already Sending Fundraising Pitches About Trump's 'Third Term'	Constitutional Crisis	Organizations representing President Donald Trump, the Republican Party and a key group of House Republicans are fundraising off of an effort to give Trump a third term in office. Yet under the hood, a wealth divide that had subsided somewhat in the early stages of the pandemic ea has suddenly grown more stark. The upper echelons of America's income distribution – those making roughly \$153,000 in annual income – are the ones that are now powering much of the spending driving U.S. growth.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-already-sending-fundraising-p	2025/02/27
As consumer delinquencies rise, U.S. economic growth increasingly powered by the wealthy	Economy- Debt	Meanwhile, Americans who are not at the top are facing increasing financial difficulties. The price of eggs is expected to rise by 41.1% this year as the bird flu continues to rip through the nation's agricultural economy, the federal government projected in a new report.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/consumer-delinquencies-rise-u-econor	2025/02/27
Egg prices could rise by 41.1% this year, USDA estimates	Economy- Prices	President Trump signed an executive order on Wednesday empowering DOGE to scrutinize how federal agencies spend money, the latest expansion of Elon Musk's cost-cutting powers. The executive order asks agencies to work with a DOGE team lead to review contracts and grants, and cut or modify them "where appropriate," per the White House.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/26/bird-flu-egg-prices-growing-shortage	2025/02/27
Trump gives Musk's DOGE extra teeth to scour government contracts	Fuck that guy	It also asks agencies to build a system to "record every payment" spent on the agency's contracts and grants and provide a "brief, written justification for each payment." The executive order also asks agency heads to work with their DOGE team lead to build a system to record approval for federally-funded travel or conferences — and provide written justification for conferences or air or essential travel.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/26/trump-doge-executive-order-elon-m	2025/02/27
Trump: Federal employees who didn't respond to Musk, email are on firing 'bubble'	Fuck that guy	Federal workers who didn't respond to Elon Musk's request to outline what they did at work "are on the bubble," President Trump said during the first Cabinet meeting of his second term. Trump's comments came as he was flanked by every one of his confirmed agency heads, including some whose departments' explicitly told their federal employees not to respond to Musk's email last week.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/26/trump-federal-employees-elon-musk	2025/02/27
DOGE said it cut \$881 million at the Education Department. The real savings are much less.	Fuck that guy	But that math isn't adding up, according to both left- and right-leaning researchers who say the savings are exaggerated and a new analysis that shows it doesn't account for roughly \$400 million that was effectively wasted – not saved – by the DOGE team. Much of the education funding that DOGE nixed was also already allocated. As New America's researchers explained, "Research cannot be undone and statistics cannot be uncollected."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-said-cut-881-million-1010121411n	2025/02/27
Musk dominates, disparages federal workers at first Trump Cabinet meeting	Fuck that guy	Because of the cuts, they said, studies will go unfinished, likely sitting "on a computer somewhere untouched." The government has already spent nearly \$400 million on those agreements, many of which will now have to go through a long rebidding process again, costing taxpayers more. "There are fictional individuals collecting paychecks," Musk said of the government, though he did not offer specific evidence that people are fraudulently getting paychecks. "Are they alive, and can they write an email?"	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-dominates-disparages-federal-wo	2025/02/27
Musk's Government Takedown Isn't About Cutting Waste — It's a Land Grab	Fuck that guy	Musk, who is not a member of Trump's formal Cabinet, did so as Trump's Cabinet secretaries sat at the table in the White House's Cabinet Room. Anyone who still views Musk's project to be about improving government efficiency or modernizing government technology or eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse is not playing with a full deck. This is a land grab. Musk has seized nearly every major data repository in the federal government and may now access the Social Security numbers, employment records, banking information, and tax returns of the majority of Americans. If you are a veteran, use Medicare, or have applied for Social Security Disability Insurance, he may have a chunk of your medical history too. The value of this treasure trove of data is hard to calculate – but given Musk's keen interest in amassing enough data to build an artificial intelligence empire with his AI platform, Grok, it is safe to assume he has a pretty good idea. It certainly exceeds the \$300 million he spent to put Trump in office.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-government-takedown-its-18185	2025/02/27
Elon Musk's conflicts of interest 'should scare every American,' experts say	Fuck that guy	Critics note that Doge, which Musk touted broadly to Trump in August as he was writing seven figure checks to help him win, is gutting agencies like the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), which has investigated complaints about the car company's debt collection and loan policies. Meanwhile, Tesla, SpaceX and other Musk businesses have been investigated or fined by about a dozen regulatory agencies including the CFPB, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Aviation Administration, which suggest how Doge's work at these agencies and others could benefit Musk financially, say critics.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/27/elon-musk-conflicts	2025/02/27
After Trump goes 9-3 in court, Musk again demands judges be impeached	Fuck that guy	Both Trump and Musk have downplayed critics' concerns about conflict of interest issues for the Doge leader, with Musk simply asserting if there's a conflict, "I'll recuse myself." DOGE boss Elon Musk once again called for judges to be impeached hours after the Trump administration was handed three losses in court over the president's dismantling of federal agencies. "The only way to restore rule of the people in America is to impeach judges. No one is above the law, including judges," noted Musk, forgetting to add the president.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-m	2025/02/27
Greene threatens criminal referrals at House DOGE hearing	Fuck that guy	Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), chair of the House Oversight Subcommittee on the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), threatened to make criminal referrals during a hearing on foreign aid on Wednesday. Greene did not specify who the committee would look into for investigations or referrals. The congresswoman, however, spent much of her remarks at the hearing expressing concern over the way foreign aid was being spent and accusing USAID of being run by Democrats.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/greene-threatens-criminal-referrals-house	2025/02/27
White House orders agencies to prepare for large-scale firings	Government Jobs	The White House is directing federal agencies to prepare for large-scale layoffs, so-called reductions in force (RIF), according to guidance sent out by the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Personnel Management on Wednesday. To date, job cuts in the federal workforce have mostly affected probationary employees who are relatively easy to fire — RIFs are a more drastic step. Agencies were given two weeks to make plans for "significant" layoffs. Typically, in a RIF, positions are permanently eliminated.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/26/trump-doge-if-government-worker-j	2025/02/27
The biggest spending cuts in Trump's new budget bill — and how they could affect you	Government- Budget	Second, the blueprint greenlights modest spending increases targeted toward immigration enforcement (up to \$110 billion), customs and border protection (up to \$90 billion) and military involvement in border security (up to \$100 million) — top Trump priorities. And finally, at the behest of conservative deficit hawks, the resolution mandates \$2 trillion in spending cuts over 10 years to partially offset new border spending and the trillions in revenue lost to Trump's tax cuts. (Even then, the new budget would still directly add \$2.8 trillion to the deficit.)	https://www.yahoo.com/news/the-biggest-spending-cuts-in-trumps-new	2025/02/27
Cuts and a combative vibe emerge at the Pentagon	Government- DOD	That could adversely affect as many as 21 million Medicaid beneficiaries in 41 states. Ten of those states have so-called trigger laws that automatically eliminate the expansion — and the Medicaid coverage it provides — if the federal government reduces its funding. Other states would be forced to find the money elsewhere (raising taxes, slashing education) in order to keep people insured. That likely means big hits to school nutrition programs, school breakfasts and lunch programs for schools that serve low-income children. SAVE, a Biden-era student loan repayment plan, will probably end as well. And colleges may also have to pay in order to participate in student loan programs going forward.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/26/pentagon-hegseth-doge-musk-layof	2025/02/27
Inside Patel's first week: Internal upheaval at the FBI — some of his own making	Government- FBI	The Agriculture Committee oversees \$1.5 trillion in spending; the bulk of that money goes to food benefits (aka food stamps) through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). About 42 million Americans — including 1 in 5 children — rely on SNAP benefits to afford groceries each month, and reducing those benefits or restricting eligibility would directly impact their ability to put food on the table. Those additional cuts haven't been assigned to any particular committees yet — meaning the first impact on Medicaid and other programs is likely to be even bigger than what's spelled out above.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/inside-patel-first-week-internal-10005227	2025/02/27
Farmers, green groups sue USDA over 'unlawful purge' of climate data	Government- FDA	There's a new, combative air at one of the world's largest office buildings, as accomplished military leaders are axed, thousands of average Joe's face layoffs and press access is muddled. Up to 8% of the civilian workforce is on the chopping block, and a hiring freeze is on the horizon. Hegseth meanwhile ordered a \$50 billion rework for fiscal year 2028. Veterans comprised 28% of the federal workforce last year. (That's a lot higher than 5% of the private sector workforce.)	https://www.yahoo.com/news/farmers-green-groups-sue-usda-2211158	2025/02/27

	The Trump administration has set its sights on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the US's pre-eminent climate research agency, with significant cuts and a political crackdown on climate science. As Trump takes aim at the agency, the impact is likely to be felt across the US and around the world.			
US climate research agency braces for 'efficiency' cuts. They will gut the work.	Government-NOAA	"Just about every component of the agency contributes to our understanding of the climate," said Dr Craig McLean, the former director of NOAA research who served the agency for four decades before retiring in 2022. "Does that paint a big target on NOAA? Absolutely," he said, adding that this would be "damaging to the country's economic outlook, the well being, the food security, and the general security of the public." "Experts feel the Make America Healthy Again plans could contribute to a loss of trust in doctors. The executive order doesn't address the underlying reasons for mental health medication." Doctors are also concerned that the messaging may push people toward alternative, holistic treatments. The executive order also doesn't address racism, socioeconomic status, and other social determinants of health. Doctors also feel there are systemic issues when it comes to health care, none of which the executive order really addresses.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/26/us-climate-research	2025/02/27
Doctors Told Us Their Biggest Concerns With Trump's Executive Order To 'Make America Healthy Again,' And It's Worrying	Health	When the deadly H5N1 bird flu virus made its first appearance at a U.S. poultry farm in February 2022, roughly 25,000 turkeys at an Indiana facility were sacrificed in an attempt to avert a larger outbreak. It didn't work. Three years later, highly pathogenic avian influenza has spread to at least 50 states. The number of commercial birds that have died or been killed exceeds 166 million and the price of eggs is at an all-time high. Instead, they are discussing such strategies as targeted depopulation, vaccinations, and even the relocation of wetlands and bodies of water to lure virus-carrying wild birds away from poultry farms. But each of these alternatives entails a variety of logistical, economic and environmental costs that may eclipse the intended savings. "People talk about common-sense solutions to bird flu," said Dr. Maurice Plesley, a veterinarian and commercial poultry expert at UC Davis. "But that's what mass culling is. There's a reason we're not doing it. It's common sense."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doctors-told-us-biggest-concerns-202209	2025/02/27
Killing 166 million birds hasn't helped poultry farmers stop H5N1. Is there a better way?	Health- Bird flu	Unidentified illnesses in northwestern Congo have killed more than 50 people over the past five weeks, nearly half of them within hours after they fell sick. The outbreaks in two distant villages in Congo's Equateur province began on Jan. 21 and include 410 cases and 53 deaths. Health officials still do not know the cause, or whether the cases in the two villages, which are separated by more than 120 miles (190 kilometers), are related. It's also unclear how the diseases are spreading, including whether they are spreading between people.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/killing-166-million-birds-haunt-11009116	2025/02/27
What to know about the new disease outbreaks in central Africa	Health- Congo	The First Drug Administration unexpectedly canceled an advisory meeting of its advisers to update next season's influenza vaccines, an adviser on the panel and multiple officials confirm to CBS News, potentially opening the process to start manufacturing next winter's flu shots.	https://apnews.com/article/congo-disease-deaths-equateur-2a2c209a	2025/02/27
FDA cancels meeting to update next season's flu vaccines	Health- Flu	A West Texas city reported Wednesday that an unvaccinated child with measles died after being hospitalized amid the recent outbreak. The big picture: It's the first death officials have reported in the outbreak that began late last month. At least 124 people have been infected in the state so far.	https://www.cbsnews.com/news/fda-cancels-flu-vaccine-meeting/	2025/02/27
Unvaccinated child dies in Texas measles outbreak	Health- measles	The outbreak has sparked fears among health officials that the disease could be rebounding in the U.S. amid falling vaccination rates. Measles was previously declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000. In Donald Trump's first Cabinet meeting of his second term, Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. downplayed the severity of a measles outbreak in South Texas that has already caused the first death attributed to the deadly virus in the U.S. since 2015.	https://www.xxix.com/2025/02/26/texas-measles-outbreak-first-death	2025/02/27
RFC A downplays Severity of Deadly Measles Outbreak	Health- Measles	In 2000, almost 40 years after the creation of the measles vaccine, the disease was deemed eradicated in the United States — meaning that no new cases were emerging from within the country, and that cases identified within the U.S. were contracted abroad. According to the CDC, after almost two decades of limited measles infections attributed to a successful and effective public vaccination campaign "in 2019, the U.S. nearly lost its elimination status with almost 1,300 measles cases from a large outbreak in New York and cases in 30 additional states." The Washington Post's Opinion Section editor David Shipley resigned after owner Jeff Bezos mandated the section prioritize two topics, personal liberties and free markets, and not publish dissenting views in those areas.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfc-a-downplays-severity-deadly-2040346	2025/02/27
WaPo Opinion Editor resigns after Jeff Bezos announces changes to Opinion section	Information Blackout	The new announcement, following a controversial move by Bezos to kill presidential endorsements last year, shows how much Bezos is willing to assert his power to shape public opinion as the owner of one of the country's largest newspapers. In a note to members Wednesday, the White House Correspondents' Association president warned that the Trump administration's new system for working with reporters has compromised the integrity of its dispatches. The email to the pool of reporters covering the White House from WHCA president Eugene Daniels comes a day after White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said the Trump administration would now pick and choose which reporters follow the president each day, taking over the duty historically relegated to the WHCA and making room for non-legacy media outlets.	https://www.xxix.com/2025/02/26/washington-post-jeff-bezos-opinion-ed	2025/02/27
Reporter Group Says It Can't Ensure Accuracy of White House Dispatches After Trump Takeover	Information Blackout	"As the White House is controlling the process, the WHCA cannot ensure that the reports filed by government-selected poolers will be held to the same standards that we have had in place for decades," said Daniels, a reporter at Politico.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/reporter-group-says-cant-ensure-020714	2025/02/27
Trump says Zelenskyy is coming to the White House to sign US-Ukraine critical minerals deal	International Relations	President Donald Trump said Wednesday that Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy will visit the White House Friday to sign a long-sought minerals deal that will closely tie the two countries together for years to come.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-ukraine-agreed-preliminary-economic-	2025/02/27
EU pushes back against Trump tariff threats and his caustic comments that bloc is out to get the US	International Relations	The European Union on Thursday pushed back hard against allegations by U.S. President Donald Trump that the 27-nation bloc was out to get the United States, and warned that it would vigorously fight any wholesale tariff of 25% on all EU products. The agency, which targeted probationary workers, are part of a broader effort by President Trump and adviser Elon Musk to dismantle the federal workforce. NPS officials have testified that the agency was already understaffed — the number of full-time employees dropped by about 15% between 2011 and 2022, forcing some visitor facilities to close or limit their hours. Between the paperwork, background checks, training regimens and housing searches, experts worry many seasonal positions won't get filled — in general, let alone by summertime. Busy season varies between parks, though generally runs May through September in colder areas and can start as soon as March in warmer parts of the country. The influx of seasonal workers can more than double the number of park staff in a typical year, Wade said. And their absence will surely be felt by visitors, since they perform such critical functions.	https://apnews.com/article/eu-us-trade-war-tariffs-47f95d4cb8	2025/02/27
National parks already feel the effects of layoffs, even before the busy season starts	National Parks	House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) won a game of brinkmanship with his own party on budget reconciliation. Now he's prepared to do the same with Democrats on government funding, lawmakers and aides tell us. House Republicans are increasingly confident they can avoid a government shutdown without any Democratic support. "I think I demonstrated we can do things on our own," House Appropriations Chair Tom Cole (R-Okla.) told reporters on Wednesday. Going alone would be unprecedented but not impossible. The current funding bill runs through March 14.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/26/mx-1-5307908/national-parks-layoffs-v	2025/02/27
Mike Johnson eyes solo approach to avoid government shutdown	Political Cesspool	FBI Director Kash Patel reportedly privately agreed with an FBI agent advocacy group to install an active Special Agent to serve as deputy director – only to have President Donald Trump choose an inexperienced and controversial loyalist. His agreement with the FBI Agents Association was seemingly a way to balance his lack of experience with a current Special Agent. But instead, Trump appointed Dan Bongino, a former Secret Service agent and right-wing podcaster who has previously criticized FBI leadership and often uses derogatory language to describe liberals.	https://www.xxix.com/2025/02/27/mike-johnson-government-shutdown	2025/02/27
Kash Patel privately agreed to hire an experienced deputy FBI director. Then Trump picked a loyalist	Political Cesspool	Measures in several state legislatures this year have called for new approaches to weaken the power of judges. One would abandon a centuries-old precedent that courts can decide whether laws are constitutional. Another would change how judges are selected.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kash-patel-privately-agreed-hire-2047240	2025/02/27
Republican lawmakers look for ways to weaken state judges	Political Cesspool	Making President Donald Trump's birthday a national holiday, carving his face on Mount Rushmore, and renaming a Washington, D.C. airport after him are just some of the legislative changes that Republicans are pushing to honor the 48th and 47th president. Some of the bills support the 78-year-old president's efforts — like renaming the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America or Greenland to "Fred, White and Blueland" — while others have introduced adjudating legislation that would place Trump as a renowned historical figure in the company of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, the Wall Street Journal first reported.	https://apnews.com/article/state-legislatures-courts-checks-balances-2	2025/02/27
Trump Airport and Trump Day: The bills adoring GOP lawmakers have put forward	Political pets	Oklahoma has become a laboratory for this effort, and Walters, as state superintendent overseeing policy for K-12 schools, one of its most prominent proponents. He has pushed to create the country's first Catholic public charter school. He bought Trump-branded bottles that he wants to put them in classrooms. He has installed prominent rightwing figures such as the activist behind the anti-LGBTQ group Libs of TikTok and the leader of the Heritage Foundation on state education committees. This is what Christian nationalism looks like in governance — rejecting church and state separation and installing Christian viewpoints — and it's on the rise with Trump back in the White House. "It is the epitome of Christian nationalism in a very blatant and aggressive way," Fleck said. "There's no attempt at masking it at all. That has gone completely away, and it's just a full-fledged implementation."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-j	2025/02/27
Christianity declines among U.S. adults while 'religiously unaffiliated' grows, study says	Religion	Oklahoma has become a laboratory for this effort, and Walters, as state superintendent overseeing policy for K-12 schools, one of its most prominent proponents. He has pushed to create the country's first Catholic public charter school. He bought Trump-branded bottles that he wants to put them in classrooms. He has installed prominent rightwing figures such as the activist behind the anti-LGBTQ group Libs of TikTok and the leader of the Heritage Foundation on state education committees. This is what Christian nationalism looks like in governance — rejecting church and state separation and installing Christian viewpoints — and it's on the rise with Trump back in the White House. "It is the epitome of Christian nationalism in a very blatant and aggressive way," Fleck said. "There's no attempt at masking it at all. That has gone completely away, and it's just a full-fledged implementation."	https://www.pewresearch.org/2025/02/26/mx-1-5298180/christianity-declines-am	2025/02/27
Abortion pill manufacturer asks to join suit that could reverse US abortion access	Reproductive rights	It's in this environment that Oklahoma has become the "testing ground for Project 2025," said Oklahoma high school teacher Aaron Baker, referencing the conservative playbook by the Heritage Foundation that calls for an increased role for religion in governing. Senate Majority Leader John L. Russell (R-S.D.) will move Thursday on the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act — with a procedural vote planned for Monday, according to people familiar with the matter.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/26/mifepristone-genbi	2025/02/27
Senate sets up vote to restrict trans women from women's sports	Rainbow threats	Lawmakers in at least nine states have introduced measures to try to chip away at same-sex couples' right to marry. Five of the measures, including one introduced Tuesday in Michigan, use the Supreme Court to overturn a 2015 landmark ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges, which granted same-sex couples nationwide the right to marry.	https://www.xxix.com/2025/02/27/senate-transgender-women-sports	2025/02/27
Lawmakers in 9 states propose measures to undermine same-sex marriage rights	Rainbow threats	The portion of the U.S. population identifying as Christian has declined significantly over the last two decades, but a massive new Pew Research study finds that trend may be leveling off. All three major branches of Protestantism have declined in share of the population since 2007. Evangelical Protestants now make up 23%, down from 26%. Mainline Protestants account for 11% of U.S. adults, down from 18%. And people who attend historically Black Protestant churches make up 4% of the population, down from 7%.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lawmakers-9-states-propose-measures-0	2025/02/27
Christianity declines among U.S. adults while 'religiously unaffiliated' grows, study says	Religion	The manufacturer of the generic version of a major abortion pill has asked to join a federal lawsuit over the pill's failure, marking a new step forward in litigation that could rewrite US abortion access. The manufacturer, GerdagPho, filed court papers on Monday to become a defendant in the lawsuit over mifepristone, one of two drugs typically used in a US medication abortion. That lawsuit, which was brought by the Republican attorneys general of Idaho, Missouri and Kansas, seeks to reverse FDA regulations that dramatically expanded access to the pill, such as provisions that permit providers to prescribe it through telehealth.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/26/mifepristone-genbi	2025/02/27
Supreme Court eyes lower bar for white, straight workers to sue for bias	Supreme Court	The Supreme Court seemed receptive to a woman's argument Wednesday she was discriminated against in court because she is heterosexual. A ruling that allows the woman, Marlene Ames, to pursue the claim would open the door for men, white people, and heterosexual people to sue for job discrimination in the future. The court's receptivity to Ames' case comes as the Trump administration has purged DEI across the government, triggering legal fights for corporations, schools, and local governments across the country. Ames' case also comes in the shadow of the 2023 court ruling that overturned the use of affirmative action in college admissions.	https://www.xxix.com/2025/02/26/marjane-ames-reverse-discriminatio	2025/02/27
Supreme Court grants Trump request to pause USAID payments order	Supreme Court	Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. granted the Trump administration's request late Wednesday to pause a lower court midnight deadline for the government to resume nearly \$2 billion in foreign aid payments suspended for weeks.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/02/26/usaid-aid-suprem	2025/02/27

		South Carolina Rep. Joe Wilson is proposing legislation to feature President Trump on a \$250 bill. It would be a new denomination — and would require changing a law that prevents a living person from appearing on U.S. currency.			
What to know about the Trump \$250 bill proposal	Trump Bullshit	"Grateful to announce that I am drafting legislation to direct the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to design a \$250 bill featuring Donald J. Trump," he wrote. "Bidenflation has destroyed the economy forcing American families to carry more cash. Most stable bill for most stable President."	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/26/trump-250-bill-legislation	2025/02/27	
BKF Jr looks less than thrilled to see Trump hawkling merchandise in the Oval Office	Trump grift	Trump advertised new merchandise Tuesday from the White House, showing off red baseball caps that read, "TRUMP WAS RIGHT ABOUT EVERYTHING" He was joined by Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. ... After they decided, Lutnick said with a smile: "Always say yes to the president."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bkf-jr-looks-less-thrilled-184634343.html	2025/02/27	
Some Trump voters want him to rein in health care costs. It's unclear if he will	Trump voters	"On good, it's the Home Shopping Network of nothing but crap. What an embarrassment our country has become," another user said. Republican voters strongly back federal limits on the prices charged by drug companies and hospitals, caps on patients' medical bills, and restrictions on how health care providers can pursue people over medical debt, several polls indicate. Even Medicaid, the state-federal insurance program that Republican congressional leaders are eyeing to dramatically cut, is viewed favorably by many GOP voters, like Ashley Williamson.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/health-news/2025/02/26/nx-1-5304	2025/02/27	
Duelingo's owl mascot is alive after all. What did it gain from faking his death?	Weird World	But as tens of millions of Americans are driven into debt by medical bills they don't understand or can't afford, many appear to be reassessing their inclination to look to free markets rather than the government, said Bob Ward, whose firm, Fabrizio Ward, polled for Trump's 2024 campaign. On Feb. 17, the company directed users to a website called bringback-duelingo.com, showing a goal of 50 billion XP, or "experience points," which users earn every time they complete a task in the app. Exactly a week later, Duo returned.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/26/nx-1-5308785/duelingo-owl-mascot-yl	2025/02/27	
Meet the 'wooly devil,' a new plant species discovered in Big Bend National Park	Weird World	Say hello to the wooly devil. The type of sunflower is a new plant species, identified in Big Bend National Park in Texas. Ovicula biradiata, as it is formally known, is especially notable for being the simultaneous discovery of a new species and genus.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/26/nx-1-5308248/wooly-devil-new-specie	2025/02/27	
Dogs may have domesticated themselves because they really liked snacks, model suggests	Weird World	But the selective forces that drove the first domestication period are less clear. According to one hypothesis, wolves underwent "self-domestication," after prehistoric animals started coming to human settlements to scavenge for food scraps; they grew more accustomed to living near people. These more-tolerant wolves preferred a steady food supply over inconsistent sources in the wild, and their descendants gave rise to the first domestic dogs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dogs-may-domes-caled-themselves-bec	2025/02/27	
Trump's social media video gamers pushback from Arabs and Muslims in U.S. and Gaza	WTF?	The apparently ill-gated video includes depictions of Trump and Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sunbathing in Gaza, and imagines scenes of destruction in Gaza transformed into a gitzy Rivera-style resort called "TRUMP GAZA."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/26/nx-1-5308695/trump-gaza-video	2025/02/27	
YouTubers use bullhorns and sirens to warn immigrants when ICE is in their area	Borders and immigration	It will be before dawn. 10 people met at a parking lot shared by a laundromat and coffee shop in South Central Los Angeles on what has become a daily mission: Look for immigration officers and warn people of their presence to try to prevent arrests. Bullhorns and sirens are ready for use. Working with other similar-size groups and using walkie-talkies, the Community Self-Defense Coalition, made up of more than 60 organizations, found nothing Thursday but appeared to have disrupted U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations earlier in the week. In Los Angeles and across the country, these tactics have been a form in ICE's side as it tries to carry out President Donald Trump's promise of mass deportations.	https://apnews.com/article/immigration-ice-deportations-warnings-trump	2025/02/28	
Andrew Tate, facing rape and trafficking charges in Romania, is back in the U.S.	Cesspool	Controversial influencer Andrew Tate and his brother Tristan Tate have arrived in the U.S., more than two years after they were arrested in Romania on human trafficking charges and forming a criminal group to sexually exploit women.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/27/nx-1-5311821/andrew-tate-brothers-0	2025/02/28	
American business leaders are turning on Trump — fast	Economy	"What decision do you make? Do you want to go left or right?" El-Khouory told Semanfor in an interview this week. "Are we going to grow the business? Well, I don't know. Are there tariffs or not?" (Since that interview, Trump threatened to double his own proposed 10% tariffs on China and put a 25% levy on European goods.) CEO optimism is fading as Trump pushes ahead with trade restrictions, while business-friendly deregulation has yet to materialize. US consumer confidence in January recorded its biggest one-month decline since November 2023. The US stock market, long Trump's preferred proxy for economic might, is lower than it was before his inauguration, trailing major indexes in Europe, China, Mexico, and Canada — all targets of the president's planned tariffs.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/american-business-leaders-turning-tru	2025/02/28	
Economic blackout targets retailers from Amazon to Walmart	Economy-Boycott	The 24-hour boycott, organized by The People's Union USA, asks consumers to not spend in stores or shop online to "disrupt the economy for one day."	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/28/economic-blackout-feb-28-no-shop	2025/02/28	
They've lost my trust', consumers shun companies as bosses tortoise to Trump	Economy-Consumer affairs	"But I'm just so disgusted. I don't want to give these billionaire oligarchs any more of my money." It's a sentiment that many Americans have been feeling since Trump entered the White House. Companies and business leaders who were once passive or vocally critical of Trump are now trying to cozy up to him, leading consumers to question the values of the brands they used to trust. A recent Harris poll found that a quarter of American consumers have stopped shopping at their favorite stores because of shifting political stances.	https://www.theguardian.com/money/2025/feb/28/trump-consumer-pool	2025/02/28	
HUD secretary announcing elimination of rule Trump warned would 'destroy the value of houses'	Economy-Housing	Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Scott Turner said he would terminate the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule on Wednesday, repealing the law which was enacted to "overcome historic patterns of segregation."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hud-secretary-announcing-elimination-ru	2025/02/28	
Trump administration sets out to create an America its people have never experienced — one without a meaningful government	end of democracy	The U.S. government is attempting to dismantle itself. Our recent book, "How Government Built America," shows why the administration's aim to eliminate government could result in an America that the country's people have never experienced — one in which free-market economic forces operate without any accountability to the public.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-sets-create-america	2025/02/28	
Only 25 countries in the world are fully functioning democracies — and the US isn't one of them, report claims	end of democracy	The global democracy index score is at just 5.17 out of 10, its lowest point in the history of the Economist Intelligence Unit's annual Democracy Index. Only 25 countries have been designated as full democracies in the report, out of 167 countries covered in the index.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/democracy-index-data-ecor	2025/02/28	
Weather tracker: six cyclones swirl simultaneously in southern hemisphere	Environment-Hurricanes	The Guardian asked readers how their shopping habits have changed over the last few months, as the political climate started to shift after Trump's win. Hundreds from across the country said that they have stopped shopping at stores such as Walmart and Target that publicly announced the end of DEI goals. Dozens like Bedstion had cancelled long had Prime accounts. Others have shut down their Facebook and Instagram accounts in protest of Meia.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/feb/28/trump-weather-tracker	2025/02/28	
Trump administration layoffs hit NOAA, agency that forecasts weather, hurricanes	Environment-NOAA	Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Scott Turner said he would terminate the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule on Wednesday, repealing the law which was enacted to "overcome historic patterns of segregation."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/27/nx-1-5298738/trump-administration-lay	2025/02/28	
CNN Fact-Checker Floored By Trump Cabinet Meeting: 'There Was Just So Much'	Fact check	"There was just so much in this Cabinet meeting," said Dale before diving into the facts. "We heard this claim again from the president, he's been saying it over and over in the past week, that the U.S. has provided Ukraine with \$350 billion worth of aid, and that this is about three times what Europe collectively has provided," he continued. "That is not true." "The \$350 billion number is not true, nor is the idea that the U.S. has provided way more than Europe." Dale confirmed. "According to a think tank in Germany that closely tracks this aid, it is Europe that has collectively provided more aid to Ukraine than the U.S. has."	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/27/musk-retired-air-traffic-controllers-re	2025/02/28	
Musk wants retired air traffic controllers to resume work, but it's not so easy	Fuck that guy	Trump also said Wednesday the U.S. ranks 40th out of 40 in various educational rankings, which Dale said he tried to inquire about with the White House, who never offered clarification. His claim that the U.S. is the sole country with mail-in voting is also false. Elon Musk called Thursday for retired air traffic controllers to consider returning to work amid staffing shortages — but a federal law means doing so isn't so simple. "There is a shortage of top notch air traffic controllers," Musk posted on X Thursday. "If you have retired, but are open to returning to work, please consider doing so." Context: Despite Musk's request, U.S. law requires that air traffic controllers retire by "the last day of the month" in which they turn 65. The Transportation secretary can exempt controllers "having exceptional skills and experience" from automatic separation — but only until that person is 61.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/27/musk-retired-air-traffic-controllers-re	2025/02/28	
DOGE work could 'cross extreme ethical and legal lines,' says former employee	Fuck that guy	Air traffic controllers must also pass annual medical examinations with strict physical requirements, like having 20/20 vision, sufficient hearing and proper blood pressure levels. The first real tipping point came when many of my colleagues were fired for seemingly no reason, when they had been performing exceptionally at their jobs and were dedicated to serving this country and to help improve this country's governmental systems. The second tipping point came when it became clear that the former United States Digital Service would be asked to become more involved with DOGE's activities. And those activities are the antithesis of what United States Digital Service was founded upon and what the mission has been: to do the most good for the most amount of people, to go where the work is and to hire and empower great people, which means supporting our agency partners and uplifting the federal servants. I realized that my actions would, if I stayed, would just further legitimize DOGE and potentially cross extreme ethical and legal lines. Some of the activities that DOGE has currently been focused on are gaining access to government systems that house the American people's data. And with that, it is unclear whether they are upholding privacy and security standards that are regularly practiced throughout the government before the new administration came in. There is a high risk of the American people's data being exposed or being utilized for nefarious means. And it also creates the opportunity for potential foreign actors to come in and get access to that data, as well. That is completely across the line, both legally and ethically, and something I realized I could no longer do good from the inside and that I must leave. We will make mistakes. We won't be perfect, he said. "When we make mistakes, we'll fix it very quickly. So, for example, with USAID, one of the things we accidentally canceled very briefly was Ebola prevention."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/27/124145488/doge-work-could-cross-ey	2025/02/28	
Musk says work to stop Ebola was accidentally out but restored. Experts raise doubts	Fuck that guy	"We restored the Ebola prevention immediately — and there was no interruption," Musk continued. "I disagree fully, completely, wholly, that they recognized the mistake and put it back," says Dr. Craig Spencer, an emergency physician and professor at Brown University School of Public Health, who has worked on Ebola for more than a decade and responded to Ebola outbreaks in Africa. He says he's in regular contact with officials from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who work on Ebola as well as physicians on the ground in Uganda, where an outbreak was declared on January 30, with nine confirmed cases and one death — of a nurse — so far.	https://www.npr.org/sections/quote-and-sourc/2025/02/27/g-a1-50929a/	2025/02/28	
As DOGE slashes budgets, FAA close to canceling \$2.4 B contract with Verizon and giving it to Musk's Starlink	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk could soon acquire another government contract worth \$2.4 billion as the Federal Aviation Administration considers ditching Verizon for the billionaire's Starlink, according to a report. Verizon was awarded the contract in 2023 and tasked with upgrading the system that different air traffic control facilities use to communicate. Musk said that the network used by air traffic controllers is aging and requires drastic and quick action to modernize. "The Verizon system is not working and so is putting air travelers at serious risk," the billionaire said in a post on X Monday.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/as-doge-slashes-budgets-faa-close-1626/	2025/02/28	

		But now, new reporting by NPR has blown the case wide open. According to a State Department document obtained by the broadcaster, Biden's State Department planned to spend just \$483,000 in 2025 to buy electric vehicles, on top of \$3 million for other equipment, including chargers. That's less than one percent of the \$400 million figure that originally appeared in the previously reported-on version of the procurement forecast. The document also claims it was published in December, but doesn't appear in the Internet Archive, suggesting it was published later. ... Considering Musk has already massively enriched himself on the dime of American taxpayers, it certainly wouldn't be a stretch to suggest it was an intentional move to hand his EV maker a cushy government contract. "I don't think this is a clerical error," a former Biden State Department official told NPR. "It was likely someone who is new in [the] State [Department] who decided, 'OK, we're gonna do this with Tesla.'"		
There's Something Very Sketchy Going on With the Government Trying to Buy \$480 Million in Armored Teslas	Fuck that guy		https://www.yahoo.com/news/theres-something-very-sketchy-going-211	2025/02/28
Bombshell Report Reveals How Much Money Elon Musk Got From Government	Fuck that guy	A new Washington Post report found that the tech mogul/fascism enthusiast built his fortune from \$38 billion in government contracts, loans, subsidies, and tax credits going back more than 20 years. Musk's companies received at least \$6.3 billion in commitments from state and local governments in 2024 alone, and this is likely an undercount. The total amount of government funding that Musk has received is likely much higher, given that federal funding related to defense and intelligence projects is often classified. For example, Musk's company SpaceX has a contract to build spy satellites from the National Reconnaissance Office, an intelligence agency tasked with building satellites for national defense. That contract is reportedly worth \$1.8 billion, according to The Wall Street Journal. A federal judge ordered the Office of Personnel Management on Thursday to revoke instructions to fire probationary government workers across several agencies. The ruling from U.S. District Judge William Alsup, which found that the firings were likely illegal, poses one of the largest hurdles yet to President Trump's goal of shrinking the federal workforce. Alsup instructed OPM to rescind the Jan. 20 memo and Feb. 14 email that directed government agencies, like the Department of Defense and the Park Service, to identify which employees should be terminated.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/report-exposes-elon-musk-made-1633	2025/02/28
Judge temporarily halts Trump admin's mass firings of federal workers	Government Jobs	The Trump administration touted a nearly \$1 billion plan Wednesday to combat the spread of avian flu and mitigate skyrocketing egg prices as the outbreak rips through poultry flocks across the United States. But the measures come as the Agriculture Department is struggling to rehire key employees working on the virus outbreak who were fired as part of the administration's sweeping purge of government workers. Roughly a quarter of employees in a critical office testing for the disease were cut, as well as scientists and inspectors.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/28/trump-federal-employees-firing-court	2025/02/28
Trump administration struggles to rehire fired bird flu employees	Government Jobs	The dismissals have already helped trigger a partial shutdown at one of the department's research facilities, according to USDA employees, interrupting some workers' efforts to fight bird flu and help livestock recover from illness. The Social Security Administration is planning a massive reorganization that will involve "significant workforce reductions," it told employees Thursday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-officials-race-rehire-bird-15000081	2025/02/28
Social Security Administration Announces 'Significant Workforce Reductions Ahead'	Government Jobs	"Through these massive reorganizations, offices that perform functions not mandated by statute may be prioritized for reduction-in-force actions that could include abolishment of organizations and positions, directed reassignments, and reductions in staffing," the agency said in a staff-wide email it also posted on its website.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/social-security-administration-announces	2025/02/28
Republicans fear their big budget win is a 2028 time bomb	Government-Budget	One Republican moderate, speaking on the condition of anonymity to give candid thoughts about political concerns surrounding their party's marquee legislation, told Axios: "It could be trouble." "We saw what happened in 2015," the lawmaker said, referring to the midterm year in which voter anger over the GOP's legislative efforts helped Democrats flip more than 40 House seats.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/28/mike-johnson-budget-trump-republic	2025/02/28
Jeffries: 'Republicans are lying' about Medicaid cuts	Government-Medicaid	House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) went after Republicans on Thursday over their designs for Medicaid, saying GOP leaders are deceiving Americans by claiming that no patients will lose health benefits under their plan. "Republicans are lying to the American people about Medicaid," Jeffries said during a press briefing in the Capitol.		2025/02/28
		MANA Nutrition makes a special kind of peanut butter paste that many humanitarian aid workers are familiar with. It is fortified with milk and essential vitamins, packed with calories and sent to severely malnourished children around the world, including some countries in Africa. On Wednesday afternoon, Mark Moore, the CEO and co-founder of the Fitzgerald, Georgia-based plant, got word from the US Agency for International Development: MANA's contracts with the agency were being canceled.		
Trump assault on USAID leaves plant that makes peanut butter for malnourished kids scrambling	Health and hunger	CNN spoke with Moore just minutes after he said he received a series of contract termination letters from USAID. Still reeling, Moore described the furious scramble that the news had set off at his plant. One of his first orders of business: Asking his workers mid-production to immediately stop putting labels that say "USAID" on the pouches that the peanut butter paste is squished into. The Trump administration confirmed it is re-evaluating a \$500 million human bird flu vaccine contract awarded to Moderna in the waning days of the Biden administration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-assault-usaid-leaves-plant-173927	2025/02/28
HHS weighs rescinding Moderna bird flu vaccine contract	Health- Bird flu	The funding review is part of a broader government push to examine spending on messenger RNA-based vaccines, the technology that Moderna and Pfizer used to develop their COVID-19 vaccines. It allows vaccines to be designed and manufactured more quickly than traditional approaches. HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has openly criticized COVID-19 shots, calling the vaccine "the deadliest vaccine ever made." In 2021, Kennedy filed a petition demanding the Food and Drug Administration put the shots from the market and refrain from approving any other COVID vaccine in the future.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hhs-weighs-rescinding-moderna-bird-203	2025/02/28
Harsh flu season has health officials worried about brain complications in children	Health- Long term	This year's harsh flu season – the most intense in 15 years – has federal health officials trying to understand if it sparked an increase in a rare but life-threatening brain complication in children. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 18,000 people have died from the flu so far this winter, including 86 children. Thursday, the CDC reported at least nine of those children experienced brain complications, and it has asked state health departments to help investigate if there are more such cases.	https://apnews.com/article/flu-vaccine-shots-kids-brain-complication-af	2025/02/28
HPV vaccine credited for precancerous lesions rate plunge among young women	Health- Vaccines	The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is having a huge impact on cervical cancer prevention among young women, a U.S. government report published Thursday suggests. The CDC report showing rates of precancerous lesions among women aged 20-24 screened for cervical cancer from 2008-2022 fell by about 80% comes days after Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who once called the HPV vaccine "stagnant and defective," was confirmed as health and human services secretary.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/28/hpv-vaccine-cervical-cancer-prevent	2025/02/28
Jeff Bezos Turns Washington Post Full MAGA to Fury of Reporters	Information Backlog	"Massive encroachment by Jeff Bezos into The Washington Post's opinion section today—makes clear dissenting views will not be published or tolerated there," Jeff Stein, the paper's chief economic correspondent, wrote on X. "I still have not felt encroachment on my journalism on the news side of coverage, but if Bezos tries interfering with the news side I will be getting immediately and letting you know."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/jeff-bezos-turns-washington-post-152938	2025/02/28
"Uncomfortable" to hear Trump take Russia's side, EU foreign policy chief	International Relations	European Union foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas told Axios in an interview on Thursday that she felt "uncomfortable" hearing President Trump and other senior U.S. officials in recent weeks "repeating Russian narratives and taking points" about the war in Ukraine. The former Estonian prime minister has the seemingly impossible job of managing the EU's relationship with Trump's Washington. She received an ominous signal on shortly after arriving in D. C. on Tuesday, when Secretary of State Marco Rubio canceled their meeting planning for the next morning.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/28/eu-ukraine-russia-kaja-kallas-intervi	2025/02/28
4 thoughts on Trump's aggression toward Europe from EU's foreign policy chief	International Relations	"Europe wants to understand why Trump is treating them this way." - European NATO allies supported the U.S. with troops on the ground after 9/11. - A proposed Ukraine minerals deal doesn't have clear security guarantees. - Russia and others are a threat to the U.S.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/27/news-1-5308427/trump-europe-ukraine-1	2025/02/28
Under pressure from Trump, Mexico extradites cartel kingpins	International Retaliators		https://www.yahoo.com/news/under-pressure-trump-mexico-extradites-	2025/02/28
Fact Check: Yee, Meme Accurately Describes Various Translations of 'MAGA'	MAGA bullsh!t	Snapes translated "magi" into the languages listed on the meme above using Google Translate, which presents the possibility of error and may not always be accurate. Even so, the translations indicated that most of these translations were accurate. Other online tools were also used to support the translations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fact-check-yee-meme-accurately-14000	2025/02/28
Former defense chiefs call for congressional hearings on Trump's firing of senior military leaders	Military	Five former secretaries of defense are calling on Congress to hold immediate hearings on President Donald Trump's recent firings of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and several other senior military leaders, according to a letter obtained by The Associated Press. The five men — who represented Republican and Democratic administrations over the past three decades — said the dismissals were alarming, raised "troubling questions about the administration's desire to politicize the military" and removed legal constraints on the president's power.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/former-defense-chiefs-call-congressional	2025/02/28
Pam Bondi Becomes Bipartisan Laughstock After Epstein Document Dump Flop	Political Cesspool	During an appearance on Fox News Wednesday, Bondi told host Jeane Walters that "some Epstein information" including flight logs and names would be released by her office the next day which she guaranteed would "make you sick." The move was a key pillar in the Trump administration's broader goal of thinning the glass between the public and the government in pursuit of transparency. But the information released by the Justice Department Thursday seemed to be entirely comprised of information that had already been made public over the past decade as a result of multiple cases against Epstein and those in his inner circle.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pam-bondi-becomes-bipartisan-laughin	2025/02/28
GOP Rick Rolfs People Looking for Epstein Files, You Read That Right.	Political Cesspool	On the heels of a political stunt in which the Trump administration gifted large binders labeled "The Epstein Files: Phase One" to a cadre of MAGA influencers, Republicans in office suddenly decided it would be kookier to use the abhorrent sex trafficking case to make a quick buck. "BREAKING: EPSTEIN FILES RELEASED," the official X account for the House Judiciary GOP posted alongside a shortened URL that actually directed users to Rick Adley's music video for "Never Gonna Give You Up."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-rick-rolfs-people-looking-221148274	2025/02/28
Moderate Republicans Who Complained About Medicaid Cuts Voted To Advance Them Anyway	Political Cesspool	All of the moderate House Republicans who complained last week about Medicaid cuts in the House Republican budget voted for the budget anyway on Tuesday. If they had balked at the budget, the moderates could easily have blocked it: their capitation helped House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) and President Donald Trump make significant progress on what could become the major domestic policy achievement of Trump's second term.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/moderate-republicans-complained-medicaid-cuts-voted-to-advance-them-anyway	2025/02/28
Republicans block measure condemning Trump administration vote on UN Russia resolution	Political Cesspool	The budget resolution calls for \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts, with the foregone revenue partially replaced by spending cuts, including to programs like Medicaid, food assistance and Pell grants. The resolution itself doesn't make the cuts, however. Instead, it tells congressional committees to come up with specific dollar amounts in savings from programs under their jurisdiction.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/moderate-republicans-complained-medicaid-cuts-voted-to-advance-them-anyway	2025/02/28
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez tells NPR: 'Everything feels increasingly like a scam'	Politics- Scams	Senate Republicans on Thursday objected to an effort by Democrats to condemn the Trump administration's decision to vote against a United Nations resolution laying blame for the war in Ukraine at the feet of Russia. Sen. Ruben Gallego (D-Ariz.) attempted to pass the resolution through the upper chamber via unanimous consent to take direct aim at the U.S.'s vote on Monday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-block-measure-condemning-trump-administration-vote-on-un-russia-resolution	2025/02/28
Iowa Legislature passes bill removing civil rights protections for transgender Iowans	Rainbow threats	I mean it the FA? No. To the NIH? No, she said. "I actually don't want someone taking a wrecking ball to someone's chemotherapy to just see what happens." Iowa Republican lawmakers passed a bill Thursday afternoon to remove state civil rights protections for transgender Iowans, sending it to Gov. Kim Reynolds' desk for her signature after hundreds of people protested at the Iowa Capitol.	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/28/ga-1-5308405/alexandria-ocasio-cortez	2025/02/28
Pentagon directs removal of trans service members from military	Rainbow threats	The bill would remove gender identity from the Iowa Civil Rights Act, which provides protection from discrimination in housing, education, employment, wages, public accommodations and credit practices. Republicans fast-tracked the bill this week after introducing it last Thursday, saying it's needed to ensure other state laws targeting transgender Iowans are not struck down by the courts. The Pentagon has directed that service members and recruits with gender dysphoria be separated from the U.S. military in accordance with an executive order issued a month ago by President Trump. The Pentagon's policy directive calls for establishing procedures to identify service members with gender dysphoria or a history of it within 30 days to "begin separation actions." It said that exceptions could be made on a case-by-case basis if the government deems an "interest in accessing the applicant that directly supports warfighting capabilities" or if a service member demonstrates 38 consecutive months of "stability" in their sex "without clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning."	https://www.npr.org/2025/02/27/ga-1-53057/transgender-soldiers-military	2025/02/28

		A Republican in Oklahoma has spoken out against a law banning the corporal punishment of disabled children, saying it violates scripture. ... Jett, 50, described the law banning the beating of disabled children as "a top down socialist aligned ideological, unilateral divorce between parents' ability to collaborate with their local schools to establish a disciplined regimen."			
Republican lawmaker cites scripture in opposition to bill outlawing the hitting of disabled children Meta apologizes over flood of gore, violence and dead bodies on Instagram	Separation of church and state Technology	Mark Zuckerberg's Meta has apologized after Instagram users were subjected to a flood of violence, gore, animal abuse and dead bodies on their Reels feed. Instead, with the transactional nature of President Trump, American foreign policy has been reoriented to one that downplays alliances and is open for business with any country – depending on what's in it for the United States in the short run.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ghana-j-20250228 https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/feb/28/meta-apologies	2025/02/28 2025/02/28	
1 thing that upended years of U.S. foreign policy — and one big Trump developments	Trump Bullshit	Summary The Trump administration has launched a controversial online portal allowing citizens to report diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) practices in public schools, escalating an aggressive campaign to purge those initiatives from American education.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/28/us-s1-5310647/trump-week-ukraine-ru	2025/02/28	
Trump administration launches portal for reporting DEI in public schools	Trump Bullshit	More than a year ago, two officers from the California department of fish and wildlife (CDFW) were flying back to northern California from San Diego, dressed in plain clothes, and struck up a conversation with a couple seated nearby who were discussing hunting. During the conversation, the couple admitted they were carrying a sea turtle skull from the east coast in their luggage. They also mentioned illegally hunting a mountain lion, a specially protected species in California, and told the officers about a relative's "trophy run" full of taxidermized mountain lions, a wolfvine and other animals.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/27/california-animal-tra	2025/02/28	
California couple convicted after plane chat leads to animal trafficking bust Meet Bernd das Brot, a depressed German loaf of bread that's spent 28 years as a TV cult classic	Weird World Weird World	Cuba's infrastructure crisis is a well-known fact, with around 70% of the country's roads deemed in "regular" or "poor" condition, but some streets are in such a bad state that they can hardly be considered functional. For example, a street in the El Centro district of Havana, has become famous for having a veritable banana plantation square in the middle of it. The large pothole housing this urban oddity began as a broken water pipe that was eventually fixed by the local authorities three years ago. The asphalt, however, was never replaced, and at one point, plants began taking root in the massive pothole. One of these plants was a banana tree which gradually turned into a small plantation that residents tend to religiously.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/27/california-animal-tra https://nnews.com/articles/bernd-das-brot-germany-582387aa7e741b5	2025/02/28 2025/02/28	
Unfixed Pothole on Cuban Street Turns into Urban Banana Plantation	Weird world	A park in Nagasaki, Japan, has been officially named the world's smallest park, covering an area of just 2 1/2 square feet.	https://www.odditycentral.com/travel/unfixed-pothole-on-cuban-street-1	2025/02/28	
Japanese park covering just 2 1/2 square feet is officially world's smallest	Weird world	West Hartford Animal Control said on social media that police responded Wednesday night when a large lizard was spotted wandering loose in the Westmorland Drive area.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/28/japan-Guinness-World-Record-lizard/	2025/02/28	
Police roundup lose Iguana in Connecticut	Weird world	Authorities in Texas said a deputy was called out to wrangle a kangaroo seen hopping loose while wearing a red jacket. The Fayette County Sheriff's Office said the fashionable marsupial was spotted wandering loose in the area of Farns Loh Road and Farm to Market 609 on Thursday.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/28/loose-kangaroo-Fayette-C	2025/02/28	
Deputy wrangles loose kangaroo in Texas	Weird world	A Massachusetts police department said a reported bear sighting in the city was most likely something else entirely: a raccoon.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/27/Avon-Massachusetts-bear/	2025/02/28	
Mass. police determine reported bear was most likely raccoon	Weird world	The video quickly racked up millions of views, and garnered multiple comments and response videos from fellow influencers describing the \$19 strawberry as "diabolical," "a new low" and a potential "social experiment to see what some people will spend on."	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/27/TikTok-expensive-strawb	2025/02/28	
Single strawberry raises controversy over \$19 price tag	Weird world	An Idaho man with multiple Guinness World Records titles for juggling brought his muscles into the mix by involving a 10-pound bowling ball – and a balance board. David Rush, who holds the most concurrent Guinness World Records titles, put his strength and coordination to the ultimate test when he attempted the record for the most juggling catches of a bowling ball and two balls on a balance board in one minute.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/02/25/Guinness-World-Records-j	2025/02/28	
Man breaks juggling world record with a bowling ball, balance board	Weird world	We haven't found any pattern behind this yet. The stickers were put both on decades-old gravestones and very new graves that so far only have a wooden cross, police spokesperson Christian Dreier said.	https://news.sky.com/story/mysterious-or-code-stickers-appear-on-mon	2025/02/28	
Mysterious QR code stickers appear on more than 1,000 graves in Munich	Weird world	A bad-tempered ice hockey game between the United States and Canada on Saturday kicked off with three fights in the first nine seconds.	https://news.sky.com/story/ice-hockey-game-between-usa-and-canada	2025/02/28	
Ice hockey game between USA and Canada has three fights in first nine seconds	Weird world	A Michigan court took down a large chunk of an \$88,550 verdict for a Detroit area organic gardener whose beloved clover lawn was destroyed by a man spraying herbicide — at the wrong address. Marilyn Mack reported depression, anxiety and random crying after what happened at her Oak Park home in 2020. The appeals court upheld a jury award of \$22,400 for harm to the property but erased an additional \$66,150 for noneconomic damages.	https://wtop.com/honding-row/2025/02/michigan-court-upholds-part-of	2025/02/28	
Michigan court uproots part of verdict in favor of gardener whose organic lawn was killed	Weird world	Seaturry's lawsuit does not challenge the U.S. government's authority to detain migrants on U.S. soil, or to deport them directly to their home country or another country allowed under immigration law. Instead, the American Civil Liberties Union and its partner civil rights groups – the Center for Constitutional Rights, International Refugee Assistance Project, and ACLU of the District of Columbia – argue that it is illegal for the U.S. to first send those migrants to Guantánamo.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/01/us-s1-51382/us-ice-trump-migrants-g	2025/03/03	
ACLU and other advocates sue to block migrants from being sent to Guantánamo Bay	Borders and Immigration	Immigration customs are now making more arrests per day on average than they did under President Biden. Yet the latest data from the Department of Homeland Security shows that ICE arrests still have not kept up with the goals set by Trump administration officials. But immigration experts say Noem's math is misleading because she's comparing total ICE arrests under the current administration with a smaller subset of arrests under another. "She's comparing apples to coconuts" in order to exaggerate the difference in arrests numbers, said Jason Houder, a former chief of staff at ICE during the Biden administration. "The ICE makes a total of more than 113,000 arrests last year. The vast majority were "quasidial" arrests, meaning the target was already in the custody of state or local officials. A far smaller number of the arrests that ICE makes are considered "at large."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/01/us-s1-5312059/immigration-ice-arrests	2025/03/03	
ICE is making more arrests, but critics say some claims don't add up	Borders and Immigration	An additional 2,500 to 3,000 troops have been ordered to the U.S.-Mexico border by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, the latest in President Trump's efforts to prevent illegal crossings.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/01/us-s1-5314388/more-border-troops-me	2025/03/03	
Up to 1,000 more U.S. troops are ordered to the border with Mexico	Borders and Immigration	A nativist conference featuring speakers including self-described eugenacists and promoters of race science, apparently including the man behind a previously pseudonymous race science influencer account, and the founder of a startup offering AI screening for IVF embryos, will be held at a hotel and conference venue operated by the public University of Texas, Austin.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/03/nativist-conference-a	2025/03/03	
US nativist conference to host race-science promoters and eugenacists	Ceaspool	President Trump's online base is splintering over the administrator's handling of two major news stories related to sex trafficking, which converged this week in dramatic fashion. The Justice Department released 200 pages of documents mostly consisting of recycled Epstein fight logs and contact information that had long been in the public domain. The online reaction was furious: Prominent Trump supporters accused Bondi and the influencers of slapping a PR stunt and failing to release any new information. To make matters worse, the GOP-controlled House Judiciary Committee posted a link on X purporting to hold the "Epstein files." It instead redirected users to a video of Rick Astley singing "Never Gonna Give You Up" — a "Rickroll" prank from the 2000s. ... Backlash against Trump is brewing among segments of his base that are not traditionally political — but have an intense interest in the Tale and Epstein sagas. "If I'm gonna be fair these questions needs to be asked today. Why is the release of the Epstein list always a shit show?" tweeted Barstool Sports founder Dave Portnoy. "What's the point of booting out illegals and criminals while somehow becoming a safe haven for the Tale brothers?"	https://www.axes.com/2025/03/01/trump-maga-epstein-files-andrew-ta	2025/03/03	
MAGA world erupts over Andrew Tate release, Epstein stunt	Ceaspool-MAGA	More than half of all Americans believe that President Donald Trump will attempt to go for a third term, according to a new poll. Survey participants were asked if they think Trump "will attempt to serve a third term" — 21 percent said "definitely" and 31 percent said "probably."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-t-20250303	2025/03/03	
More than half of Americans believe Trump will try for a third term, pollsters warn	Constitutional Crisis	The U.S. Treasury Department said on Sunday it would not enforce an anti-money laundering law that obliges millions of business entities to disclose the identities of their real beneficial owners.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/us-treasury-department-says-not-enfor	2025/03/03	
US Treasury Department says it will not enforce anti-money laundering law	Corruption	In its plea (USDA said it would spend up to half a billion dollars boosting bio-safety preparations at egg farms. Another \$400 million will go to speed the replacement of lost birds, although it can take six months to a year to raise a productive laying hen. The plan also calls for spending \$100 million to explore ways to temporarily boost the supply of imported eggs, and possibly to vaccinate domestic chickens. Vaccination efforts can pose a challenge, as it can make the exportation of chickens riskier for most meat-eating.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/02/28/us-s1-512712/egg-prices-usda-bird-flu	2025/03/03	
USDA unveils a \$1 billion plan to address the egg crisis	Economy-Eggs	The Trump administration will investigate whether to slap tariffs on lumber imports on the grounds of national security, raising the risk of higher costs for the construction industry and homeowners. It is the latest economically critical input — including steel, aluminum and copper — to get swept up into President Trump's trade war in an effort to boost domestic industry.	https://www.axes.com/2025/03/01/trump-tariffs-lumber-homes	2025/03/03	
Trump lumber tariff threat is latest headache for homeowners	Economy-Tariffs	Donald Trump's commerce secretary, Howard Lutnick, said on Sunday that US tariffs on Canada and Mexico will go into effect on Tuesday, but the president would determine whether to stick with the planned 25% level. "That is a fluid situation," Lutnick told the Fox News program Sunday Morning Futures. "There are going to be tariffs on Tuesday on Mexico and Canada. Exactly what they are, we're going to leave that for the president and his team to negotiate." The battle over a single state Supreme Court seat in Wisconsin is on track to be among the most expensive judicial races in history, fueled by donations from big fundraising names such as Elon Musk and George Soros. ... Although technically nonpartisan, the Wisconsin race — between Brad Schimel, a judge in Waukesha County and former GOP attorney general, and Susan Crawford, a Dane County judge — has become a proxy for national party figures seeking to exert their influence in a high-profile, off-year election. Roughly \$30 million already has been spent on the race, which appears on pace to break — or at least rival — the record-breaking \$50 million that was spent on the state's Supreme Court race in 2023. If Schimel wins, the seven-member court will have a conservative majority until at least 2028. If Crawford wins, the court will have a liberal majority until at least 2028. Liberals have held the majority on the court since 2023.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/02/us-tariffs-canada-r https://www.axes.com/2025/03/02/wisconsin-state-supreme-court-race	2025/03/03 2025/03/03	
US tariffs on Canada and Mexico coming Tuesday but may not be 25%, commerce chief says	Economy-Tariffs	A decision by regulators to extend the life of two of the oldest reactors in the US decades beyond their original permits has elevated the risk of a nuclear disaster in heavily populated south Florida, environmental groups are warning. The Miami Waterkeeper says the ageing Turkey Point facility in south Miami-Dade county, which was built in 1967 and generates power for a metropolitan area covering about 3 million people, is especially vulnerable to flooding and excessive heat from the climate emergency, in part because of its low-lying position and coastal exposure to a major hurricane.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ageing-nuclear-plant-florida-risk-1604043	2025/03/03	
Ageing nuclear plant in Florida at risk from climate crisis, advocates warn	Energy	The world's oceans experienced three-and-a-half times as many marine heatwave days last year and in 2023 compared with any other year on record, a study has found. The sustained spike in ocean temperatures could lives and caused billions of dollars in storm damage, increased whale and dolphin strandings risks, harmed commercial fishing and sparked a global coral bleaching, according to the paper published on Friday in Nature Climate Change.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/feb/28/surge-in-marine	2025/03/03	
Surge in marine heatwaves costs lives and billions in storm damage - study	Environment-Oceans	Hundreds of employees were terminated — potentially as many as 800, sources close to the agency said. Most divisions of the agency, which employs scientists and specialists in weather, oceans, biodiversity, climate and other research and planetary monitoring fields, were affected. The full extent of the damage wrought by the cuts is still coming into focus, but cracks are already starting to form. Scientists and politicians are sounding the alarm about its potential consequences on everything from keeping people safe to the economy. "Ships will not be able to safely navigate through our waterways. Farmers will not have the data they need to manage their crops. NOAA's workforce keeps people alive and provides communities with the scientific support both to protect their families and grow their businesses," Sen. Maria Cantwell, a Washington Democrat, said in a statement. "This action is a direct hit to our economy, because NOAA's specialized workforce provides products and services that support more than a third of the nation's GDP."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/americans-economy-suffer-impact-noaa-1	2025/03/03	
How Americans will feel the impact of Trump's weather forecasting layoffs	Environment-weather				

		Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency has made more inflated savings claims on its digital "wall of receipts." — The White House has not responded to multiple requests over the last two weeks to explain the DOGE savings process, why changes have been made to the data, or if they are concerned about an official government data source sharing inaccurate information. DOGE's savings page launched with a topline claim of \$55 billion saved, with "receipts" that accounted for about \$16 billion in contract cancellations. But an NPR review found the documented savings were greatly overstated, including with an apparent \$8 billion typo, the misleading inclusion of procurement methods that act as lines of credit and billions of dollars in contracts that were not actually terminated. By matching DOGE's claims with federal contract data, that NPR analysis found estimated savings of only about \$2 billion — a fraction of what the receipts claimed or the higher, unverifiable claim of \$55 billion overall. In Tuesday's update, DOGE's new grand total is \$65 billion saved. It's unclear how that tally was achieved. The site added almost 1,200 new "receipts" that claim to show another \$4 billion in savings. But when NPR matched the claims to federal contracting data, the savings were essentially unchanged from the initial analysis, now about \$2.3 billion. Elon Musk is trying again on his demand that every federal worker justify their employment weekly. And again, the hastily executed initiative is sowing confusion and resistance throughout the workforce, with many agency heads openly defying it. NASA acting administrator Janet Petro wrote Friday night to staff warning them that "government-wide communications may reach you before we receive clear implementation guidance," according to a copy of her message reviewed by The Washington Post. If workers receive another such communication over the weekend, they should ignore it, Petro wrote. According to Rolling Stone, employees with the Federal Aviation Administration were told on Friday to "begin firing tens of millions of dollars for a Starlink deal," after The Washington Post reported that the FAA may cancel its \$2.4 billion contract with SpaceX to overhaul the U.S.'s airspace management systems and go with Elon Musk's company instead. Whether the FAA has actually dropped its Verizon deal in favor of Starlink has yet to be confirmed publicly. An Elon Musk ally inside the U.S. government said in a late night email going into Saturday that the office behind a popular free online tax filing option would be shuttered — and its employees would be let go. The 18F office within the General Services Administration (GSA) created the IRS Direct File program that allows for free online tax filings. It has been a frequent target of Musk, and one of the billionaire businessman's close associates who holds a key position in the GSA informed staffers that the agency would close 18F in an email to staffers that arrived around 1am on Saturday morning. A controversial budget maneuver is gaining steam on Capitol Hill that could help make Donald Trump's first-term tax cuts permanent while also making room for additional tax break pledges he made on the campaign trail. But it would push up the national debt by trillions of additional dollars beyond what's already planned. The idea is to essentially make the cost of extending the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act free, at least for accounting purposes. That can be done by assessing changes using a so-called current policy baseline, a lot of Washington arcane with trillions in potential consequences. Federal workers reportedly got another email Friday night asking them to document their weekly activities — though so far this time, there's been no explicit threat from Elon Musk they lose their jobs if they don't reply. The White House later clarified that responses were actually entirely voluntary, and many federal agencies told their employees not to answer. About half the federal workforce ultimately responded. Unions representing large chunks of that workforce sued, alleging the emails were illegal and that the Office of Personnel Management didn't have the authority to fire anyone who didn't answer. The couple has worked in Lake Clark for about 10 years. She's in logistics, he's a biological science technician. They were both recently promoted. Those promotions put them into probationary status in their new positions. The Trump administration has fired tens of thousands of federal workers with "probationary" status, which usually means newer workers, and makes them easier to let go. But those workers still have some rights and protections, and many say the administration has used false pretenses to fire them. "The Trump administration laying off National Weather Service forecasters makes us less safe," said Governor Beshear. "We've had 13 federally declared disasters since I've been governor. This last one took the lives of 23 people. It would have taken the lives of so many more but the National Weather Service predicted it. We had over a week to get boat crews out. They made a thousand rescues in 24 hours. Without the National Weather Service, I would not have happened." Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said Sunday that government spending could be separated from gross domestic product reports in response to questions about whether the spending cuts pushed by Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency could possibly cause an economic downturn. "You know, that governments historically have messed with GDP," Lutnick said on Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures." "They count government spending as part of GDP. So I'm going to separate those two and make it transparent." Doing so could potentially complicate or distort a fundamental measure of the U.S. economy's health. Government spending is traditionally included in the GDP because changes in taxes, spending, deficits and regulations by the government can impact the path of overall growth. GDP reports already include extensive details on government spending, offering a level of transparency for economists. Those efforts will be set back by the U.S. Forest Service's decision in mid-February to terminate a \$75 million grant to the Arbor Day Foundation, which was working to plant trees in neighborhoods that might not otherwise be able to afford them. The program is the latest victim of a drive by President Donald Trump's administration against environmental justice initiatives. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has ordered U.S. Cyber Command to halt offensive operations against Russia, according to a current official and two former officials briefed on the secret instructions. The move is apparently part of a broader effort to draw President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia into talks on Ukraine and a new relationship with the United States. Mr. Hegseth's instructions, part of a larger re-evaluation of all operations against Russia, have not been publicly explained. But they were issued before President Trump's public blowup in the Oval Office with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine on Friday. The Trump administration has ordered employees who telework at the Internal Revenue Service to return to office this month, signaling it intends to ignore protections in the agency's union contract. The Treasury Department, which includes the IRS, issued a memo Friday saying it would "cancel" all regular telework agreements on March 7 for people who live within 50 miles of an office. They would be expected to report to work on March 10. Many Treasury workers have remote-work protections in their collective bargaining agreement. But the Treasury directive will require "100%" in-person work, "including members of a bargaining unit." The lights at the NIH are on; staff are at their desks. But since late January, the agency has issued only a fraction of its usual awards—many in haphazard spurts, as officials rushed grants through the pipeline in whatever limited windows they could manage. As of this week, some of the agency's 27 institutes and centers are still issuing no new grants at all, one NIH official told me. Grant-management officers, who sign their name to awards, are too afraid, the official said, that violating the president's wishes will mean losing their livelihood. (Most of the officials I spoke with requested anonymity, out of fear for their job at the agency, or—for those who have left—further professional consequences.) The role of acting director had instead gone to Memoli, who had no experience overseeing awards of external grants or running a large agency. But, officials said, Memoli had expressed beliefs that seemed to align with the administration's. In 2021, he had called COVID vaccine mandates "extraordinarily problematic" in an email to Anthony Fauci (then director of the NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) and reportedly refused the shot himself last spring. Jay Bhattacharya, Donald Trump's nominee to lead the NIH, praised Memoli on social media as "a brave man who stood up when it was hard." And last year, Memoli had been deemed noncompliant with an internal review, two officials said, after he submitted a DEI statement calling the term "offensive and demeaning." Some 10,000 contracts with the U.S. Agency for International Development were terminated on Wednesday, in letters sent to nongovernmental organizations across the globe. The letters said that the programs were being defunded "for convenience and the interests of the U.S. government," according to a person with knowledge of the content who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly on the issue. "The decision to vaccinate is a personal one," he continued. "Vaccines not only protect individual children from measles, but also contribute to community immunity, protecting those who are unable to be vaccinated due to medical reasons." He added: "Good nutrition remains a best defense against most chronic and infectious illnesses." "The measles outbreak in Texas is a call to action for all of us to reaffirm our commitment to public health," he said, adding, "Under my leadership, HHS is and will always be committed to radical transparency to regain the public's trust in its health agencies." The West Texas measles outbreak grew again on Friday, with state health officials now reporting 146 cases of the infectious virus. Hospitalizations were up by two, rising from 18 to 20. Of the 146 cases, 70 are children and teens between the ages of five and 17 years old. And, 46 are four years old and younger. Whereas happiness was once considered to follow a U-shape – with a relatively carefree youth, a tougher middle age and a more comfortable later life – the experts in wellbeing say our satisfaction now rises steadily with age instead. "The U-shape in wellbeing by age that used to exist in these countries is now gone, replaced by a crisis in wellbeing among the young," according to the paper published by the US National Bureau of Economic Research. Three days after he sent a personal invitation to Donald Trump for an unprecedented second state visit to the UK as part of a charm offensive, the king was again deployed by his 10 on the international diplomatic front. Zelenskyy arrived at Sandringham House by helicopter from London shortly before 5.30pm and his meeting with the king lasted just under an hour, including refreshments. Sources indicated the president was warmly received. Privately, Trump sees Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as a pro-Biden, ungrateful lightweight destined to lose to Russia. And Trump advisers believe Zelenskyy sees Trump as a pro-Putin, delusional fool destined to make him lose to Russia. Israel has agreed to a new U.S. proposal to extend the first phase of the ceasefire in Gaza in exchange for the release of about half of the remaining hostages — both living and dead — but Hamas has so far refused to accept it, the Prime Minister's Office claimed in a statement. Hamas has in recent days said the original agreement needs to be implemented. A parade of European leaders issued statements of solidarity with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy after his stunning confrontation with President Trump in the Oval Office on Friday. Trump has plunged the U.S. into a state of unprecedented isolation on the world stage. Ukraine's fate is deeply uncertain, as the country is now at risk of losing its most important partner in the three-year fight against Russia's invasion. Speaker Mike Johnson on Sunday said that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy might need to resign to bring peace to his country following a contentious meeting between Zelenskyy, President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance on Friday. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on Saturday he had signed a declaration to expedite delivery of approximately \$4 billion in military assistance to Israel. The Trump administration, which took office on January 20, has approved nearly \$12 billion in major foreign military sales to Israel, Rubio said in a statement, adding that it "will continue to use all available tools to fulfill America's long-standing commitment to Israel's security, including means to counter security threats."		
DOGE's savings page fixed old mistakes — and added new ones	Fuck that guy	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/07/twp-st-5312853/doqe-savings-receipts-4	2025/03/03	
Fresh Musk emails to workers lead to renewed chaos at federal agencies	Fuck that guy	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fresh-musk-emails-workers-lead-22477024	2025/03/03	
FAA reportedly ordered staff to find millions of dollars to fund Starlink deal	Fuck that guy	https://www.yahoo.com/tech/aa-reportedly-ordered-staff-to-find-millio	2025/03/03	
Email shows that Musk ally is moving to close office, behind free tax filing program at IRS	Fuck that guy	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/01/musk-close-irs-free	2025/03/03	
The accounting maneuver that could make the cost of extending Trump's tax cuts look like zero	Government Funding	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/the-accounting-maneuver-that-could-nr	2025/03/03	
Federal workers get another "what did you do" email, without Musk threat	Government Jobs	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/01/musk-doge-federal-workers-email	2025/03/03	
These National Park workers say a Trump agency fired them illegally. A judge agrees	Government Jobs	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/01/twp-st-1.50925/national-park-service-firing	2025/03/03	
Gov. Andy Beshear responds to National Weather Service layoffs	Government Jobs	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gov-andy-beshear-responds-national-030	2025/03/03	
The Trump administration may exclude government spending from GDP, obscuring the impact of DOGE cuts	Government spending	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-may-exclude-gov	2025/03/03	
\$75 million was awarded to plant trees in places that badly need them. In anti-DEI push, that's over	Government-DEI	https://nprnews.com/story/2025/03/01/arbor-day-grants-out-trump-head-shad	2025/03/03	
Hegseth Orders Pentagon to Stop Offensive Cyberoperations Against Russia	Government-DOO	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/02/us/politics/hegseth-cyber-russia-1	2025/03/03	
Trump Administration Orders IRS Workers Back To Office, Ignoring Union Contract	Government-IRS	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-orders-irs-workers-1	2025/03/03	
Inside the Collapse at the NIH	Government-NIH	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wide-collapse-nih-154341572.html	2025/03/03	
USAID cuts are already hitting countries around the world. Here are 20 projects that have closed	Government-USAID	https://www.yahoo.com/news/usaaid-cuts-already-hitting-countries-1368	2025/03/03	
RFK Jr says Texas measles outbreak a 'call to action'	Health-measles	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-says-texas-measles-020005077.1a	2025/03/03	
Texas measles outbreak grows to nearly 150 cases as more patients are hospitalized	Health-measles	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/measles-outbreak-texas-g	2025/03/03	
Mental health crisis 'means youth is no longer one of the happiest times of life'	Health- Mental health	https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/mar/03/youth-mental-health	2025/03/03	
King Charles meets Zelenskyy after president attends summit in London	International Relations	https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2025/mar/02/king-charles-meets	2025/03/03	
"Three strikes": Inside the Trump-Vance fury with Zelenskyy	International Relations	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/01/trump-vance-zelenskyy-ukraine-oval-	2025/03/03	
Israel agrees to U.S. plan for Gaza ceasefire, extension and claims Hamas refuses	International Relations	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/02/israel-gaza-ceasefire-us-proposal-4	2025/03/03	
"The free world needs a new leader": Allies defend Zelenskyy after Trump debacle	International Relations	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/28/trump-zelenskyy-ukraine-europe-184	2025/03/03	
Johnson says Zelenskyy may need to resign	International Relations	https://www.yahoo.com/news/Johnson-says-zelenskyy-may-resign-1544	2025/03/03	
Rubio signs declaration to expedite delivery of \$4 billion in military aid to Israel	International-Israel	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rubio-signs-declaration-expedite-deliver	2025/03/03	

		Elon Musk shared his support for the US leaving NATO and the UN on Saturday night and was joined in the cause by Uliah Sin. Mike Lee. ... Lee, who has criticized NATO for quite some time, has said that the alliance is a "great deal for Europe" but a "raw deal for America." He has suggested that US resources are being used to defend Europe while doing little to protect America.			
US senator joins Elon Musk in calling for withdrawal from NATO	International-Nato	Musk's statement comes as the Trump administration is making clear that it may turn its back on its traditional allies. That includes America's future in NATO. ... As global powers struggle to bring an end to the fighting, the future of those sanctions will be critical to the postwar landscape, said Philip Luck, who served as the State Department's deputy chief economist in the Biden administration and is now director of the CIBS Economics Program. "It is vital to recognize the profound impact of these sanctions—not only as evidence of the effectiveness but also as a stark reminder that the Russian economy of three years ago no longer exists," he wrote Sunday in a commentary for CNBC.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-senator-joins-elon-musk-220643748.html	2025/03/03	
Russia's old economy is gone, and its wartime transformation has the military primed for a resurgence, former State Dept. official warns	International-Russia	I respect president Trump and the American people, but we have to be very honest and direct to understand each other. Zelensky said when asked whether he regrets the exchange with Trump and Vance. ... The last time America's national parks were impacted by the Trump administration, the effects were so devastating experts said it would take as many as 300 years to recover. In 2019, a federal government shutdown lasted 35 days. It resulted in massively destructive impacts to America's national parks, including closures and vandalism, as parks were left without rangers. The iconic trees at California's Joshua Tree National Park were damaged and chopped down as guests ran wild. Conservationists said that recovery could take centuries.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/russia-its-old-economy-gone-wartime-08030	2025/03/03	
Zelensky says he doesn't think he did anything wrong after public spat with Trump	International-Ukraine	With the recent seasonal hiring freeze and unceremonious layoffs at the agency during President Donald Trump's second term, parks leaders say similar situations could happen again. ... Donald Trump's "border czar," Tom Homan, and far-right media personality Tucker Carlson talked about a bizarre range of extremist and racist conspiracy theories in an interview just weeks before Homan took office and was trusted with implementing a wide-ranging crackdown on migrants. ... On immigration policy, Homan expressed a desire to get the Department of Defense to assist with "intelligence" and "targeting" domestically and took the view that immigration and Border Enforcement (ICE) should arrest "a mayor or a governor" that "harbored" immigrants in sanctuary cities.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/01/trump-zelensky-spat-fox-interview	2025/03/03	
In Trump's 1.0 his decisions left an impact on National Parks that would be felt for centuries. He just did it again	National Parks	More than 350 languages are spoken in the "melting pot" of the U.S., but this is the first time the U.S. federal government has declared the country to have a single official language. About 22% of people in the U.S. speak a language other than English at home, according to the Census Bureau.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/national-parks-trump-1100041785.html	2025/03/03	
'They worship death': Trump 'border czar' reveals extremist views in interview	Political-Cesspool	While Texas grapples with its worst measles outbreak in decades, its Republican lieutenant governor moved for the state's restaurants and groceries to change the name of the "New York strip" steak cut to the "Texas strip" in what he evidently hopes is a blow to liberals. ... Nearly 30% of parents of kids ages 0-8 say their children have used AI for learning, according to new research from Common Sense Media. ... More than half (61%) of parents of kids ages 0-8 said their kids' use of AI had no impact on their critical thinking skills. 80% said there was no impact on their child's well-being. 20% said the impact on their child's creativity was "mostly positive."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/02/tom-homan-tucker	2025/03/03	
Texas lieutenant governor moves to rename 'New York strip' steak to 'Texas strip'	Political-Cesspool	The White House is reportedly dropping Russia from its list of threats to cybersecurity and is instead honing in on China, part of the Trump administration's apparent broader effort to curry favor with the Kremlin and push for a peace deal that would end the country's ongoing war in Ukraine. According to The Guardian, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has received a new list of directives that largely omit Russia as a threat to monitor. Part of the Department of Homeland Security, CISA monitors cyber threats made to the United States. For years, Donald Trump has been obsessed with presidential power, revenge against his enemies — and winning the Nobel Peace Prize. ... Talk of the prize is increasingly shaping how administration officials talk about the president at a time when he's seeking to end the fighting in Ukraine and Gaza.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/03/texas-new-york-strip	2025/03/03	
Study zeroes in on AI's youngest users	Technology-AI	President Trump on Saturday issued an executive order declaring English the official language of the United States. More than 350 languages are spoken in the "melting pot" of the U.S., but this is the first time the U.S. federal government has declared the country to have a single official language. About 22% of people in the U.S. speak a language other than English at home, according to the Census Bureau.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/01/ai-kids-critical-thinking	2025/03/03	
'Putin is on the Inside': Shock as U.S. Caves to Russia in Cybersecurity Fight	Technology-Cybersecurity	Classified documents — the final remnants of former special counsel Jack Smith's since-dismissed federal case against President Trump — have been turned over to the president, he said. Democratic lawmakers, united in their fury over DOGE, are diverging on how to use President Trump's address to Congress next week as the effective launchpad for Resistance 2.0. It's a question that has repeatedly splintered party members when faced with inflammatory speeches on Capitol Hill. Should they show up and protest from within, or boycott and counterprogram on the outside?	https://www.yahoo.com/news/putin-inside-shock-u-caves-230911785.html	2025/03/03	
Trump's deep obsession: Winning a Nobel Peace Prize	Trump Bullyhit	Right now, Trump's biggest weakness is the very thing he believed was going to confer unprecedented strength on his return to power: his attempts to purge the federal government of its loyal workforce and replace it with subservient confederates. What Trump and his cronies misunderstand is that the civil service is essentially an extension of the people's will. While the institution is too often castigated as a faceless bureaucracy, there's an important material connection between those who serve the public and the public that's being severed. And when you rattle the cages in Washington, those vibrations spread outward. It's no wonder that a recent Morning Consult poll found majorities of respondents rejecting the idea that the civil service was "too liberal," as the Trump administration has tried to get people to believe. Nor is it surprising to find that the same set of respondents are not exactly "clamoring for DOGE cuts." At the same time, public approval is trending against Trump's Silicon Valley suck-ups, not to mention Trump himself, of whom half the country now disapproves.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/01/trump-nobel-peace-prize-obsession	2025/03/03	
Trump signs order making English official language of the U.S. for first time	Trump Bullyhit	Share prices in European weapons companies have soared as investors anticipated significantly higher spending after the UK and France led an effort to form a peace deal for Ukraine. Britain's BAE Systems rose by 17% in early trading on Monday, Germany's Rheinmetall gained 14%, France's Thales increased 10% and Italy's Leonardo was up 10%.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/28/trump-executive-order-english-official	2025/03/03	
Trump is returned classified documents from the dismissed federal case against him	Trump Bullyhit	A bigger-than-usual discovery in Pennsylvania has prompted officials to warn what happens when "cute" turns to "brute" — as they're reminding the public that leaving a pet goldfish in the wild can create an "invasive problem that can last decades." ... "Goldfish grow massive in the wild, where they can turn lakes and waterways into murky messes, steal food from native fish, and wreck water quality," the agency added. "If you can't keep your fish, re-home it. Just don't let it loose."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/01/trump-classified-documents-return	2025/03/03	
Fuming Democrats struggle with Trump speech strategy	Trump Bullyhit	Dozens of wildfires raged across North and South Carolina on Sunday, prompting officials to issue evacuation orders and open emergency shelters as both states and much of the Eastern Seaboard contended with dry conditions and gusty winds. In South Carolina, 175 wildfires burned across the state, scorching over 4,200 acres of land and straining firefighting resources, according to the state fire marshal's office. Response operations were ongoing in various areas, including Horry, Spartanburg, Union, Oconee, and Pickens counties. Atlanta police have for years legally targeted critics of a police and firefighter training center, according to a federal lawsuit filed on behalf of a protester who is one of dozens of "Stop Cop City" activists facing domestic terrorism and racketeering charges. The lawsuit, filed on behalf of Jamie Manciano, alleges that authorities view any critic of the training center as a would-be criminal and have repeatedly made arrests without cause, depriving protesters of their First Amendment rights and their civil rights protections against false arrest and malicious prosecution.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/28/trump-address-congress-jeffries-act	2025/03/03	
Trumpism isn't Working	Trump Bullyhit	Sheep prices in European weapons companies have soared as investors anticipated significantly higher spending after the UK and France led an effort to form a peace deal for Ukraine. Britain's BAE Systems rose by 17% in early trading on Monday, Germany's Rheinmetall gained 14%, France's Thales increased 10% and Italy's Leonardo was up 10%.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumpism-isn-t-working-110000433.html	2025/03/03	
European defence stocks soar as arms makers expect orders boom	War profits	A bigger-than-usual discovery in Pennsylvania has prompted officials to warn what happens when "cute" turns to "brute" — as they're reminding the public that leaving a pet goldfish in the wild can create an "invasive problem that can last decades."	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/mar/02/european-defence	2025/03/03	
Megalodon: Goldfish Found in Pennsylvania Waterway — and Now Officials Are Issuing a Warning to Fish Owners	Weird world	Dozens of wildfires raged across North and South Carolina on Sunday, prompting officials to issue evacuation orders and open emergency shelters as both states and much of the Eastern Seaboard contended with dry conditions and gusty winds. In South Carolina, 175 wildfires burned across the state, scorching over 4,200 acres of land and straining firefighting resources, according to the state fire marshal's office. Response operations were ongoing in various areas, including Horry, Spartanburg, Union, Oconee, and Pickens counties. Atlanta police have for years legally targeted critics of a police and firefighter training center, according to a federal lawsuit filed on behalf of a protester who is one of dozens of "Stop Cop City" activists facing domestic terrorism and racketeering charges. The lawsuit, filed on behalf of Jamie Manciano, alleges that authorities view any critic of the training center as a would-be criminal and have repeatedly made arrests without cause, depriving protesters of their First Amendment rights and their civil rights protections against false arrest and malicious prosecution.	https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/megalodon-goldfish-found-penns-110004333.html	2025/03/03	
Wildfires rage across the Carolinas: South Carolina governor issues state of emergency	Wildfires	The Anderson Economic Group (AEG) found that vehicles like EV crossovers could have price hikes of over \$12,000 depending on the vehicle if proposed tariffs of 25% go into effect on Canadian and Mexican imports. On Monday afternoon Trump confirmed the tariffs will go into effect Tuesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wildfires-erupt-evacuations-across-north	2025/03/03	
Lawsuit accuses Atlanta police of illegally targeting Stop Cop City protesters	ACAB	The Anderson Economic Group (AEG) found that vehicles like EV crossovers could have price hikes of over \$12,000 depending on the vehicle if proposed tariffs of 25% go into effect on Canadian and Mexican imports. On Monday afternoon Trump confirmed the tariffs will go into effect Tuesday.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/story/lawsuit-accuses-atlanta-police-il	2025/03/04	
'Like a horror movie': ICE detaining German tourist in California indefinitely	Borders and Immigration	A German tourist is fighting to be released from an immigration detention center after she was denied entry at the San Diego border and taken into custody by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) last month. ... Brische had her German passport, confirmation of her visa waiver to enter the country, and a copy of her return ticket boot to Berlin, Lofving said. But she was still pulled aside for a secondary inspection by a US Customs and Border Protection agent. ... According to KPBS, US Customs and Border Protection accused Brische of planning to violate the terms of the visa waiver program by intending to work as a tattoo artist during her time in Los Angeles. According to ABC's 10News, she was forced to spend eight days in solitary confinement in the facility.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/03/ice-german-tourist	2025/03/04	
Markets slide as Trump confirms tariffs for Canada, Mexico and China on Tuesday	Economy-Tariffs	Long-threatened tariffs on Canada and Mexico will go into effect Tuesday, as will increased levies on China, President Trump confirmed. The tariffs are expected to trigger a trade war with the three largest U.S. trading partners, one that could raise prices for American consumers on a broad range of products. "To the Great Farmers of the United States: Get ready to start making a lot of agricultural product to be sold INSIDE of the United States," Trump wrote on Truth Social on Monday. "Tariffs will go on external product on April 2nd. Have fun!" This will have a massive, direct impact on how much money farmers—many of whom are still reeling from the tariffs (and subsequent bailout) from Trump's first term—will make from the products they grow. Agricultural exports like soybeans, grains, fruit, vegetables, and livestock products provided U.S. farmers with about \$180 billion in annual revenue in the 2023 fiscal year. President Donald Trump's latest 25% tariffs on Mexico and Canada took effect on Tuesday, an extraordinary action aimed at bringing America's top trading partners to heel. But it threatens to weaken the North American economy, including that of the United States, at a time of significant stress. The tariffs threaten to raise the prices Americans pay for a wide array of goods that are imported from the three nations, which collectively shipped \$1.4 trillion worth of goods to the US last year, according to Commerce Department data. That accounts for more than 40% of the value of all goods the US imported last year.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/03/trump-tariffs-canada-mexico-china	2025/03/04	
Trump Reveals Tariffs Plan to Ruin American Farmers' Lives	Economy-Tariffs	A fast-moving dust storm shrouded southwestern New Mexico and parts of northern Mexico in darkness Monday morning, prompting an emergency alert for drivers to "shelter in place" as officials tried to get cars off the interstate. The dust storm, known meteorologically as a haboob, swept across Dering and Doña Ana counties in New Mexico at a breakneck pace with near-zero visibility and winds of 45 mph, the National Weather Service warned. State officials closed parts of Interstates 10 and 25 as well as US Highway 70 because of the "dangerous, life-threatening" travel conditions. "When we think about wildfires, we think a lot about how that impacts the terrestrial realm, how destructive it can be to the land," said Lori Berberian, a second-year PhD student in geography at UCLA who studies the effects of wildfires on keystone abundance and habitat distribution. "But there are huge implications for the coast." Forests of kelp, a fast-growing brown algae, provide food and habitat for hundreds of marine species and absorb greenhouse gases that might otherwise hasten climate change. Yet kelp is also highly sensitive to environmental changes. Fluctuations in temperature, light availability, nutrients and pollutants can have surprisingly swift consequences on kelp populations, which have waxed and waned along the California coast in recent decades. ... No one yet knows how sea life will respond to an urban fire of this magnitude. Kelp may be one of the first species to tell us.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-reveals-tariffs-plan-ruin-19413698.html	2025/03/04	
US tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China take effect, opening door to painful trade war	Economy-Tariffs	The Anderson Economic Group (AEG) found that vehicles like EV crossovers could have price hikes of over \$12,000 depending on the vehicle if proposed tariffs of 25% go into effect on Canadian and Mexican imports. On Monday afternoon Trump confirmed the tariffs will go into effect Tuesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-tariffs-mexico-canada-china-0558412/	2025/03/04	
Report: Trump's tariffs could add as much as \$12K to new cars and trucks	Economy-Tariffs	A fast-moving dust storm shrouded southwestern New Mexico and parts of northern Mexico in darkness Monday morning, prompting an emergency alert for drivers to "shelter in place" as officials tried to get cars off the interstate. The dust storm, known meteorologically as a haboob, swept across Dering and Doña Ana counties in New Mexico at a breakneck pace with near-zero visibility and winds of 45 mph, the National Weather Service warned. State officials closed parts of Interstates 10 and 25 as well as US Highway 70 because of the "dangerous, life-threatening" travel conditions. "When we think about wildfires, we think a lot about how that impacts the terrestrial realm, how destructive it can be to the land," said Lori Berberian, a second-year PhD student in geography at UCLA who studies the effects of wildfires on keystone abundance and habitat distribution. "But there are huge implications for the coast." Forests of kelp, a fast-growing brown algae, provide food and habitat for hundreds of marine species and absorb greenhouse gases that might otherwise hasten climate change. Yet kelp is also highly sensitive to environmental changes. Fluctuations in temperature, light availability, nutrients and pollutants can have surprisingly swift consequences on kelp populations, which have waxed and waned along the California coast in recent decades. ... No one yet knows how sea life will respond to an urban fire of this magnitude. Kelp may be one of the first species to tell us.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/report-trumps-tariffs-could-add-as-muc	2025/03/04	
Haboob tears across Southwest with near-zero visibility, shutting down interstates	Environment-Dust storm	The Anderson Economic Group (AEG) found that vehicles like EV crossovers could have price hikes of over \$12,000 depending on the vehicle if proposed tariffs of 25% go into effect on Canadian and Mexican imports. On Monday afternoon Trump confirmed the tariffs will go into effect Tuesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/haboob-tears-across-southwest-near-183	2025/03/04	
Like someone put a blanket over the ocean? Kelp could be among first casualties	Environment-Oceans	The Anderson Economic Group (AEG) found that vehicles like EV crossovers could have price hikes of over \$12,000 depending on the vehicle if proposed tariffs of 25% go into effect on Canadian and Mexican imports. On Monday afternoon Trump confirmed the tariffs will go into effect Tuesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/someone-put-blanket-over-ocean-110032	2025/03/04	

Major storm to bring severe weather and create critical wildfire risk for millions	Environment-Storms	Spring may almost be here but winter still has a sting in its tail, with a "robust winter storm" set to bring severe weather and potential power cuts to millions across much of the country this week — as Southern states face a critical risk of wildfires as winds and temperatures rise. The National Weather Service warned that this low-pressure weather system is set to bring hazards, including up to 12 inches of snow in the Sierra Nevada and as much as 24 inches for higher parts of the Great Basin and the Rockies. Strong winds could create blizzard conditions, making travel dangerous. Firefighter crews on Monday were battling more than 170 wildfires across North and South Carolina, which have prompted evacuations in certain areas and a state of emergency. The largest fire stretched across 1,600 acres in Horry County, S.C., the fourth-most-populated area in the state, and threatened the nearby Carolina Forest community near Myrtle Beach. Residents were told they could return home on Sunday after the South Carolina Forestry Commission announced the fire was about 30% contained.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/major-storm-bring-severe-weather-14230	2025/03/04
Wildfires ravage North and South Carolina, prompting evacuations and state of emergency	Environment-Wildfire	A combination of dry fuels, limited rainfall and low humidity in the Carolina areas are being blamed for the fires, the U.S. Forest Service said. The National Weather Service issued a warning on Saturday of "elevated" fire weather throughout the Southeast due to critically low relative humidity and dry fuels, meaning low moisture in vegetation and plants, which helps spread wildfires. The Trump administration has informed NOAA that two pivot centers for weather forecasting will soon have their leases canceled, sources told Axios. One of the buildings is the nerve center for generating national weather forecasts. It was designed to integrate multiple forecasting centers in one building to improve operating efficiency. It houses telecommunications equipment to send weather data and forecasts across the U.S. and abroad.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wildfire-ravage-north-and-south-carolina	2025/03/04
DOGE moves to cancel NOAA leases on key weather buildings	Fuck that guy	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services told employees on Monday that they were required to respond to an email from the Trump administration demanding they summarize their work over the past week, reversing its earlier position.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/03/doge-noaa-weather-building-leases	2025/03/04
Exclusive: US health agency now says employees must respond to DOGE email	Fuck that guy	In Monday's email, seen by Reuters, HHS told employees to respond to DOGE's email by midnight without revealing sensitive information, including the names of drugs and devices they are working on.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/exclusive-us-health-agency-now-152320	2025/03/04
Elon Musk calls Social Security 'the biggest Ponzi scheme of all time as calls mount to remove contribution caps for billionaires	Fuck that guy	With Social Security comprising one-fifth of all federal spending, the system is coming under stress now that there are fewer working-age Americans paying in to fund their pensions — something that will only get worse as the Trump administration cracks down on immigration. At the same time, retirees are living longer, exacerbating these stress factors. Musk is also quietly scrapping some of the false information that he posts, but without any kind of acknowledgment of inaccuracy. The New York Times points out that the original top five items listed on the "wall of receipts" have been deleted after scrutiny from reporters revealed they were incorrect. Among other things, those items included three \$655 million cuts at the U.S. Agency for International Development that was actually a single cut that was counted three times, and a \$232 million cut at the Social Security Administration that turned out to actually be a much smaller \$560,000 project. While these items have been removed from the list, the total listed savings have only grown — but without any clear explanation of how.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-calls-social-security-175337	2025/03/04
Opinion DOGE's bogus 'wall of receipts' reveals Elon Musk's real agenda	Fuck that guy	In a way, Musk is being efficient, if one takes the view that he is more interested in destroying things than building things in the government. In a very short period of time with a very small team, he has done an extraordinary job of demoralizing and intimidating millions of federal workers and disabling the federal government's ability to administer social services — particularly those seen as liberal. He's also very quickly shrouded some of the most basic elements of governance in a cloud of unreliable information, making it harder to hold him accountable. Elon Musk's satellite business Starlink may not have officially taken over Verizon's \$2.4 billion contract with the Federal Aviation Administration yet to upgrade the system's U.S. users to manage America's airspace. However, on Friday, FAA officials ordered staff to begin finding tens of millions of dollars for a Starlink deal, according to a source with knowledge of the FAA and two people briefed on the situation. The sources note that these internal directives have mostly, if not entirely, been delivered verbally — which they say is unusual for a matter like this. The source with knowledge of the FAA tells Reuters Starlink deal appears as though "someone does not want a paper trail."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-doge-bogus-wall-receipts-114814	2025/03/04
FAA Officials Ordered Staff to Find Funding for Elon Musk's Starlink	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency is taking credit for cancelling contracts that have long been dead, according to a new report. Musk's team claimed they had canceled a Coast Guard contract between the maritime department and a company that provides entities administrative assistance. According to DOGE, killing the contract saved the US taxpayers \$53.7 million, the New York Times reports.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/faa-officials-ordered-staff-funding-133821	2025/03/04
DOGE is claiming credit for 'canceling' contracts that were ended decades ago	Fuck that guy	However, the contract was worth only \$144,000, was completed in 2005 and has not been active for two decades, the paper says. "I'm not optimistic. I don't think we're going to have a budget," said Sen. John Kennedy, R-La. "My Democratic colleagues have been insistent that we include language limiting the involvement of the executive branch on spending decisions." Democrats have pushed to include constraints on Trump and billionaire adviser Elon Musk's attempts to close down or slash agencies without congressional approval. But Republicans say that's nonstarter as they support the Department of Government Efficiency-led budget cuts, which they say are about robbing out waste.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/doge-d	2025/03/04
Negotiations to avert a shutdown sputter as disputes over DOGE cuts persist	Fuck that guy	The Trump administration has ordered things and buyouts at the federal agency that operates water infrastructure in California, potentially jeopardizing the agency's ability to manage dams and deliver water, according to Central Valley water officials. The job cuts at the Bureau of Reclamation were ordered by Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, according to two bureau employees with knowledge of the situation who were not authorized to speak publicly. The bureau, which employs about 1,000 people, is set to lose about 100 employees in California through terminations and buyouts, eliminating about 10% of its regional staff, one of the employees said. But larger workforce reductions are slated, and the bureau has been ordered to prepare plans to cut its staff by 40%, this person said. Rep. Greg Murphy (R-Cal.) on Monday defended the budgets and workforce cuts at the Department of Veterans Affairs, as he said he "can't guarantee" veterans' benefits and care would be immune from cuts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/negotiations-avert-shutdown-sputter-disp	2025/03/04
Trump administration dramatically cuts staff at water agency in California	Fuck that guy	With less than two weeks to go before a March 14 deadline, Republicans and Democrats in the U.S. Congress appear to be nowhere close to a deal to avert a government shutdown that would throw Washington into deeper turmoil. The talks have been complicated by President Donald Trump, who has ignored spending laws passed by Congress, suspended foreign aid and fired tens of thousands of federal workers. Both sides say his actions are the biggest sticking point as they seek to reach a deal that would provide government funding beyond March 14, when it is due to expire.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-dramatically-cuts	2025/03/04
House Republican says he 'can't guarantee' staff cuts won't impact veterans	Fuck that guy	The US Securities and Exchange Commission is offering eligible employees a \$50,000 incentive to resign or retire by April 4, according to an email reviewed by Bloomberg. Top Trump administration officials are arguing that it is misleading to include government spending in the quarterly tally of GDP. GDP statistics are calculated the way they have been for the last eight decades for good reasons — but administration officials are correct that the accounting for government spending isn't ideal. GDP aims to capture the value of all economic output produced in a given time period within U.S. borders. The formula for that tally, which you may recall from introductory economics, is that GDP = consumption + investment + government spending + net exports. So why is government spending included in that formula? Because otherwise GDP would not fully capture the value of goods and services produced. When the government buys a fighter jet, or builds a road, or educates a child, it reflects the production of goods and services. So if you exclude government spending from GDP, you aren't getting a full picture of U.S. output.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-republican-says-i-guarantee-0408	2025/03/04
US Congress nowhere close to deal to avert shutdown ahead of March 14 deadline	Government-Funding	The National Science Foundation (NSF) announced Monday that it is reinstating dozens of probationary employees that the Trump administration fired last month. "NSF said in a statement to Axios Monday that it received new guidance from OPM last week allowing the agency to "relin probationary employees who have an identified disability, are veterans, or are military spouses." The agency began the process of reinstating those staffers immediately. Following the federal court order regarding probationary employees, NSF Director Sethuraman Panchanathan "ordered the immediate reinstatement of terminated probationers with backpay and no break in service based on updated guidance from OPM and the Federal Courts." The agency said it "welcomes the return of our probationary employees who will help ensure the United States remains the global leader in scientific discovery and innovation."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/03/national-science-foundation-reinstat	2025/03/04
National Science Foundation is reinstating fired probationary employees	Government-Jobs	Dozens of contracts critical to the functioning of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) have either been canceled or are on their way to termination, according to a detailed affidavit filed in federal court last week. The CFPB is an agency tasked with protecting people from financial fraud, but it has been gutted by the White House over the past two weeks as part of the broad purge of the federal government. The firestorm stems in part on who may have happened.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/03/cfpb-doge-musk-trump	2025/03/04
Behind CFPB gutting, nearly 200 canceled contracts	Government-Jobs	Gov. Kathy Hochul's (D) "you're hired" campaign to fill 7,000 public sector roles follows similar jobs initiatives in other states aimed at people who were laid off in the Trump administration's federal government overhaul, driven by DOGE, which billionaire Elon Musk is the face of.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/03/fed-federal-workers-doge-cuts-stat	2025/03/04
States target fired federal workers in recruitment drives	Government-Jobs	The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is offering eligible employees a \$50,000 incentive to resign or retire by April 4, according to an email reviewed by Bloomberg.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/sec-dangles-50-000-incentive-1044224	2025/03/04
SEC Dangles \$50,000 Incentive for Employees to Resign or Retire	Government-Jobs	Top Trump administration officials are arguing that it is misleading to include government spending in the quarterly tally of GDP. GDP statistics are calculated the way they have been for the last eight decades for good reasons — but administration officials are correct that the accounting for government spending isn't ideal. GDP aims to capture the value of all economic output produced in a given time period within U.S. borders. The formula for that tally, which you may recall from introductory economics, is that GDP = consumption + investment + government spending + net exports. So why is government spending included in that formula? Because otherwise GDP would not fully capture the value of goods and services produced. When the government buys a fighter jet, or builds a road, or educates a child, it reflects the production of goods and services. So if you exclude government spending from GDP, you aren't getting a full picture of U.S. output.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/03/gdp-trump-musk-government-spend	2025/03/04
Why government spending counts in GDP	Government-Spending	"It's the screw America bill, and let me tell you why," Horsford said on "The HB Sunday" with NewsNation's Chris Stewart. "Let me tell you why," the Nevada Democrat added. "They are cutting \$2 billion on the backs of everyday Americans, seniors, those who are disabled, women, pregnant women, newborn children, to do what? To give tax breaks to the very wealthy, to big corporations, to tech tycoons. And they're very clear and deliberate about how they're going about it."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-budget-resolution-screw-america-	2025/03/04
House budget resolution is 'screw America bill,' House Democrat says	Government-Spending	A federal judge wants to hear directly from one of the top officials at the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau to learn if the Trump administration is unlawfully gutting the agency or just trying to streamline it. U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson — who expressed concern the CFPB might be "choked out of its very existence" — said she plans to hold a hearing next Monday to get testimony from CFPB Chief Operating Officer Adam Martinez and others about the state of the agency tasked with protecting American consumers.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-budget-resolution-screw-america-	2025/03/04
Judge wants to hear from top Consumer Financial Protection Bureau official about the agency's dismantling	Government-CFPB	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s move to reduce public comments on certain federal health rules injects new uncertainty into the regulatory landscape and could help him make controversial policy decisions unchecked. The transparency policy Kennedy is undoing dates to 1971 and requires public comment for HHS rules on public property, loans, grants, public benefits or contracts.	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/judge-hear-top-consumer-financial-pro	2025/03/04
RFK Jr. move to kill public comment rolls providers	Government-HHS	It layered new obligations on HHS beyond those laid out in statute, requiring the department to notify health providers, patient advocates and other stakeholders when it was making policy changes and seek their comment before finalizing plans, with minimal exceptions. The top spokesperson in the Department of Health and Human Services announced his resignation on Monday after reportedly clashing with Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. over the department's response to the growing measles outbreak. Thomas Conry, who served as the department's assistant secretary of public affairs for roughly two weeks, announced that he had resigned on Friday in a LinkedIn post, saying his departure was "effective immediately."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/03/hhs-transparency-rule-elimination-fail	2025/03/04
HHS spokesperson quits after reportedly clashing with RFK Jr. over 'measles' response	Government-HHS	"To my colleagues at HHS, I wish you the best and great success," Conry wrote. Conry's departure was allegedly brought after disagreeing with Kennedy and HHS's deputy chief of staff, Stefanie Spear, over management in relation to concerns over the measles response, two people familiar with the matter told Politico.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/rfk-thu	2025/03/04
CDC says it is monitoring unknown disease in Congo	Health-New disease	The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring an unknown disease that has killed dozens in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the agency said in a statement on Monday. At least 1,006 people have been sickened and 60 people have died from the disease, the World Health Organization said Thursday in its most recent update. This is the third time in the past few months officials have identified increases in illness and deaths in a different area of Congo, triggering "follow-up" investigations to confirm the cause and provide needed support, the WHO said in a statement on Thursday.	https://abcnews.go.com/Health/cdc-monitoring-unknown-disease-congo	2025/03/04

		In just over a month, Trump has executed a startling realignment of American foreign policy, effectively throwing U.S. support behind Moscow and rejecting the tight alliance with Kyiv cultivated by former President Joe Biden. The extraordinary pivot has upended decades of hawkish foreign policy toward Russia that provided a rare area of bipartisan consensus in an increasingly divided nation. Trump's recent moves have drawn international attention, unsettling U.S. allies in Europe and thriving conservative pockets who favor a turn away from Zelenskyy.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-turns-toward-russia-breaking-2135	2025/03/04	
Trump turns toward Russia, breaking with decades of U.S. policy	International Relations					
		The plans drafted by Egypt are an attempt at tackling Gaza's moonscape of rubble and debris, the result of some 16 months of war and sustained Israel airstrikes. At least 48,000 Palestinians were killed and more than 110,000 wounded by Israeli fire in the war, according to Gaza's health ministry. The war was sparked when an attack by Hamas-led militants on Israel killed around 1,200 people. Another 250 were taken hostage from Israel. The United Nations says more than 60% of homes have been damaged or destroyed, overwhelmingly by Israeli airstrikes, along with most hospitals, schools and basic infrastructure like water, sewage and electricity networks.		https://www.npr.org/2025/03/03/gaza-reconstruction-caln	2025/03/04	
Trump wants Palestinians out of Gaza. Here are Egypt's plans to keep them there	International-Gaza					
		President Trump will hold a meeting Monday afternoon on the next steps regarding the crisis with Ukraine, including a possible suspension of U.S. military aid, a U.S. official and a source with knowledge of the meeting told Axios. Trump and his allies have been piling pressure on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy after their disastrous Oval Office meeting last week. Suspending military aid would damage Ukraine's ability to defend itself against Russia's invasion and further weaken Ukraine's leverage as Trump pushes for peace talks.		https://www.axios.com/2025/03/03/trump-ukraine-meeting-aid-freeze	2025/03/04	
Trump to hold Ukraine meeting on next steps including possible aid freeze	International-Ukraine					
		After a month of fits and starts, a final hammer came down on the U.S. Agency for International Development on Wednesday night when the State Department, which had previously said it was going to review aid to foreign aid, announced that review was over and it had decided to terminate nearly 10,000 government contracts worth about \$80 billion in humanitarian work abroad. "Any type of communicable disease, I think we will see rage rampant. I think we will see increased conflict in the world. I think we will see increased terrorism in the world. And so, I think, the implications are going to be really dire in terms of the instability that this creates in already very unstable regions of the world," said Jocelyn Wyatt, CEO of Aigis, an international organization that provides food, medicine and services for refugees in 20 countries around the world.		https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/aid-hammer-drops-usaid-organisations	2025/03/04	
Many of them will die', Hammer drops on USAID with organizations left reeling	International-USAID					
		For the last several years Bongino has ranted against the FBI on his podcast, saying it should be "disbanded immediately" and calling agents "thugs." Bongino will now help run federal law enforcement as the number two official at the FBI, behind Director Kash Patel. Bongino has argued that Democrats "stole" the 2020 election, citing multiple conspiracy theories over the years. He promoted the widely discredited film 2.00 Mules, which alleged a wide-ranging scheme to stuff ballot boxes. Law enforcement officials in multiple states said that the film's claims were bogus, and both the filmmaker, Dinesh D'Souza, and the film's producer, Salem Media, have issued apologies and acknowledged inaccuracies. ... Going beyond political disagreement with Democrats and the political left, Bongino has said, "the left is evil" and actively "destroying the country." "Democrats are involved in a cold civil war with the United States of America right now. They want this country destroyed." The Dan Bongino Show, Sept. 15, 2021 "The left is a clear and present danger to your public safety and your economic security." The Dan Bongino Show, July 22, 2022 "The left is evil. I need you to understand that there's a difference here. It's not just that they're wrong on politics. They are evil." The Dan Bongino Show, Sept. 21, 2023		https://www.npr.org/2025/03/03/tra-st-5308020dan-bongino-trump-fbi-	2025/03/04	
New deputy FBI director Dan Bongino previously called for impeaching Democrats	Political Cesspool					
		Conservative legislators are increasingly speaking out against the Supreme Court's landmark 2015 ruling on same-sex marriage equality. Resolutions have no legal authority and are not binding law, but instead allow legislative bodies to express their collective opinions. "At a time when Michiganders are looking to their leaders to address pressing issues like lowering costs and protecting our economy, House Republicans are choosing to focus on undermining the personal freedoms of Michigan residents," state Rep. Mike McFall said.		https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/republican-lawmakers-increase-calls-g	2025/03/04	
Some Republican lawmakers increase calls against gay marriage SCOTUS ruling	Rainbow threats					
		An Australian man credited with saving more than 2 million babies through decades of regular blood and plasma donations has died at age 88. James Harrison, whose blood contained a rare antibody, died in his sleep Feb. 17 at a nursing home in the Australian state of New South Wales, according to the Australian Red Cross Blood Service, also known as Lifeblood. The antibody in Harrison's blood was used to make the medication anti-D, which is given to pregnant women whose blood might attack their unborn babies. Without it, babies may develop hemolytic disease of the fetus and newborn (HDN), a blood disorder that can be fatal.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/prolific-blood-donor-saved-2-12172723	2025/03/04	
Prolific blood donor who saved 2.4 million babies dies at 88	Sad					
		President Trump's Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has ordered U.S. Cyber Command to suspend offensive cyber and information operations against Russia, according to multiple reports. It's the latest in a series of foreign policy reversals that appear favorable to The Kremlin, setting off alarm bells for U.S. allies, supporters of Ukraine and critics of the Trump administration. Moscow's cyber power remains a threat to critical U.S. and global infrastructure, the director of national intelligence's 2024 threat assessment concluded. Russia views cyber disruptions as "a foreign policy lever" to shape other countries' decisions and employ influence, the assessment stated. Even as Moscow prioritizes operations for its ongoing invasion of Ukraine, Russia still has the capacity to pose an "enduring global cyber threat," the assessment read.		https://www.axios.com/2025/03/03/hegseth-trump-russia-cyber-operati	2025/03/04	
Hegseth suspends offensive cyber operations against Russia, reports	Technology-Cybersecurity					
		At least two people were killed and 25 others were injured when a car drove into a crowd in Mannheim, Germany, on Monday, during an annual carnival celebration, police said. "A 40-year-old suspect drove a car into a group of people who were in the Planken area of Mannheim city center," the police statement said. "Two people were killed and five seriously injured."		https://abcnews.go.com/International/police-operation-perman-city-mann	2025/03/04	
2 dead, 25 injured after vehicle drives into crowd	Tragic					
What to know about Trump's joint address to Congress, Tuesday	Trump Bullshit			https://www.axios.com/2025/03/03/trump-state-of-the-union-address-26	2025/03/04	
		President Trump addresses a joint session of Congress Tuesday but it is not an official State of the Union address. President Trump signed executive orders to increase lumber production across national forests and other public lands in the U.S., but wants to sidestep endangered species protections and other environmental regulations. Wildlife species reliant on undisturbed forests could face significant habitat loss, while expedited environmental reviews may reduce oversight on ecological impacts.		https://www.axios.com/2025/03/03/trump-executive-orders-lumber-fore	2025/03/04	
Trump executive orders to increase logging in national forests	Trump Bullshit					
		The centeree election legislation from congressional Republicans would require voters to prove their citizenship when registering, raising concerns among state election officials about how it would be implemented and who would pay for it. In recent interviews, secretaries of state from both parties said they were wary of federal lawmakers creating state election rules and of costly new procedures that would come with them, including collecting and storing sensitive documents. They also criticized a provision that would allow for civil or criminal penalties against any election official who registers someone without evidence of citizenship. One of the world's largest worms might escape notice. If not for the loud gurgling noises that can be heard coming from underground as the species burrows and squiggles through its moist day. The giant Gippsland earthworm, a purple and pink colossus that lives in a small, wet patch about 100km east of Melbourne in south-east Australia, reportedly stretches as long as 2 to 3 metres. While we've had our eyes on the wrecking ball-Doge pulverizing social services, environmental protection and scientific research, we've hardly taken notice of what is being constructed. In the footprints of the already shabby, now half-demolished US welfare state, the Trump administration is building a police state. The Republican House budget includes \$300bn in new funding for defense and border control. Among the Senate budget committee's announced priorities are finishing the border wall, increasing the number of immigrant detention "beds," hiring more border patrol agents, and investing in state and local law enforcement to assist in "immigration enforcement and removal efforts." While no figures are provided in the attached budget, the Senate budget committee assures Americans that any new spending will be offset by reductions. The Golden Dome might also be a symbol of what a state devoted to protecting itself from enemies real and imagined offers corporate America. Because as the civil service shrinks, private industry – particularly the overlapping defense and tech sectors – will fill in the blanks. Project 2025, which is essentially being out and pasted into Trump's executive orders, calls on the administration to "strengthen the defense industrial base", stockpile ammunition, and "modernize" the rules, while streamlining procurement from private contractors and involving them in decisions about what to produce. With Tesla and SpaceX contracts worth \$38bn and of course, control of Doge, Elon Musk is already at the table. SpaceX practically owns NASA's rocket launch and space travel programs, breaking out engineers familiar with its bargain-basement manufacturing practices – and failures. Next up: artificial intelligence to replace human expertise.		https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/mar/05/trump-welfar	2025/03/05	
While our eyes are on the welfare state's destruction, Trump is building a police state	ACAB					
OPM alters memo about probationary employees but does not order mass firings reversed	Bomering Jobs			https://www.npr.org/2025/03/04/tra-st-5318039fed-federal-employees	2025/03/05	
Mayors from Boston, Chicago, Denver and New York will testify before Congress on 'sanctuary cities'	Borders and Immigration			https://abcnews.com/articles/sanctuary-cities-congress-mayors-trump-int	2025/03/05	
The CPFB drops its case against payment app Zelle, in another sign of a Trump pivot	Corruption			https://www.npr.org/2025/03/04/tra-st-53178793cpfb-drops-zelle-lawsui	2025/03/05	
		Defense contractors are erecting factories and expanding footprints. Others are inking their blueprints. "We cannot fight wars unless our troops have the ammunition they need." Vice President JD Vance said Tuesday as he backed a Defense Department nominee on the Hill. "We cannot defend our own national security unless we have the tank shells, the artillery shells, and, increasingly, the drones and other advanced weapon systems that are necessary to actually fight battles when — God forbid — those battles are necessary to fight."		https://www.axios.com/2025/03/05/defense-industrial-base-reagan-shu	2025/03/05	
Where America's fragile defense production and futuristic megafactories meet	Economy-Factories					
Here's how Trump's tariffs could cost you and your wallet	Economy-Tariffs			https://www.npr.org/2025/02/25/tra-st-5284991trump-tariffs-higher-pris	2025/03/05	
Understanding Trump's tariffs, in five charts	Economy-Tariffs			https://www.yahoo.com/news/understanding-trumps-tariffs-five-charts-1	2025/03/05	
State Dept. staffers get mixed messages on how to serve international students	Education			https://www.npr.org/2025/03/04/tra-st-5318196state-dept-staffers-get-l	2025/03/05	
Students are under attack' Ohio State students and faculty rally against controversial bill	Education			https://www.yahoo.com/news/students-under-attack-ohio-state-100529	2025/03/05	
World's largest and oldest iceberg runs aground near remote penguin island	Environment			https://www.yahoo.com/news/worlds-largest-oldest-iceberg-runs-16483	2025/03/05	
Trump shuts down worldwide air quality monitoring program	Environment-Air quality			https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald	2025/03/05	
		The State Department is shutting down its air quality monitoring program after over a decade of collecting public data worldwide and reporting it from 80 embassies and consulates around the world. The information was used for research, and to let foreign service officers decide if it was safe to allow their children to be outside. It has also prompted improvements in air quality in countries such as China. Most major U.S. cities are suffering from longer allergy seasons amid human-caused climate change, a new analysis finds. The freeze-free growing season lengthened between 1870 and 2024 in nearly 90% of the 198 cities analyzed by Climate Central, a research and communications group. Among those cities, the freeze-free season lengthened by 20 days on average.		https://www.axios.com/2025/03/05/allergy-season-longer-climate-change	2025/03/05	
Allergy season is getting longer. Blame climate change	Environment-Allergies					

		The range is how close one of the largest undeveloped deposits of rare-earth minerals and uranium in the world, the Kvanefeldt site, or Kuusnersuut in Greenland. It contains high concentrations of metals such as terbium and neodymium, which are used to manufacture permanent magnets in wind turbines and electric cars. Every major power in the world is scrambling to get access to these minerals for carbon-free energy and transport. But when the mining company acquired the site in 2007, the impact of potentially radioactive waste contaminating drinking water and nearby sheep farms alarmed local people. They feared that the "tailings" – a slurry of ground-up waste from mining – would be leached with radioactive waste and could contaminate waterways or spread as dust in the air. Many Greenlanders celebrated the vote as a victory for health and the environment. But three years later, the company is suing Greenland for stopping its plans, demanding the right to exploit the deposit or receive compensation of up to \$11.5bn: nearly 10 times the country's 8.5bn krone (\$950m) annual budget. Kvanefeldt's operator, Energy Transition Minerals (ETM), the Australian-listed company formerly known as Greenland Minerals, argues that the decision to ban mining amounts to expropriation by Greenland's government and any environmental concerns would be addressed with the "best environmental practice, where this was technically, practically and financially possible". Financial speculators are investing in a growing number of lawsuits against governments over environmental laws and other regulations that affect profits, often generating lucrative awards, the Guardian has found. These cases come under a little-known area of international law called investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS), which allows corporations to sue countries for actions that hurt their profits. With litigation funders facing no risk of a counterclaim, and potential awards that now average more than \$200m a year, legal experts warn that the system has become a "gambler's nirvana" for hedge funds and specialist financiers. Severe thunderstorms are forecast to batter the southern and central United States on Tuesday, with a host of tornadoes, damaging winds, hailzards, flash flooding and dust storms possible across the southern Plains into the lower Mississippi Valley and south-east. The United States has not given Ukraine \$350bn since Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022. Trump did not stop \$454b in diversity, equity and inclusion scholarships in Burma. Trump wrongly suggested that millions of dead people might be getting social security payments. Trump incorrectly claimed that a middle school in Florida had 'socially transitioned' a 13-year-old child. Trump cherry-picked an out-of-date poll to suggest that most Americans say the US is now going in the right direction. Trump falsely claimed Musk's cost-cutting had 'found hundreds of billions of dollars of fraud'.		
Fearing toxic waste, Greenland ended uranium mining. Now, they could be forced to restart - or pay \$11bn	Environment-Mining	Kvanefeldt's operator, Energy Transition Minerals (ETM), the Australian-listed company formerly known as Greenland Minerals, argues that the decision to ban mining amounts to expropriation by Greenland's government and any environmental concerns would be addressed with the "best environmental practice, where this was technically, practically and financially possible". Financial speculators are investing in a growing number of lawsuits against governments over environmental laws and other regulations that affect profits, often generating lucrative awards, the Guardian has found.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/mar/05/greenland-mining	2025/03/05
Revealed: how Wall Street is making millions betting against green laws	Environment-Money	These cases come under a little-known area of international law called investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS), which allows corporations to sue countries for actions that hurt their profits. With litigation funders facing no risk of a counterclaim, and potential awards that now average more than \$200m a year, legal experts warn that the system has become a "gambler's nirvana" for hedge funds and specialist financiers.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/mar/05/revealed-how-wall-street-is-making-millions-betting-against-green-laws	2025/03/05
Unusually strong storms bring risk of tornadoes and flash floods to US south	Environment-storms	Severe thunderstorms are forecast to batter the southern and central United States on Tuesday, with a host of tornadoes, damaging winds, hailzards, flash flooding and dust storms possible across the southern Plains into the lower Mississippi Valley and south-east.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/04/storm-tornado-risk	2025/03/05
Out-of-date polls to wrong aid amounts: fact-checking Trump's Congress address	Fact-check	The United States has not given Ukraine \$350bn since Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022. Trump did not stop \$454b in diversity, equity and inclusion scholarships in Burma. Trump wrongly suggested that millions of dead people might be getting social security payments. Trump incorrectly claimed that a middle school in Florida had 'socially transitioned' a 13-year-old child. Trump cherry-picked an out-of-date poll to suggest that most Americans say the US is now going in the right direction. Trump falsely claimed Musk's cost-cutting had 'found hundreds of billions of dollars of fraud'.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/05/trump-congress-address	2025/03/05
USAID reinstates contracts for Georgia company that helps feed malnourished kids after Elon Musk responds to CNN reporting	Fuck that guy	USAID reinstates contracts for Georgia company that helps feed malnourished kids after Elon Musk responds to CNN reporting	https://www.yahoo.com/news/usaids-reinstates-contracts-georgia-company-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Commentary: Trump, the GOP and DOGE have launched their attack on Social Security. You should start worrying now	Fuck that guy	Commentary: Trump, the GOP and DOGE have launched their attack on Social Security. You should start worrying now	https://www.yahoo.com/news/commentary-trump-gop-doge-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Trump is About to Hide DOGE's True Costs From the Entire Country	Fuck that guy	Trump is About to Hide DOGE's True Costs From the Entire Country	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-ready-fudge-economic-statistics-1f-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Trump adviser Alina Habba says veterans fired by DOGE are perhaps 'not fit to have a job at this moment'	Fuck that guy	Trump adviser Alina Habba says veterans fired by DOGE are perhaps 'not fit to have a job at this moment'	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-adviser-alina-habba-says-2254549-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Social Security Administration says it's identified \$800m+ in savings	Fuck that guy	Social Security Administration says it's identified \$800m+ in savings	https://www.yahoo.com/news/social-security-administration-says-ident-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Tesla sites hit by arson amid DOGE cuts, Elon Musk backlash	Fuck that guy	Arsonists hit two Tesla electric vehicle facilities this week – charging stations near Boston, Massachusetts, and a dealership in France – as company CEO Elon Musk continues to slash thousands of federal jobs via his Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). The Trump administration has designated the headquarters of multiple cabinet departments and federal courthouses across the country as nonessential properties that can be sold off. A website for the General Services Administration – the agency responsible for managing the government's office space – detailing 'buildings and facilities that are not core to government operations' now includes the headquarters of the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the federal courthouse in Los Angeles, America's second-largest city. The GSA also says a large swath of prime real estate near the White House, including the Office of Personnel Management's Theodore Roosevelt Building HQ, the building used to house offices of the United States Trade Representative, the headquarters of the American Red Cross, and the Old Post Office building – a national historical landmark that was formerly leased by President Donald Trump's eponymous real estate company for use as a hotel – are "non-core" and therefore ripe for disposal as well.	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/tesla-garage-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Trump administration wants to sell off hundreds of federal properties – including DOJ headquarters	Fuck that guy	The former head of the Social Security Administration wants that proposed cuts to the agency could lead the entire system to "collapse", disrupting benefits payments to millions of Americans. "Ultimately, you're going to see the system collapse, and there will be an interruption of benefits," Martin O'Malley, former Social Security commissioner under the Biden administration, told CNBC. "I think that will happen within the next 30 to 90 days." "People should start saving now," he urged.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/politics/trump-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Social Security Checks Could Stop Going Out by April, Ex-Head Warns	Government-Funding	The former head of the Social Security Administration wants that proposed cuts to the agency could lead the entire system to "collapse", disrupting benefits payments to millions of Americans. "Ultimately, you're going to see the system collapse, and there will be an interruption of benefits," Martin O'Malley, former Social Security commissioner under the Biden administration, told CNBC. "I think that will happen within the next 30 to 90 days." "People should start saving now," he urged.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/social-security-checks-could-stop-215945-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Trump vowed to end and surprise medical bills. The team working on that just got slashed	Government-Jobs	Trump vowed to end and surprise medical bills. The team working on that just got slashed	https://www.ppr.org/sections/health-headlines/2025/03/04/tx-a-1-5-018	2025/03/05
Head of FBI New York office says he's retired from the bureau after being ordered to do so	Government-Jobs	Head of FBI New York office says he's retired from the bureau after being ordered to do so	https://www.yahoo.com/news/head-fbi-work-office-says-232832815-1bm-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Trump's new education boss just took over – and she's already announcing a 'historic final mission'	Government-DOE	Trump's new education boss just took over – and she's already announcing a 'historic final mission'	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-education-secretary-announces-h-20250305113111	2025/03/05
US Department of Education workers decry 'final mission email as power grab'	Government-DOE	In a message to employees on Monday, the newly confirmed secretary of education, Linda McMahon, a billionaire ex-wrestling executive, laid out the "final mission" for the department as Donald Trump threatens to dismantle the agency. "My vision is aligned with the president's: to send education back to the states and empower all parents to choose an excellent education for their children," wrote McMahon, a co-founder of World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), the professional wrestling organisation. "This is our opportunity to perform one final, unforgettable public service to future generations of students."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/04/linda-mcmahon-sh-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Medicaid cuts put adult dental care on the chopping block	Government-Medicaid	If Congress cuts Medicaid funding to states to help extend tax cuts, dental care for adults could be one of the first casualties as legislators and governors sort priorities and try to make do with less. All states cover some level of dental services for people over 21, but the generosity of benefits varies, and states already tend to cut or eliminate adult dental benefits when budgets are tight.	https://www.axios.com/news/2025/03/05/medicaid-cuts-dental-care-coverage-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Fired climate scientist: NOAA workforce reductions won't make anyone safer	Government-NOAA	Fired climate scientist: NOAA workforce reductions won't make anyone safer	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fired-climate-scientist-noaa-workforce-23-20250305113111	2025/03/05
USDA offering \$1 billion for poultry farmers as Ohio continues to struggle with bird flu	Health- Bird flu	USDA offering \$1 billion for poultry farmers as Ohio continues to struggle with bird flu	https://www.yahoo.com/news/usda-offering-1-billion-poultry-095073707-20250305113111	2025/03/05
The 7 Common Long Covid Symptoms You Should Be Watching Out For	Health- Covid	The 7 Common Long Covid Symptoms You Should Be Watching Out For	https://www.healthystyle7.com/long-covid-symptoms-00331	2025/03/05
		In January, health officials reported 40 cases of the highly contagious bacterial infection in Multnomah County, where Portland is located – up from 17 in January 2024, according to the Multnomah County Health Department. The shigella bacteria spreads through anything contaminated with infected fecal matter, such as water, food, surfaces or objects. It can also spread from person to person, including during sexual activity. For example, one can get sick with dysentery after swallowing contaminated water while swimming, or after changing the diaper of a sick child and then touching their food or mouth without properly washing hands. To reduce the chances of contracting dysentery, the CDC recommends careful, regular hand-washing before cooking, eating and participating in any sexual activity. The CDC also recommends careful hand-washing after going to the bathroom, changing a diaper or cleaning up after someone who went to the bathroom, among other preventative measures. There are 22,875 unshowered people in Oregon, including 11,153 in Multnomah County, according to data from 2024. About one-third to half of dysentery cases in the past year in the county have been reported in people experiencing either homelessness or housing instability, the health department said in a statement. Housing provides access to hygiene and sanitation, which can reduce the spread of dysentery and other infectious diseases, the Multnomah County Health Department said in a statement. "Housing is related to nearly all aspects of health, including infectious diseases," the health department said. "Lacking housing creates a context that can increase the risk of multiple kinds of infectious disease. When you don't have housing, it is harder to prevent infectious disease and harder to access care to treat disease compared to if you are housed." On Thursday afternoon, amid rapid-fire news of the Trump administration's firings and funding cuts to federal agencies, the CDC finally posted a short online statement about the Texas outbreak. The CDC is in "close communication" with state health officials and is offering technical assistance, laboratory support, vaccines, and medications, the statement says, and Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the new health secretary and longtime anti-vaccine activist, has expressed a "willingness to support local efforts." A CDC official sent me a link to this statement in response to a list of questions I sent the agency. The statement suggested a terrifyingly laid-back approach to combating deadly disease outbreaks. While RFK Jr. changed his tone on Friday, calling the measles outbreak a "big priority," little changed in the administration's approach. And with measles vaccination rates nationwide now hovering perilously close to or even below the recommended 95 percent threshold, what's happening in Texas could conceivably happen anywhere.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2025/03/04/dysentery-outbreak/	2025/03/05
Dysentery is on the rise in Oregon. Here's what to know.	Health-Dysentery	On Thursday afternoon, amid rapid-fire news of the Trump administration's firings and funding cuts to federal agencies, the CDC finally posted a short online statement about the Texas outbreak. The CDC is in "close communication" with state health officials and is offering technical assistance, laboratory support, vaccines, and medications, the statement says, and Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the new health secretary and longtime anti-vaccine activist, has expressed a "willingness to support local efforts." A CDC official sent me a link to this statement in response to a list of questions I sent the agency. The statement suggested a terrifyingly laid-back approach to combating deadly disease outbreaks. While RFK Jr. changed his tone on Friday, calling the measles outbreak a "big priority," little changed in the administration's approach. And with measles vaccination rates nationwide now hovering perilously close to or even below the recommended 95 percent threshold, what's happening in Texas could conceivably happen anywhere.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2025/03/04/dysentery-outbreak/	2025/03/05
RFK Jr.'s Policies Could Spread Measles Far Beyond Texas	Health-Measles	RFK Jr.'s Policies Could Spread Measles Far Beyond Texas	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-policies-could-spread-110000111b-20250305113111	2025/03/05
RFK Jr praises unconventional treatments but not vaccines in Fox interview about Texas measles outbreak	Health-Measles	RFK Jr praises unconventional treatments but not vaccines in Fox interview about Texas measles outbreak	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-praises-unconventional-treatments-20250305113111	2025/03/05
West Texans, Mennonites at center of measles outbreak choose medical freedom over vaccine mandates	Health-Measles	West Texans, Mennonites at center of measles outbreak choose medical freedom over vaccine mandates	https://www.yahoo.com/news/west-texas-mennonites-center-measles-20250305113111	2025/03/05
CDC says it's on the ground in Texas as measles outbreak grows to 195 cases	Health-Measles	CDC says it's on the ground in Texas as measles outbreak grows to 195 cases	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cdc-says-ground-texas-respond-1636402-20250305113111	2025/03/05
RFK Jr sparks alarm after backing vitamins to treat measles amid outbreak	Health-Measles	Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the US health secretary, has caused alarm among pediatricians, vaccine experts and lawmakers with an opinion piece that focuses on vitamin A and nutrition as treatments for measles. In response to a measles outbreak in Texas, which resulted in the first American measles death in nearly a decade, Kennedy wrote for Fox News about the benefits of "good nutrition" and vitamin A – but did not explicitly recommend highly effective vaccines.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/04/rfk-jr-vitamins-meas-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Exposure to combination of pesticides increases childhood cancer risk - study	Health-Pollution	Exposure to multiple pesticides significantly increases the risk of childhood cancers compared to groups that only used one pesticide, find-of-it-kind research finds, raising new fears that children are more at risk to the substances' harmful effects than previously thought. The US supreme court has weakened rules on the discharge of raw sewage into water supplies in a 5-4 ruling that undermines the 1972 Clean Water Act. ... The Republican super majority court ruled on Tuesday that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) cannot employ generic, water body-focused pollution discharge limits to Clean Water Act permit holders, and must provide specific limitations to pollution permittees.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/04/pesticides-childhood-cancer-20250305113111	2025/03/05
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European markets soar as Germany lifts 'debt brake' to raise defence spending	International	The ruling is a win for San Francisco, which challenged nonspecific, or "narrative," wastewater permits that the EPA issues to protect the quality of surface water sources like rivers and streams relied upon for drinking water.	https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/mar/05/european-markets-soar-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Trump turns Canadian politics upside down	International-Canada	European financial markets have rallied sharply and German borrowing costs have soared after the country's prospective leaders announced a historic decision to loosen its "debt brake" rule to boost spending on defence.	https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/mar/05/european-markets-soar-20250305113111	2025/03/05
Trudeau Grinny Warns the World That Trump Can No Longer Be Trusted	International-Canada	President Trump's taunting and tariffs have turned Canadians against the U.S., Prime Minister Justin Trudeau into a fire-breathing nationalist, and his Liberal Party – once on track for an electoral wipeout – back into a force to be reckoned with.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/05/trump-tariffs-canada-liberal-party-20250305113111	2025/03/05
		Florida's Everglades National Park (15 workers fired), Virginia's Shenandoah National Park (15) and New Mexico's Carlsbad Caverns National Park (14) are among the hardest hit locations across the U.S. National Park Service (NPS), per the tally. North Carolina and Tennessee's Great Smoky Mountains National Park (12), Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park (12) and Utah's Zion National Park (11) also saw significant losses. (Academy of Natural Sciences previously reported that at least 13 employees at Zion were fired last week.)	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/05/parks-federal-workers-layoff-20250305113111	2025/03/05
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Speaker Johnson tells GOP lawmakers to skip town halls after an onslaught of protests	Political Cesspool		https://www.yahoo.com/news/speaker-johnson-tells-gop-lawmakers-17-2025/03/05	
Vance on US not pressuring Russia: 'I don't think that's right'	Political Cesspool		https://www.yahoo.com/news/speaker-us-not-pressuring-russia-1617534-2025/03/05	
Here Come Two More Enemies of Science About to Lead Vital Agencies	Political Cesspool		https://www.yahoo.com/news/come-two-more-enemies-science-11000-2025/03/05	
		The White House has installed Peter Marocco as head of a small independent international development agency, part of a broader push by Donald Trump and Elon Musk to dramatically reduce US foreign aid. Marocco, a Trump loyalist who presided over the administration's evisceration of foreign aid programs at USAid and the state department, was placed in charge of the Inter-American Foundation (IF) on Friday, after the White House fired the foundation's president and CEO, Sara Avel, according to a letter sent by the chair of the agency's board of directors and reviewed by the Guardian.		
White House installs Trump loyalist to lead independent agency in push to reduce foreign aid	Political Cesspool	The White House also moved to terminate the agency's bipartisan board of directors and appoint Marocco as the sole board member and chairman, said an employee at the Inter-American Foundation, who spoke to the Guardian on condition of anonymity out of fear of retaliation. The mayor of Washington, D.C. signaled Tuesday that the mural marking Black Lives Matter Plaza in view of the White House will likely be painted over after a Republican lawmaker introduced a bill threatening the District's federal funding if it fails to change the name. She wrote that the plaza would become part of a citywide project in which students and artists would create new murals on the street to celebrate the country's 250th birthday.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/04/trump-loyalist-installs	2025/03/05
Mayor signals DC will rename Black Lives Matter Plaza, after GOP lawmaker threatens federal funding	Political Cesspool	"The mural inspired millions of people and helped our city through a very painful period, but now we can't afford to be distracted by meaningless congressional interference. The devastating impacts of the federal job cuts must be our number one concern," Bowser wrote.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/black-l-2025/03/05	2025/03/05
In Democratic response, Stoltkin says Trump has no credible plan to lower grocery prices	Politics	Michigan senator Elissa Stoltkin followed Donald Trump's record-long joint congressional address on Tuesday by focusing on the risk of a declining democracy, directly challenging citizens to take an active role in holding elected officials accountable – herself included. "Our democracy, our very system of government, has been the aspiration of the world, and right now it's at risk," Stoltkin said in the official Democratic response. "It's at risk when the president decides you can pick and choose what rules you want to follow, when he ignores court orders and the constitution itself, or when elected leaders stand by and just let it happen."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/democratic-response-stoltkin-says-trump-2025/03/05	2025/03/05
Democratic senator says democracy 'at risk' in rebuttal to Trump address	Politics- Rebuttal	The first-term senator outlined a three-step approach for citizens: staying informed, monitoring elected representatives' voting records, and actively organizing around issues that matter to any given citizen. She framed citizen oversight as "American as apple pie." A bellwether test of states' ability to prosecute people over abortions that take place across state lines will hold a critical hearing on Wednesday, when Alabama abortion rights supporters will square off against the state attorney general over his threats to prosecute groups that help women travel for the procedure.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/04/elissa-stoltkin-trump	2025/03/05
Key court hearing as Alabama threatens prosecutions over abortion lawsuit	Reproductive Rights	The Trump administration filed a series of dramatic attacks on abortion rights on Tuesday, as it signaled its plan to drop out of a case defending access to emergency abortions while asking the US supreme court for permission to join a case against the abortion provider Planned Parenthood. The justice department said it would move to dismiss the case over emergency abortions, which had been originally filed by the Biden administration, according to court papers filed by the largest hospital network in Idaho. The Biden administration had sued Idaho over its near-total abortion ban, which it accused of running afoul of a federal law that protects patients' right to health care in emergencies.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/05/alabama-court-hear	2025/03/05
Trump launches fresh attacks on US abortion rights	Reproductive Rights	President Trump's joint address to Congress devolved, within minutes, into the nastiest partisan food fight in the history of this annual tradition.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/04/trump-attacks-abor	2025/03/05
		4 takeaways 1. Democrats become the story 2. Trump's permanent campaign mode 3. An ode to tariffs 4. Made-for-TV magic		
Trump's forever campaign: Takeaways from a marathon, address to Congress	Trump Bullshit	Trump's speeches have never been short on hyperbole and ambition, but a whirlwind first six weeks in office have emboldened the president's rhetoric to messianic new heights. "I was saved by God to make America great again," Trump said at one point, referring to the assassination attempt he survived last summer. "We are going to forge the freest, most advanced, most dynamic, and most dominant civilization ever to exist on the face of this Earth."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/05/trump-joint-address-5-takeaways	2025/03/05
		In this city of little political agreement, there's consensus on one big thing: President Trump is picking more fights, with more action than mere words, with more lasting consequences than anyone expected. Turns out, Trump wasn't bluffing about imposing 25% tariffs, about pardoning Jan. 6 criminals, or punishing Europe, or reavenging Russia, or growing executive power, or gutting the FBI, or filling his Cabinet with loyalists, or penalizing the media, or taking a wrecking ball to government. In fact, in most cases, he's taking a more extreme approach than promised or expected. And he's picking big, new public fights that very few, if any, saw coming: Seize the Panama Canal, rename the Gulf Bay Greenland, bully Canada, turn Gaza into a giddy Rivera, abolish USAID and kneecap the White House Correspondents' Association.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/05/trump-white-house-tariffs-enemies	2025/03/05
Behind the Curtain: Trump, on steroids	Trump Bullshit	There's no evidence that immigrants trying to come into the country were from prisons and mental institutions. Immigrants commit fewer crimes than their American-born counterparts, studies have shown. But Trump and others have elevated individual cases that support their claims, like the death of Georgia nursing student Laken Riley. The 22,787 immigrants out of 43,759 — or 52.1% — currently held in ICE detention at the various locations across the country have no criminal record, data shows. Many more have only minor offenses, including traffic violations. Less than 0.5% of the 1.8 million cases in immigration courts during the past fiscal year — involving about 8,400 people — included deportation orders for alleged crimes other than entering the U.S. illegally, an Axios review of government data found.		
		A backlog of 3.7 million cases in immigration courts, where immigrants are entitled to make their case to stay in the U.S., means detained immigrants can wait months, even years, for a hearing. Immigration courts are predicted to rule on 852,000 deportation cases from Oct. 1, 2024, to Sept. 30, 2025, according to an analysis of data by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC). If that pace continues, immigration judges will decide more deportation cases in 2025 than in any previous year on record.		
		In the Spanish language response, U.S. Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY) said Trump's immigration policies are not designed to deport criminals who should be deported, "but to create a reign of terror that negatively impacts local economies."		
Trump asks for funding for mass deportations and repeats detained claims	Trump Bullshit	The chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus said the president was acting "more like a king than like a president."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/05/donald-trump-address-immigration	2025/03/05
		1. Trump boasted about what he's done so far, leaning into even the most controversial things. 2. It was a very partisan speech, most appealing to MAGA supporters. 3. There were lots of false and inaccurate things said. 4. There were asks of the Republican-led Congress that will tell us what Trump's legislative focus may be in the next year. 5. It's Trump, of course, so of course, there were some made-for-reality TV moments. 6. Elissa Stoltkin delivered an important address, one Democrats should pay attention to	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/05/trx-t-5318104/trump-joint-address-co	2025/03/05
6 takeaways from Trump's pointedly partisan address to Congress	Trump Bullshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-american-students-permanently-ex-2025/03/05	2025/03/05
Trump threatens to deport, imprison foreign students for 'illegal protests'	Trump Bullshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-anti-zelenskyy-tarntum-222546-2025/03/05	2025/03/05
Trump Set to Take His Anti-Zelenskyy Tarntum One Step Further	Trump Bullshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-shoot-circuits-asked-u-212610932-2025/03/05	2025/03/05
Trump Short-Circuits When Asked if U.S. Policy is Aligning With Russia	Trump Bullshit		https://www.rpr.org/sections/dolphin-health-news/2025/03/04/trx-t-5299-2025/03/05	2025/03/05
Hoping to revive mammoths, scientists create 'woolly mice'	Weird World		https://www.theguardian.com/news/2025/mar/04/bad-eagles-hatch	2025/03/05
125 million-year-old fossil of giant venomous scorpion that lived alongside dinosaurs discovered in China	Weird World		https://www.theguardian.com/news/2025/mar/04/bad-eagles-hatch	2025/03/05
Pair of bald eagles welcome two hatchlings in California	Weird World	Bald eagles named Jackie and Shadow are in the midst of cuddling with two new members of their nest after a couple of chicks hatched between Monday night and Tuesday morning, restoring hope after ravens ate their eggs two years ago.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/04/bald-eagles-hatch	2025/03/05
One moment, calm waters. The next, a 900-pound dolphin landed on their boat	Weird World		https://www.theguardian.com/news/2025/mar/04/bad-eagles-hatch	2025/03/05
World's oldest llama enjoys comforting chronically ill children in North Carolina	Weird World		https://www.theguardian.com/news/2025/mar/04/bad-eagles-hatch	2025/03/05
		In a statement shared with PEOPLE on Tuesday, March 4, the FAA wrote: "Several flight crews inbound to Reagan Washington National Airport received onboard alerts Saturday [March 1] indicating another aircraft was nearby when no other aircraft were in the area. Some of the crews executed go-arounds as a result of the alerts."	https://www.theguardian.com/news/2025/mar/04/bad-eagles-hatch	2025/03/05
Planes Receive Multiple False Alarms Informing Them of Midair Collisions at D.C. Airport	Aviation	"The FAA is investigating why this alerts occurred," concluded the agency's statement. A detention center will resume operations as a controversial immigrant family housing facility under a new agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, private prison company CoreCivic has announced. The South Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley, Texas, was a target of civic rights advocates during the first Trump administration amid family separations and mistreatment allegations, but ICE needs more detention space for President Trump's mass deportation plans. The big picture: The restart of the South Texas Family Residential Center reverses a Biden administration's policy of ending the practice of holding undocumented migrant families in detention centers.	https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/planes-receive-multiple-false-alar-2025/03/06	2025/03/06
Controversial immigrant family detention center in Texas to reopen	Borders and Immigration	President Biden turned to remote tracking technology such as ankle bracelets as alternatives. Ten migrants slated to be moved to a prison in Guadalupe Bay, Cuba, have sued the Trump administration, arguing that a transfer to the faraway detention center fits with allegations of abuse is unnecessary and illegal. "Plaintiffs do not challenge the government's authority to detain them on U.S. soil or to directly remove them to their home country or another statutorily authorized country," the ACLU says in the suit. "What they challenge is the government's unprecedented and unlawful decision to transfer and detain them at Guadalupe, which under the [Immigration and Nationality Act] is Cuba. That is per se illegal, even apart from the horrific detention conditions and the lack of meaningful access to counsel or the outside world."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/06/corecivic-immigrant-family-detentio	2025/03/06
Migrants Fight Being Sent To Gilgo, Where Abuse Allegedly Flourishes	Borders and Immigration	ack Daniel's maker Brown-Forman's CEO Lawson Whiting said on Wednesday Canadian provinces taking American liquor off store shelves was "worse than a tariff" and a "disproportionate response to levies imposed by the Trump administration. Several Canadian provinces have taken U.S. liquor off store shelves as part of retaliatory measures against President Donald Trump's tariffs.	https://www.theguardian.com/news/2025/mar/04/bad-eagles-hatch	2025/03/06
Jack Daniel's maker says Canada pulling US alcohol off shelves 'worse than tariff'	Economy- Tariffs	Thousands of residents in eastern Australia were ordered to evacuate, as Tropical Cyclone Alfred's heavy rains and powerful winds blast two states ahead of its expected landfall near Brisbane, the cyclone's third-largest city. It's already caused widespread power outages and triggered storm surge along the southern Queensland and northern New South Wales coasts and those who haven't evacuated were urged to stay inside ahead of its expected hit as a Category 2 storm.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/brown-forman-misses-quarterly-sales-2025/03/06	2025/03/06
Thousands without power as Cyclone Alfred nears eastern Australia	Environment- Cyclone	Key West has an uneasy relationship with the cruise ships that call on the island almost daily. Five years ago, the city tried to ban them but was overruled by the state. Under an agreement negotiated afterwards with the private owner of the cruise pier, one ship per day now can call on Key West. At the same time, the city adopted a law requiring it to monitor the water quality in the cruise port. Hassaki says a key issue is something called turbidity — how much mud and fine sediment is stirred up when cruise ships enter the harbor. He says, "You have these very large vessels with their keels very close to the bottom. And what you see is giant clouds of sedimentation, of silt."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/07/cyclone-alfred-australia-brisbane-qu	2025/03/06
In Key West, testing shows cruise ships stir up silt	Environment- Oceans	Rice said the monitors also recorded occasions where turbidity readings exceeded federal standards when hurricanes passed through. There's 32 events that exceed those turbidity standards over the past year," he said. "So, it's like having 32 hurricanes."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/05/trx-t-52945128/west-coast-ships-2025/03/06	2025/03/06

		Six people have been killed in two states in a powerful March storm, officials said, as the severe weather system that brought blizzards to the Great Plains and high winds to the South continued to move across the United States. The deaths — three in Nebraska and three in Mississippi — occurred Tuesday, authorities said.			
6 killed in severe weather that brought blizzards and strong winds	Environment- Severe weather	More than 108 million people were under high wind advisories and 5 million more were under high wind warnings Wednesday afternoon as the storm continued to pose risks for an area from eastern Texas to Michigan and North Carolina, according to the National Weather Service. Many of those advisories later expired.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/blizzards-strong-winds-hazardous-travel-20250306	2025/03/06	
LA County and two cities sue SoCal Edison over damage from deadly Eaton Fire	Environment- Wildfires	Pasadena, Sierra Madre and Los Angeles County on Wednesday announced that they had filed separate lawsuits in L.A. County Superior Court against Southern California Edison for its alleged role in the deadly Eaton Fire. The lawsuits accuse SoCal Edison's equipment of starting the fire in Eaton Canyon, citing reports that the utility filed with the California Public Utilities Commission that a "fault was detected" at or near the same time.	https://aistl.com/news/climate-environment/la-county-two-cities-sue-sa-20250306	2025/03/06	
Carolina wildfire map: North and South Carolina under increased fire danger as strong winds threaten region	Environment- Wildfires	In South Carolina, more than 175 fires have torn across the state, forcing Governor Henry McMaster to declare a state of emergency on Sunday. The order aimed to bolster wildfire response efforts and ensure adequate resources for firefighters. A statewide burning ban also remained in effect on Tuesday. "Careless behaviors, such as burning on the wrong day, leaving a fire unattended, not playing with a fire until it is fully extinguished, can result in a fire escaping and becoming a dangerous wildfire that quickly threatens lives and property," North Carolina Forest Service Assistant Commissioner and State Forester Greg Hicks warned on Monday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/carolina-wildfire-map-north-south-155039-20250306	2025/03/06	
DOGE wants to cut \$1 trillion this year. But it's not looking at big spending drivers	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk and his Department of Government Efficiency have an ambitious goal of cutting \$1 trillion in federal spending by the end of the fiscal year in September. But DOGE's moves so far to cancel contracts, and ease and push federal agencies to reduce their workforces barely make a dent in the government's overall balance sheet — even if you take DOGE's savings claims at face value.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/06/ta-s1-5318072how-much-money-has-20250306	2025/03/06	
Why is Elon Musk so obsessed with 'ghost employees'?	Fuck that guy	Now, with Musk leading the charge on a White House effort to radically reduce the size of the federal workforce, the billionaire's preoccupation with phantom workers has returned. It was a déjà vu moment for former Twitter engineer Yao Yu, who worked under Musk. To her, the campaign to catch ghost employees lurking on the payroll is really about something else. "Part of that is making his presence felt very acutely. I'm the boss. I'm now overseeing your work, you better make me happy" So just putting it on peoples' mind," You said. She noted that Musk showed little tolerance for dissenters at Twitter after his purchase of the company. You sees the emails to government employees as a loyalty test.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/06/ta-s1-52231elon-musk-doge-twitter-de-20250306	2025/03/06	
Trump told Congress that Musk runs DOGE — and the lawyers noticed	Fuck that guy	I have created the brand new Department of Government Efficiency, DOGE, perhaps you've heard of it, which is headed by Elon Musk, who is in the gallery tonight. Trump said in his speech Tuesday night. Trump's habit of saying Musk is in charge of the group has already created legal headaches for his administration, which has repeatedly said the Teila CEO is not actually leading DOGE. A group of plaintiffs challenging DOGE's constitutionality immediately alerted a Washington, DC, federal judge to Trump's comments almost as soon as the president finished his speech.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-said-address-musk-runs-1646005-20250306	2025/03/06	
Bill Nye becomes target of MAGA after making claims about Elon Musk on CNN	Fuck that guy	video. One of Elon Musk's goons has infiltrated the Federal Aviation Administration and reportedly issued a chilling warning to its staffers on day one. Ted Malaska, a Department of Government Efficiency volunteer, told FAA employees anyone who impeded his work would be reported to Musk and "risked losing their jobs," sources told Bloomberg. Malaska reportedly told FAA staffers his Starlink project needs to be nationwide by the summer of 2026—a timeline that was apparently "unsettling" for federal aviation safety employees who said such huge scale changes are too delicate to be rushed. Ethics experts are also concerned about a partnership between the FAA and Starlink, saying it is a conflict of interest as SpaceX's mishaps are probed by the very administration Musk now has vast influence over.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bill-nye-becomes-target-maga-15212524-20250306	2025/03/06	
Musk's DOGE Goon Arrives at FAA With Chilling Warning for Staff	Fuck that guy	Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and 10 Democratic Senators have called on the government accountability office (GAO) to investigate the effects of the recent firing of federal probationary employees on the health and safety of the American public. Rural cancer patients may miss out on cutting-edge treatments in Utah. Therapies for intellectual disorders could stall in Maryland. Red states and blue states alike are poised to lose jobs in research labs and the local businesses serving them.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-doge-goon-arrives-faa-173213459-20250306	2025/03/06	
Elizabeth Warren, Dems call for inquiry in to Musk agency's firings of probationary workers	Fuck that guy	Ripple effects of the Trump administration's crackdown on U.S. biomedical research promise to reach every corner of America. It's not just about scientists losing their jobs or damaging the local economy their work indirectly supports — scientists around the country say it's about patient health. Republicans across the country have launched initiatives mirroring the Trump administration's Department of Government Efficiency to not cut so-called "waste" and "bloat" within state budgets. While they cheer Elon Musk's chainaw, some of those same officials worry how those deep cuts at the federal level will affect their states, which take in more federal money than they send to Washington.	https://the-guardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/06/elizabeth-warren-fir-20250306	2025/03/06	
Jobs lost in every state and lifesaving cures not discovered. Possible impacts of research cuts	Fuck that guy	Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt, who established DOGE-OK via executive order last month, acknowledged that reality to Politico, noting that as DOGE is "trying to cut \$2 trillion out of the federal spending ... a lot of money from the feds goes to the states."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-okie-down-states-embrace-c-20250306	2025/03/06	
Trickle-down DOGE: Republican states embrace Musk-style cuts	Fuck that guy	"If you're making [final] decisions without involving local representatives, you're making a mistake," House Appropriations Chair Tom Cole (R-Okla.) told reporters when discussing cuts to a key National Weather Service facility in his district. Many of us feel like we are being bullied to justify our existence and worth, said one licensed clinical psychologist, who noted that the VA has long tracked everything she does — how many people she sees, how many phone calls she makes, what time those appointments start and end, what topics they discuss and even what handouts or homework she provides. "I have to keep it together and placate OPM emails, or get terminated, while also answering veterans' concerns about whether I will be there for them the next week or month," she said. "Instead of being able to do good work to address their depression, PTSD, sexual trauma, combat trauma, etc., I have to spend time calming their nerves."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/06/ta-s1-5317722elon-musk-emails-trump-20250306	2025/03/06	
Why VA mental health workers feel Elon Musk's emails are psychological warfare	Fuck that guy	The president told his agency heads that while Musk's effort to slash the size and spending of the federal government has full support, they are the ones, not Musk, who are in charge of staffing at their respective agencies.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-tells-cabinet-members-charge-304-20250306	2025/03/06	
Trump tells Cabinet members they're in charge of staffing as business leaders and Republicans complain about Musk	Fuck that guy	In their heedless quest to chainsaw the federal budget, the world's most powerful person and the richest man on Earth managed to cut a program that had cost nothing at all—while developing more than 60 drugs for children with cancer and rare, life-threatening diseases. "This program has not cost taxpayers a dime," notes Nancy Goodman, who conceived and championed the Give Kids A Chance Act, which passed Congress in 2011 and now needs renewal. What has been a list of RTS VA contracts scheduled for termination a little over a week ago has now become 585 canceled contracts, the VA said Monday. The about-face is a rare public retreat by the so-called efficiency operation known as DOGE, which has come under fire for moving to ax crucial government services and oversteering the value of some of its savings to bagmen.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/the-awkward-truth-about-trump-musk-and-kids-with-cancer-0534239-20250306	2025/03/06	
The Awkward Truth About Trump, Musk, and Kids With Cancer	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk and Texas Governor Greg Abbott are cheering the firing of a state employee who dared to include his pronouns in his work email signature. Abbott went on X to brag about the firing, writing "A Texas state employee refused to remove pronouns from email signature. He was fired before noon."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-plans-cut-va-contracts-may-harm-veterans-serv-employees-say-140956611-20250306	2025/03/06	
DOGE plans to cut VA contracts may harm veterans' serv. employees say	Fuck that guy	The employee, Frank Zamora, was booted from his job as a program manager at the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) after refusing to comply with a new rule banning pronouns in email signatures. The Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) has ordered the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to temporarily reinstate all probationary employees fired by the Trump administration. The decision from the quasi-judicial board will allow just under 6,000 USDA employees to return to their posts for the next 45 days.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-celebrates-firing-federal-worker-23-20250306	2025/03/06	
Musk Celebrates Firing of Federal Worker Using Pronouns in Email Signature	Fuck that guy	The Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) has ordered the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to temporarily reinstate all probationary employees fired by the Trump administration. The decision from the quasi-judicial board will allow just under 6,000 USDA employees to return to their posts for the next 45 days.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-at-board-orders-usda-temporarily-26-20250306	2025/03/06	
Federal board orders USDA to temporarily reinstate dismissed probationary workers	Government Clustefuck	MSBP agreed with arguments from the Office of the Special Counsel, finding "reasonable grounds to believe that the agency terminated probationary employees not to eliminate poor performers, but instead as part of a reorganization, which required the use of [reduction in force] procedures." A message seen by the AP was sent with the subject line, "Read this e-mail immediately." It said that "after further review and consideration," a Feb. 15 termination notice has been rescinded and the employee was cleared to return to work on Wednesday. "You should return to duty under your previous work schedule," it said. "We apologize for any disruption that this may have caused." About 180 people received reinstatement emails, according to two federal health officials who were briefed on the tally but were not authorized to discuss it and spoke on condition of anonymity.	https://apnews.com/article/cdc-reinstatement-1100333677e5a02a4df-20250306	2025/03/06	
Read this e-mail immediately: CDC tells about 180 fired employees to come back to work	Government Clustefuck	Senate Democrats are indicating they won't tank a short-term government funding package, barring any eleven-hour GOP surprises. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.), with President Trump's help, is steadily building House GOP support to extend last year's spending levels through Sept. 30 without any significant policy changes. Schumer has been clear that he wants to avoid a shutdown. Even talking about wanting one is a big no-no.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-democrats-warm-to-helping-gop-avoid-government-shutdown-20250306	2025/03/06	
Senate Democrats warm to helping GOP avoid government shutdown	Government Funding	House Republicans are pressing on with plans for a clean six-month stopgap to keep the government funded beyond next week's shutdown deadline in the face of staunch resistance from Democrats. House Appropriations Committee Chair Tom Cole (R-Okla.) told reporters on Wednesday that Republicans are "running the full-year CR, period," next week, referring to the party's plan to pass a stopgap, also known as a continuing resolution (CR), through late September.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-plows-forward-with-government-funding-plan-despite-democratic-opposition-20250306	2025/03/06	
GOP plows forward with government funding plan despite Democratic opposition	Government Funding	The Trump administration is moving at lightning speed to ax the federal government and freeze federal hiring. But some people are still getting jobs. Special exemptions laid out by the White House permit hiring to continue for those involved with immigration enforcement, national security and health care. Even so, agencies that are supposed to be spared from the freeze are running into additional roadblocks, amounting to a shadow-hold on critical, lifesaving jobs.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/05/ta-s1-5316890federal-hiring-freeze-va-20250306	2025/03/06	
Federal hiring is nearly frozen. For those who can hire, a new roadblock has emerged	Government Jobs	The biggest barrier, according to an OPM official, congressional staffers, VA employees and veterans' organizations is that human resources officials across the federal government can no longer access their own new hire records without approval from senior leadership at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM).	https://apnews.com/article/veterans-affairs-cuts-doge-musk-trump-507-20250306	2025/03/06	
Trump administration plans to cut 80,000 employees from Veterans Affairs, according to internal memo	Government jobs	President Trump is expected to issue an executive action as early as Thursday calling on Education Secretary Linda McMahon to "take all necessary steps to facilitate the closure of the Department of Education," according to a draft of the action obtained by NPR. But some lawmakers remain uneasy about its proposed creation of a statewide student database of disciplinary, mental health and law enforcement information to evaluate students who might commit violence. And although the House also passed a bill Tuesday to give a tax incentive to people who pay for gun safe devices or training, Democrats say the Republican-majority House Assembly isn't doing enough to control guns.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/georgia-house-passes-school-safety-bill-after-apalachee-high-school-shooting-000-20250306	2025/03/06	
Georgia House passes school safety bill after Apalachee High School shooting	Government- GA	A federal judge on Wednesday issued an order temporarily blocking the Trump administration from imposing a 15 percent cap on research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), finding that plaintiffs had a high likelihood of succeeding on the merits of their argument. U.S. District Court Judge Angel Kelley granted a nationwide preliminary injunction on the Trump White House's plans to set a 15 percent cap on payments for indirect costs for NIH grant recipients. These funds go towards administrative costs, facility fees and paying support staff.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-judge-presses-pause-on-nih-funding-cuts-2225500-20250306	2025/03/06	
Federal judge presses pause on NIH funding cuts	Government- NIH	Last month, Kelley granted a request for a restraining order on the funding rate change, barring NIH from enforcing its plans. The plaintiffs include 22 attorneys generals representing their respective states, who argue that slashing funding for indirect costs would be devastating to grant recipients.			

NOAA cuts could ground some Hurricane Hunter flights	Government-NOAA	The layoffs that hit about 800 NOAA employees last week will hamstring the agency's fleet of hurricane research aircraft, experts warn. NOAA's aircraft have specialized equipment that the Air Force's Hurricane Hunters lack. Their flights during hurricane season are aimed at feeding data into computer models to improve forecast accuracy. The now-thinly staffed team of flight directors, engineers, scientists and mechanics means NOAA will struggle to maintain a 24-hour a-day tempo of flying its modified Gulfstream jet and aging WP-3 research aircraft, said Josh Ripp, who was laid off as a flight engineer since he was a probationary employee. Ripp said the missing flights will translate into less accurate forecasts and greater risk for coastal residents who are used to having at least two to three days' warning of a hurricane's predicted landfall location.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/06/noaa-layoffs-hurricane-hunter-flights	2025/03/06		
DeWine urges federal bird flu research, with over 30% of Ohio's egg laying poultry killed	Health- Bird flu	Gov. Mike DeWine said the federal government needs to speed up bird flu research to contain the outbreak, which has lost nearly a third of its egg-laying chickens. Ohio Department of Agriculture Brian Baldridge, and state veterinarian, Dr. Dennis Summers, joined DeWine in the city of Versailles in western Ohio to discuss the impact of this outbreak on Ohio's egg and poultry industry. Ohio is the second largest egg producing state in the country. "And I think what we need, frankly, is just a real sense of urgency. And that would be my message when I talk to the secretary," DeWine said. According to Baldridge, 15.5 million birds have been destroyed to mitigate the spread of the illness.	https://www.wyvo.org/news/2025-03-06/dewine-urges-federal-bird-flu-research	2025/03/06		
US measles cases rise after first death. See which states have reported measles in 2023	Health- Measles	Meanwhile, Georgia officials confirmed to USA TODAY Tuesday that the state still had three confirmed cases. The Rhode Island health department said the state had one case, while Alaska confirmed it had two. On Monday, New Jersey confirmed that it had three cases and New York City reported two. Two people have now died in the growing measles outbreak in west Texas and New Mexico.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-measles-cases-rise-first-20522217.html	2025/03/06		
Amid a growing measles outbreak, doctors worry RFK is sending the wrong message	Health- Measles	"Mentions of cod liver oil and vitamins [are] just distracting people away from what the single message should be, which is to increase the vaccination rate," said Dr. Arash Adelia, an infectious disease physician and senior scholar with the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security. Instagram users have some harsh words for a Texas pastor who is celebrating his Christian church's private school having the state's lowest vaccination rate for measles amid a deadly outbreak of the highly contagious virus.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/07/mx-1-5320352/measles-rfk-west-texas	2025/03/06		
Outrage after Texas pastor brags online about his school having the state's lowest measles vaccination rate. We celebrate it	Health- Measles	"I just want to congratulate all the family members of MC Prep that embrace freedom of health, and they're not allowing government or science projects to affect how you live and lead your life," Scott told his more than 47,000 Instagram followers. Only 14.3 percent of kindergartners at the 300 student Fort Worth school were vaccinated for measles for the 2023 to 2024 school years, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram said. It is one of six facilities in North Texas that have less than 50 percent of its kindergarten population vaccinated, according to The Dallas Morning News.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/outrage-texas-pastor-brags-online-18390.html	2025/03/06		
UK scientists develop DNA sequencing system to fight superbugs	Health- Superbug	Scientists have developed a rapid DNA sequencing system to stem the rise of superbugs by identifying bacterial infections faster and more accurately. Currently, hospital labs can take as long as seven days to specify bacterial infections, while for some infections a definitive diagnosis may take eight weeks.	https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/mar/06/uk-scientists-develop-dna-sequencing-system-to-fight-superbugs	2025/03/06		
States push fight against mRNA vaccines	Health- Vaccines	In the meantime, doctors may have to give patients broad-spectrum antibiotics, which carry risks of side-effects and complications, may fail and prolong the illness, and can lead to antibiotic resistance and superbugs spreading across wards. Now scientists have developed a solution. In a UK first, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and Barls Health NHS trust in London have designed a DNA sequencing programme to diagnose bacterial infections much faster and more accurately.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/06/states-push-fight-against-mrna-vaccines	2025/03/06		
Scopio, Israel objected to secret U.S.-Hamas talks in tense call	International Relations	The mRNA vaccines that helped to end the COVID pandemic — and averted a considerable amount of vaccine skepticism and misinformation — are now a target of legislators in some conservative-led states. No state has enacted a ban on mRNA so far. But Iowa, Montana and Idaho have all introduced legislation this year aimed at curbing the use of mRNA vaccine technology.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/07/hamas-talks-trump-podagyaahu-hosts	2025/03/06		
Five takeaways: China's foreign minister slams Trump's 'two-faced' policies	International Relations	Israel's concerns over the Trump administration's secret negotiations with Hamas erupted in a contentious call Tuesday between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-hand man and the U.S. official leading the talks, an Israeli official said, a source with knowledge of the call told Axios. China's top foreign policy official, Wang Yi, cast Beijing as a force for good and blasted the U.S. for being "two-faced" at a news conference during China's annual session of parliament on Friday.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/07/mx-1-5320802/china-us-tariffs-paza-uh	2025/03/06		
Trump issues new ultimatum for Hamas to release Israeli hostages	International- Israel	"No country should expect to suppress and contain China on one hand while developing a good relationship with it on the other. Such a two-faced approach not only undermines the stability of bilateral relations but also fails to build mutual trust," he said. "The U.S. should review what has been gained from years of tariff and trade wars. Has the trade deficit been reduced or increased? Has the competitiveness of manufacturing risen or declined? Has inflation improved or worsened? Have the lives of the people improved or deteriorated?" Since U.S. economic and trade relations are mutual and reciprocal. Cooperation will lead to mutual benefit and win-win results, but if one side insists on pressure, China will take resolute countermeasures," he said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/06/trump-hamas-hostages-gazt-ultimatum	2025/03/06		
Fighter jet accidentally bombs village, injuring 15, during South Korea military drill	International- South Korea	President Trump told Hamas he will greenlight additional Israeli military strikes on Gaza unless the group releases its remaining hostages. Trump has issued several ultimatums to Hamas since he won the election. His most recent was last month when he demanded that Hamas release all hostages "by noon Saturday" or the ceasefire is off.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/mar/06/south-korea-military-drill	2025/03/06		
Exclusive: Gaetz could be next Florida attorney general	Political- Ceaspool	South Korea's air force has apologized after one of its fighter jets accidentally dropped eight bombs in the wrong place during a training exercise on Thursday, injuring 15 civilians and damaging several buildings. "Eight MK-82 general purpose bombs were abnormally released from an air force KF-16 aircraft, landing outside the designated firing range," the air force said, adding that the bombs weighed about 225kg each.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/06/matt-gaetz-florida-attorney-general	2025/03/06		
Trump's nominee to run NH faces Senate scrutiny	Political- Ceaspool	Florida's next attorney general could be the ex-congressman who almost became President Trump's U.S. attorney general, Matt Gaetz. There's already a war of words brewing between Gaetz and Uthmeier supporters over right-wing influencers Andrew and Tristan Tate, the Florida men who recently were allowed to return to the U.S. after facing sex-trafficking charges in Romania.	https://www.npr.org/sections/whats-health-news/2025/03/06/gaetz-nh-attorney-general	2025/03/06		
House Republican plots to kick dozens of Democrats off panels	Political- Ceaspool	Congress faced allegations of paying a minor for sex — has criticized Uthmeier's motives. Stanford University health researcher Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, who is poised to become the next director of the National Institutes of Health, told senators at his confirmation hearing Wednesday that agency officials "breathe a culture of coverup, obfuscation, and a lack of tolerance for ideas that differed from theirs" over the last few years.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/06/house-republican-democrats-committee	2025/03/06		
A Pentagon press secretary has history of pushing antisemitic, extremist theories	Political- Ceaspool	During the COVID pandemic, Bhattacharya clashed with the mainstream medical establishment, including the NIH, over lockdowns and other measures designed to control the spread of the virus. He says he was shunned and penalized for his views and he didn't want anyone else to suffer the same fate. A House Republican said Thursday he will force votes on kicking dozens of Democratic colleagues off of their committees for chanting and singing on the House floor over the objections of Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.).	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/06/mx-1-5319995/kinsley-wilson-anti-semit	2025/03/06		
5 takeaways from the confirmation hearing for Trump's FDA nominee	Political- Ceaspool	Members of Congress and Jewish civil rights organizations are criticizing the new deputy press secretary at the Department of Defense, Kinsley Wilson, for a series of online posts and past political commentary she made before joining the Trump administration. Over the last several years, Wilson posted and commented prolifically on podcasts in her position at the right-wing think tank the Center for Renewing America. Wilson praised Russian President Vladimir Putin and attacked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, promoted theories widely seen as antisemitic, exonerated Republicans in Congress who supported Ukraine, frequently used a slur for people with intellectual disabilities and also appeared to support political violence.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/06/mx-1-5319995/kinsley-wilson-anti-semit	2025/03/06		
How to Decode RFK Jr.'s Dog Whistle Messages on the Measles Vaccine	Political- Ceaspool	Dr. Marly Makany, a Johns Hopkins surgeon who is poised to become the next commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, told senators Thursday that he will stick to the science, if confirmed. When pressed on several controversial topics, such as access to the abortion pill and firings at the FDA, he didn't answer directly and said instead he would "do an assessment" after becoming FDA commissioner.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/decode-rfk-jr-dog-whistle-110000521.html	2025/03/06		
Social Security Administration bans reading 'general news' at work	Political- Ceaspool	But, he added, there's a "huge difference" between cancelling one of these meetings for the flu shot, in which he says members just "rubber stamp" what international organizations already recommend, and having a transparent meeting over whether "requiring every 12-year-old girl in America to take an eighth COVID booster shot." He suggested that if more drugs were sold without a prescription, their prices would drop.	https://www.npr.org/sections/whats-health-news/2025/03/06/mx-1-5319	2025/03/06		
House GOP moves swiftly to punish Rep. Al Green for disrupting Trump speech	Politics	That's why after his apparently pro-vaccine statements on Monday, condemnation rolled the anti-vax world. "It has upset lots of supporters of RPK," Jason Schwartz, associate professor of health policy at the Yale School of Public Health, told me. But on closer review, and particularly in the context of an interview he then gave to Fox News, which aired Tuesday, it's not so clear that Kennedy has actually changed his tune. "I think he's playing the long game," said Dont Reiss, professor of law at U.C. Law San Francisco. And some anti-vaxers engaging in a close reading of Kennedy's piece agreed—even seeing the piece as an encouraging sign that the anti-vax agenda is proceeding in this administration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-gop-moves-swiftly-punish-1933490.html	2025/03/06		

		Senate Democrats want to leave the issue of trans athletes playing in women's sports to state and local governments. ... The Democratic messaging effort has been spearheaded by Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), sources tell Axios. Baldwin, the first openly gay person elected to the Senate, faced a barrage of attacks on the topic in her 2024 reelection campaign. She feared Republicans were flooding the zone with their attacks without Democrats having a clear and consistent rebuttal. "Republicans in Washington are saying they know better than parents and local school districts," she said in a statement. "They are wrong. I trust parents, schools and local sports leagues to make these decisions for their children." The layoffs come about two months after Max said it would stop distributing Sesame Street episodes after 2025 and within a day after more than 200 of its employees asked for Sesame Workshop to recognize that they want to form a union. Cast – like puppeteers – crew and writers are already unionized, said a statement from OPEN! Local 53. "Amid the changing media and funding landscape, we have made the difficult decision to reduce the size of our organization," a Sesame Workshop spokesperson wrote in an email to NPR.			
Senate Democrats punt on trans rights in women's sports	Rainbow threats		https://www.axios.com/2025/03/07/senate-democrats-transgender-work	2025/03/06	
Sesame Workshop will 'downsize significantly' with layoffs, CEO says	Sad	Last December, Warner Bros. Discovery, which owns Max, announced that, after 10 years, it was renewing its deal to fund new episodes of the iconic children's series. At the time, the corporation said its priorities had shifted and that Sesame Street was "not as core to our strategy."	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/05/mx-1-5318076/sesame-workshop-layo	2025/03/06	
Supreme Court rules Trump administration must enforce foreign aid payments	Supreme Court	A sharply divided Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled that the Trump administration must comply with a district court order and pay out nearly \$2 billion in foreign assistance funds to nonprofit aid groups for work already completed on the government's behalf. The court ruled 5-4 with Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Amy Coney Barrett siding with the liberal justices.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-orders-trump-administrati	2025/03/06	
Supreme Court makes it harder for EPA to police sewage discharges	Supreme Court	A divided Supreme Court on Tuesday made it harder for environmental regulators to limit water pollution, ruling for San Francisco in a case about the discharge of raw sewage that sometimes occurs during heavy rains.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-makes-harder-epa-16210	2025/03/06	
Supreme Court wrestles with nation's frustrating search for nuclear waste storage	Supreme Court	The Supreme Court on Wednesday wrestled with whether to restart plans to temporarily store nuclear waste at sites in rural Texas and New Mexico even as some justices worried about safety issues and the lack of progress toward a permanent solution. The justices heard arguments in a case that reflects the complicated politics of the nation's so far futile quest for a permanent underground storage facility. A plan to build a national storage facility northwest of Las Vegas at Yucca Mountain has been mothballed because of staunch opposition from most Nevada residents and officials.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-confronts-national-heads	2025/03/06	
"Humans in the loop" make AI work, for now	Technology- AI	The ability to provide oversight and to understand what tasks should be handed off to AI are the skills that human workers will need in the future, says Kelly Monahan, managing director of the research institute at Upwork. Environmentalists have urged the Trump administration to reverse its decision to cut off funding for key conservation work aimed at saving iconic at-risk species, including anti-poaching patrols for vulnerable rhinos and elephants. International conservation grants administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) have been frozen by Trump, throwing conservation non-profits around the world into disarray. These grants, amounting to tens of millions of dollars, help protect imperiled species in countries that lack the US's financial muscle to combat threats such as poaching.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/06/humans-in-the-loop-ai	2025/03/06	
Elephants and rhinos at increased risk of poaching due to Trump funding cuts, groups say	Trump Bullshit	An environmental group, the Center for Biological Diversity, said it would sue the FWS if the funding isn't restored. It said the money is vital for patrols safeguarding rhinos in Africa, which have suffered a 84% population decline over the past century, as well as efforts to reduce human-elephant conflict and help conserve species such as freshwater turtles and monarch butterflies.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/05/trump-conserv-va	2025/03/06	
Judge orders Trump admin to pay USAID partners millions by Monday	Trump Bullshit	A federal judge gave the Trump administration until 6pm Monday ET to make some outstanding foreign aid payments to USAID partners, per multiple reports on Thursday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/07/trump-usaid-funding-freeze-paymen	2025/03/06	
Trump administration considers rolling back chemical plant safeguards	Trump Bullshit	US District Judge Amiri Ali's ruling during a case involving several nonprofits and aid groups including the ACS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition and the Global Health Council comes one day after the U.S. Supreme Court declined to halt the lower court judge's order requiring the Trump administration to unfreeze some \$1.9 billion in foreign aid payments. The Trump administration will consider rolling back Biden-era regulations that increased safeguards for workers at chemical plants, it announced Thursday in a legal filing.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-considers-rolling-ba	2025/03/06	
Trump Press Secretary Struggles to Explain Why His Tariffs Will Work	Trump's Best	White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt claimed she had the "facts" to back up Donald Trump's trade war-launching tariffs on Mexico, Canada, and China but stopped short of saying anything actually true. So, even Trump's chief propagandist seems a little confused about whether the tariffs are a masterful bluff or a legitimate economic policy. Leavitt seemed intent on pairing the tariffs as both—carefully eliding the fact that Trump's so-called negotiations might better be understood as a global trade war that will inevitably affect the lives of everyday Americans.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-press-secretary-struggles-explain-	2025/03/06	
Trump administration reverses on plan to close nuclear waste site management office, Democratic senator says	Trump's boomerang	The Department of Government Efficiency's (DOGE) website lists an Energy Department office in Carlsbad, N.M., as among the 745 leases it is terminating. However, Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) says he spoke with the Energy Secretary Chris Wright, who told him the office will not close.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-reverses-plan-close	2025/03/06	
Trump staves down early economic potholes	Trump's Economy	Buy your local economist a drink: The economic backdrop is more chaotic and uncertain than it's been in years — a result of fast-moving and sometimes vague Trump policy. Forecasters are writing GDP and inflation estimates in pencil, warning that their models can't possibly account for all the ways the jumble of policies could net out. What they're saying: "It's really drinking from a fire hose at this point," Brian Gardner, chief Washington strategist at Siftel, tells Axios.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/06/economy-trade-tariffs-growth	2025/03/06	
As Canadians cancel trips due to Trump, the U.S. tourism industry could lose billions	Trump's Economy	The Trump administration's recent attacks on its northern neighbor have been met with confusion, frustration and anger by many Canadians, some of whom are now abandoning their trips south and boycotting travel to the U.S. in protest. Tourism industry leaders say that could pose a major threat to the U.S. travel sector, which relies heavily on Canadian visitors. According to the U.S. Travel Association, Canadians are the largest group of foreign visitors to the U.S. annually and accounted for \$20.9 billion in spending last year alone.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/06/mx-1-5163544-trump-tariffs-canadian-t	2025/03/06	
Trump pauses Canada-Mexico tariffs again, but stocks sink	Trump's economy	Catherine Prather, president of the U.S.-based National Tour Association, said she's heard reports from "dozens" of members about Canadian travelers cancelling the tours they had booked to the U.S. — particularly in response to Trump's stated goal of annexing the longtime ally. "Canadians feel disrespected, and that's very challenging to them because we have always been such loyal, loyal partners," she said. President Trump paused 25% tariffs on Mexican and Canadian imports covered by a North American trade pact until April 2. It's the latest abrupt pivot in the Trump administration's trade policy, which is rattling businesses and consumers.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/06/trump-tariffs-mexico-pause-shineba	2025/03/06	
Strong winds send US Customs blimp nearly 600 miles across Texas	Weird World	Strong winds from a recent storm in the south sent a US Customs and Border Protection surveillance blimp flying nearly 600 miles across Texas. The blimp — resembling a white-hot air balloon — was dislodged from its base in South Padre Island, a beach town on the southern coast of Texas, around 3:15 p.m. local time Monday due to "a severe wind event," US Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations department said in a statement.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/strong-winds-send-us-customs-07411803	2025/03/06	
No 2 most wanted: Florida police face wait as man swallows diamond earrings	Weird World		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/05/fflarry-florida-diam	2025/03/06	
"I'm truly happy": 108-year-old takes record for world's oldest female barber	Weird World		https://www.yahoo.com/world/2025/mar/06/shshu-hakoshi-worl	2025/03/06	
The US penny costs nearly 4 cents to make. But for one sector of souvenir sellers, it's a living	Weird World		https://apnews.com/article/penny-press-machines-donald-trump-6e44f	2025/03/06	
A Chesko shaped like the beloved Pokémon Charizard is auctioned for \$87,840	Weird World		https://apnews.com/article/pokemon-chesko-charizard-chesboard-auc	2025/03/06	
Trump's Department of Justice deletes link to study showing undocumented immigrants commit less crime than US citizens	Borders and immigration	The Trump administration appears to have deleted a Justice Department web page describing a study that concluded undocumented immigrants in Texas commit notably less crime than U.S. citizens, a finding that contradicts the White House's frequent descriptions of such migrants as violent criminals.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/trump-doj-undocu	2025/03/11	
With income-driven repayment plans paused, the student loan program is in chaos	Economy-Student loans	On Friday, a group of 25 Senate Democrats wrote to Secretary of Education Linda McMahon asking for more information about her agency's February decision to remove the online applications for several popular income-driven repayment plans. The move has created mass uncertainty for millions of borrowers, in part because it has prevented many from filling out the annual forms necessary to keep their payments from suddenly ballooning.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/with-income-driven-repayment-plans-a	2025/03/11	
Centrist House Dems say Mike Johnson is ghosting them	Electoral Dysfunction	The centrist House Democrats who House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) may need to avert a government shutdown are lining up against his plan — with many pointedly noting they haven't heard a word from his leadership team. ... The House is poised to vote Tuesday on what is known as a continuing resolution — a stopgap spending measure to keep the government funded at 2024 levels until September. The measure lacks language Democrats had pushed for that would stop the Trump administration from unilaterally cutting congressionally appropriated funding, leading Democratic leadership to whip against it. A senior House Democrat told Axios that leadership is "working hard" to ensure no Democrats vote for the measure, "just like" last month's budget vote.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/11/mike-johnson-shutdown-house-dem	2025/03/11	
What the world needs now is more fossil fuels, says Trump's energy secretary	Environment-Fossil fuels	Wright, a former fracking executive who was picked by Trump to the crucial cabinet position, also attacked the Joe Biden administration for focusing "myopically on climate change." "The Trump administration will end the Biden administration's irrational, quasi-religious policies on climate change that imposed endless sacrifices on our citizens," he said at the conference, for which tickets cost upward of \$10,000. "The cure was far more destructive than the disease." "The Trump administration will treat climate change for what it is, a global physical phenomenon that is a side-effect of building the modern world," he added. "Everything in life involves trade-off."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/10/chris-wright-climate	2025/03/11	
Musk plans to double DOGE staff amid federal government cuts	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk said Monday DOGE's staff are "pretty much" in every government department and he's looking to roughly double the number on the cost-cutting team he's the face of. Musk said on Fox Business Network's "Kudlow" Monday DOGE is "trying to act broadly across all departments, so it's not just one department at a time" and the department is "pretty much" in all of them now.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/10/trump-musk-doge-staff-federal-gove	2025/03/11	
Trump has made clear to the cabinet that 'Elon is your partner,' Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick says	Fuck that guy	Musk told host Larry Kudlow the DOGE team currently comprises "a little over 100" staff and "we're going to get to 200." President Donald Trump emphasized that Elon Musk will remain a partner to administration officials, according to Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick. The executive branch will take a more refined approach in its cost-cutting endeavors to keep the "great people," Lutnick said. "The president's advice and guidance was, let's be super sharp. Let's make sure we cut with a scalpel," he said, adding that the cabinet secretaries and Musk all agreed with Trump's directive.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-made-clear-cabinet-elon-1900079	2025/03/11	
2 ways Elon Musk's Access to the US Treasury May Impact Social Security	Fuck that guy	Social Security Administration Leadership Stepping Down This isn't even a prediction — it's already happening. As reported by CNN, on Monday, Feb. 17, it was announced that the Social Security Administration's (SSA) acting commissioner, Michele King, quit after more than 30 years of service, as a result of her refusing to provide DOGE with access to SSA private information. Understaffing and Slower Payment Processing The Trump administration has promised to buyout any federal employees who wish to resign, offering them the ability to resign and be paid through September. An estimated 20,000 federal employees have accepted the buyout as of early February, USA Today reported, which could leave the SSA — already understaffed at a 25-year low — so understaffed that all processes and payments become inevitably delayed.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/2-ways-elon-musk-access-120033588	2025/03/11	

		Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency's haphazard takeover of the Social Security Administration risked data of millions of Americans 'leaking into the wrong hands,' the department's ousted acting chief of staff warned. Tiffany Flick, a civil servant of 30 years, detailed the speed with which a DOGE associate was perched into the administration to access sensitive data.			
DOGE's haphazard takeover of Social Security risked data of millions of Americans leaking into the wrong hands	Fuck that guy	Flick, who was forced out last month, said she was "seriously concerned" that Social Security programs can continue to run without disruption and did not rule out that benefits could be delayed or not paid out at all as a result of DOGE's takeover.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-haphazard-takeover-social-security-	2025/03/11	
DOGE is 'urgently' looking for ways to show public as they try to clean up PR mess	Fuck that guy	Along with looking for ways to make cost-cutting moves, the Department of Government Efficiency is now also trying to find ways to emphasize its accomplishments, according to a report. The Elon Musk-led service is hoping to rebrand itself after weeks of negative media coverage and public mistakes, the Washington Post reported. There is an "urgent" need to promote DOGE's achievements, two sources told the outlet.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/doge-	2025/03/11	
DOGE likely subject to Freedom of Information Act requests, judge rules	Fuck that guy	A federal judge ruled Monday that the US Department of Government Efficiency is likely covered by the Freedom of Information Act, a federal transparency law that allows outsiders to obtain internal government records detailing agency conduct. The new preliminary ruling from US District Court Judge Casey Cooper is a major win for watchdog groups and others seeking to scrutinize the activity of the Elon Musk-led initiative, which has been at the center of President Donald Trump's drastic overhaul of the federal bureaucracy. However, the new order may not result in the immediate production of DOGE records sought by the Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, the group that brought the case, because Cooper's ruling can be appealed.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-likely-subject-freedom-information-	2025/03/11	
SpaceX Begging Feds To Ground Apple-Funded Rival's Satellites	Fuck that guy	With Tesla's stock price floundering, Elon Musk is seemingly doing everything he can to make the federal government bolster his net worth in the most efficient way possible. SpaceX sent a request to the Federal Communications Commission last week to block Globalstar from launching a new Canadian-built 48-satellite constellation. The project was partly funded by a \$1 billion investment from Apple to offer more satellite-enabled features to iPhone users in the future.	https://au.yahoo.com/spacex-begging-feds-ground-apple-21250005-	2025/03/11	
Don Jr.'s Firm Reportedly Invests \$50 Million in Elon's Companies	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk is using his position within the Trump administration to funnel lucrative federal contracts to his companies. The president's family is reportedly cashing in, too. According to a Monday report from Bloomberg, Donald Trump Jr. — the president's eldest son — has invested \$50 million into SpaceX and xAI through his investment firm 1789 Capital.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/don-jr-s-firm-reportedly-invests-21293933-	2025/03/11	
NASA eliminates chief scientist role, other officials	Government-NASA	It's hard to see how the deal between 1789 and Musk's billion-dollar companies isn't naked political cronyism. Musk is working to have SpaceX take over at least one major government contract from the Federal Aviation Administration, which will likely benefit investors. As reported by Rolling Stone earlier this month, officials at the FAA have — under the auspices of Musk's so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and SpaceX employees installed in the agency — begun to order staff to find tens of millions of dollars to fund a deal with SpaceX for the use of its Starlink satellite system. Last month, a State Department spreadsheet showed that the Trump administration was weighing a \$400 million deal to buy "armored" Tesla vehicles. NASA has cut its office of the chief scientist and its Office of Science, Policy, and Strategy, among other entities, the agency said in an internal email that Axios has viewed.	https://www.axios.com/2025-03-10/nasa-eliminates-chief-scientist-role-	2025/03/11	
Rubio announces that 83% of USAID contracts will be canceled	Government-USAID	Katherine Calvin, a climate scientist, had the role of chief scientist. Questions have arisen about the fate of NASA science programs, particularly its Earth science work studying human-caused climate change. Calvin has also held the dual title of NASA's senior climate adviser. The Trump administration officially canceled 83% of U.S. foreign aid contracts on Monday. "The 5200 contracts that are now cancelled spent tens of billions of dollars in ways that did not serve, (and in some cases even harmed), the core national interests of the United States," Secretary of State Marco Rubio wrote on X early Monday morning.	https://www.npr.org/sections/foreign-aid/2025/03/10/g-a1-529894ru-	2025/03/11	
USDO cancels \$1B in local food purchasing for schools, food banks	Government-USDO	The Agriculture Department has axed two programs that gave schools and food banks money to buy food from local farms and ranchers, halting more than \$1 billion in federal spending. Roughly \$600 million that schools and child care facilities were counting on to purchase food from nearby farms through the Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program in 2025 has been canceled, according to the School Nutrition Association.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/usdo-cancels-1b-local-food-00292033-h-	2025/03/11	
Postal workers conducting the census is part of a Trump pitch for taking over USPS	Government-USPS	The Trump administration's talk of transforming the U.S. Postal Service has ensnared another one of the country's oldest institutions — the census. During a recent interview, Fox News anchor Bret Baier asked Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick about a potential push for his department to take control of the USPS — even though Congress set up the Postal Service to be independent of the White House and generally self-funded through stamp sales and other service fees. President Trump gave Lutnick "a whole 24 hours," the commerce secretary said, to figure out how to solve the mail service's longstanding financial problems. To "save us money," the solution Lutnick pitched was to rely on mail carriers instead of hiring temporary census workers to help conduct the constitutionally required head count of the country's residents once every 10 years. "I think that looking to the Postal Service as a replacement for the Census Bureau and census takers is an effort to find a silver bullet that just doesn't exist," Lowenthal says. "The cost savings that Secretary Lutnick believes might be there for the taking simply are based on wildly inaccurate numbers and assumptions."	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/10/mx-a1-5311969/usps-privatization-trump-	2025/03/11	
National Cancer Institute Employees Can't Publish Information on These Topics Without Special Approval	Health-Cancer	Employees at the National Cancer Institute, which is part of the National Institutes of Health, received internal guidance last week to flag manuscripts, presentations or other communications for scrutiny if they addressed "controversial, high profile, or sensitive" topics. Among the 23 hot-button issues, according to internal records reviewed by ProPublica: vaccines, fluoride, peanut allergies, autism. The list touches on the personal priorities of HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a longtime anti-vaccine activist who has repeatedly promoted medical conspiracy theories and false claims. He has advanced the idea that rising rates of autism are linked to vaccines, a claim that has been debunked by hundreds of scientific studies. He has also suggested that aluminum in vaccines is responsible for childhood allergies (his son reportedly is severely allergic to peanuts). And he has claimed that "water fluoridation" — which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has called "one of the 10 greatest public health achievements of the 20th century" — is an "industrial waste."	https://www.republican.org/denational-cancer-institute-flagged-topi-	2025/03/11	
What we still don't know about COVID 5 years after the WHO declared a pandemic	Health-Covid	How many people have died of COVID-19? What is the mechanism behind long COVID When did COVID enter the United States? Where did the virus come from? Maryland health officials have identified a positive case of measles in a state resident who recently traveled internationally.	https://abcnews.go.com/Health/covid5-5-years-after-declared-pandemic-	2025/03/11	
Measles case confirmed in Maryland; Dulles Airport travelers could be exposed	Health-Measles	Area leaders are working to locate people who could have been exposed to the virus, including anyone who visited Washington Dulles International Airport's main terminal, terminal A and baggage area on March 3 between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m., as well as Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center Pediatric Emergency Department the afternoon of March 7 between 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/measles-case-confirmed-maryland-and-dulles-	2025/03/11	
Experts warn Americans 'should bank on' having more pandemics in the future	Health-Pandemic	Jennifer Nuzzo, an epidemiologist and the head of the Pandemic Center at Brown University's School of Public Health, told MassLive.com on Monday that people "should pretty much bank on the fact that we will have more pandemics in our future." "Is there another pandemic coming? Yes. When? Which pathogen? How severe will it be? No one can say for sure," Jonathan Grad, a professor of immunology and infectious diseases at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, said. "But the big demographic changes that are coming, due to climate change as well as economic and other factors, will alter the landscape and create new risks, both for new pathogens to emerge and for known pathogens to re-emerge."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/pandemics-us-covid-future-	2025/03/11	
'Nervous and rushed': Massive Fukushima plant cleanup exposes workers to high radiation and stress	Health-Pollution	The Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant's radiation levels have significantly dropped since the cataclysmic meltdown 14 years ago Tuesday. Workers walk around in many areas wearing only surgical masks and regular clothes. It's a different story for those who enter the reactor buildings, including the three damaged in the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. They must use maximum protection — full facemasks with filters, multi-layered gloves and socks, shoe covers, hooded hazmat coveralls and a waterproof jacket, and a helmet.	https://apnews.com/article/japan-fukushima-plant-radiation-safety-4ef6-	2025/03/11	
'Nervous and rushed': Massive Fukushima plant cleanup exposes workers to high radiation and stress	Health-Pollution	Health authorities are calling attention to a looming consequence of the Trump administration's gutting of the U.S. A.D. Agency for International Development: the risk of a global surge in tuberculosis cases and deaths. The World Health Organization warned last week that the sweeping funding cuts could endanger millions of lives, since many countries depend on foreign aid for TB prevention, testing and treatment. Globally, tuberculosis is responsible for the most deaths of any infectious disease. Around 1.25 million people died from the bacterial infection in 2023, the latest data available, and new cases hit an all-time high that year, with around 8.2 million people diagnosed, according to the WHO. Until recently, USAID provided about a quarter of the international donor funding for tuberculosis services in other countries — up to \$250 million annually, according to the WHO. The agency operated tuberculosis programs in 24 countries.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/world-health-organization-warns-possible-	2025/03/11	
US added to human rights watchlist for 'narrowing' freedom and now ranks near Serbia and Congo	Human rights	The U.S. was added to a watchlist of countries with "faltering civil freedoms" after a global watchdog group raised alarm bells over recent actions taken by President Donald Trump and his administration. Claiming the U.S. was "once a global champion for democracy and human rights," CIVICUS said Trump's attempts to remake the federal government in his vision and remove the U.S. from global participation have raised concerns that it is infringing on democratic freedoms. The U.S. joins the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Pakistan, Chile, Slovakia and 37 other countries on the list of countries with "narrowed" civic freedoms. As the Pentagon and Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency set their sights on climate-related programs at the Defense Department, officials and experts are warning that slashing them could put US troops and military operations at risk, both in the near and long term. "I think they're stuck on the word 'climate' and not seeing the operational impacts," one US official said, adding that the cuts will pose "readiness issues all around."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-human-rights-4-	2025/03/11	
Officials and experts warn that Pentagon plans to cut climate programs will hurt national security	National Security	Dr. Ravi Chaudhary, former assistant secretary of the Air Force for energy, installations and environment, told CNN that climate programs are not just important to giving the US military an edge on adversaries like China, but they also help keep service members and their families safe. "Inaction at this point will put our readiness and the lives of our troops and their families at greater risk," he said. Indeed, officials who spoke to CNN pointed to a number of programs within the Defense Department that could technically be tagged as climate-related but have real operational impacts on the military. Trump's appointee as interim US attorney for the District of Columbia and nominee to hold the position permanently, Ed Martin, has repeatedly made derogatory and racist comments in past social media posts and columns. Martin's rhetoric includes falsely claiming Kamala Harris is "self-identified" as Black and calling her the new Rachel Dolezal, claiming Planned Parenthood targets Black communities for abortions, claiming that the supreme court justice Sonia Sotomayor made racist comments to white males about her own identity and invoking false claims about Dr Martin Luther King Jr to affirm support for the Republican party and the Tea Party movement.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/officials-experts-warn-pentagon-plans-12-	2025/03/11	
Trump pick for Washington US attorney made derogatory and racist comments	Political-Cespool	The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a freedom of speech case challenging Colorado's statewide ban on conversion therapy for LGBTQ+ youth in its upcoming fall session. The outcome of the case, expected in 2026, could either protect or roll back conversion therapy bans across the nation.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/11/trump-pick-washy-	2025/03/11	
U.S. Supreme Court will hear a case challenging Colorado's conversion therapy ban. Here's what to know	Rainbow-threats	Colorado's Minor Conversion Therapy Law prohibits all mental health professionals in the state from attempting to change a client's sexual orientation or gender identity during therapy sessions. It also imposes penalties for those violating the law, including a \$5,000 fine and the potential loss of their license. A Texas state bill could charge transgender people with "gender identity fraud," making it illegal to identify as trans on official documents and potentially leading to jail time. The bill, which was filed last week by Republican state Rep. Tom Oliverson, would make it a state jail felony if a person "knowingly makes a false or misleading verbal or written statement" by "identifying their sex assigned at birth incorrectly to a governmental entity or to their employer. State jail felonies in Texas are punishable by up to two years in jail and a fine of up to \$10,000."	https://www.cnn.com/2025/03/10/outlook-colorado-conversion-therapy-ba-	2025/03/11	
Texas bill would make identifying as transgender a felony punishable by jail	Rainbow-threats		https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-bill-identifying-transgender-felony-2-	2025/03/11	

		The grant, "Farm to Feminine Hygiene: Enhancing the Textiles Lab for Research, Extension and Scientific Instrumentation for Teaching at Southern University," was awarded in 2024 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The project, which was scheduled to run through 2027, focused on developing sustainable menstrual products from natural fibers like regenerative cotton, wool, and industrial hemp. It also sought to educate young women and girls about menstrual health and provide Louisiana farmers with a fiber processing center.			
Trump officials kill federal research on safer period products over mention of transgender men	Rainbow threats	The research sought to reduce potential health risks associated with synthetic menstrual products, an issue that has drawn increasing attention from public health experts. CBS News reports that when asked whether the USDA has any evidence that the study focused on transgender men, the agency did not respond.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-officials-kill-federal-research-16122	2025/03/11	
Supreme Court rejects Republican-led effort to halt climate change lawsuits in Democratic-led states	Supreme Court	The Supreme Court on Monday rejected a lawsuit from Republican attorneys general in 19 states aimed at blocking climate change suits against the oil and gas industry from Democratic-led states. The justices acted on an unusual Republican effort to file suit in the Supreme Court over the Democratic states' use of their own state courts to sue fossil fuel companies for deceiving the public about the risks of their products contributing to climate change.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-rejects-republican-led-141	2025/03/11	
		Donald Trump's second presidency will take a novel path this week as he turns to Congress to enshrine part of his effort to transform the country — after weeks of wielding vast and questionable executive power.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trumps-second-presidency-will-take-a-novel-path-this-week-as-he-turns-to-congress-to-enshrine-part-of-his-effort-to-transform-the-country-16122		
Trump's presidency moves into a new phase with a critical test of his power in Congress	Trump Bullshit	The drama ahead of Friday's funding deadline could have a serious impact on the lives and well-being of millions of Americans. A shutdown could force essential government workers to go without pay and see many more furloughed. It would disrupt services including airport security, border crossings and national parks. It would deepen the turmoil sparked by Trump's return to the Oval Office as his brinkmanship on tariffs rocks the economy and Elon Musk's indiscriminate shredding of the federal government causes chaos.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-presidency-moves-into-a-new-phase-with-a-critical-test-of-his-power-in-congress-16122	2025/03/11	
		And Trump only heightened this uncertainty when he declined to rule out the possibility of a recession this year in an interview that aired Sunday on Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures." "Vowing to go forward with his trade war policies, Trump dismissed a slide in the stock markets, which are usually one of his favorite measures of economic performance.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-presidency-moves-into-a-new-phase-with-a-critical-test-of-his-power-in-congress-16122		
Trump Doubles Down on Lie, Says Government Funded 'Transgender Surgery on Mice'	Trump Bullshit	President Donald Trump perpetuated and expanded on a lie he told during his joint address to Congress where he claimed the Biden administration spent millions of dollars on scientific research to make mice transgender.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-doubles-down-on-lie-says-government-funded-transgender-surgery-on-mice-173704834	2025/03/11	
		"I read them — just a tiny portion of them — the other night," Trump said. "Transgender surgery on mice — hundreds of — I mean the money they're spending on all of this stuff. The whole thing's a scam."			
		After Trump alleged that the government spent millions "making mice transgender" in his congressional speech, outlets fact-checked Trump's claims, and the White House released a list of studies it said backed up the assertions. But Rolling Stone's dose look at the list revealed that the vast majority of the research was not focused on making mice transgender. It was aiming to gain knowledge to help human health — for example, examining the effects of estrogen on asthma in women or how cross-sex hormones affect fertility. One study mentions "transgenic mice," which is not the same thing as "transgender mice." Transgenic mice are genetically modified mice that "have had DNA from another source put into their DNA," according to the National Cancer Institute. These mice are used to study how certain diseases might act in humans.			
		Lara Trump then said: "We all take notes from President Trump, and you and I both know, he does not take any days off, so nobody takes any days off."			
		The comment comes as the president has reportedly played golf on 13 of the 48 days since returning to the White House.			
Lara Trump declares Trump doesn't take days off — as he spends yet another weekend golfing	Trump Bullshit	The cost of the trips to Florida has been mounting. According to an analysis by HuffPost, this is his 10th trip to the club, adjacent to Palm Beach International Airport, since his January 20 inauguration. He has also golfed three times at Trump Doral, just east of Miami International Airport.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/lara-trump-20250311/	2025/03/11	
		The outlet claims, citing costs from a 2019 Government Accountability Office report, that the president's apparent insistence on spending his weekends in Florida has now cost American taxpayers in excess of \$18 million.			
Stocks suffer worst day of 2025 as recession fears rise	Trump's economy	U.S. stock markets cratered on Monday, with investors fearful that the economy could be headed into a recession.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/10/stocks-crater-2025	2025/03/11	
		The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite shed 4%, or 728 points, keeping it firmly in correction territory. It was the index's third-worst point loss ever, with the only two worse coming in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.			
Ontario Hits Michigan, Minnesota and New York With Electricity Surgecharge	Trump's economy	Ontario, Canada's most populous province, retaliated against President Trump's economic threats on Monday by imposing a 25 percent surcharge on the electricity that it exports to Michigan, Minnesota and New York.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/10/us/politics/canada-tariffs-retaliate	2025/03/11	
		The move will cost businesses and residents in each state up to \$400,000 per day, and lift the average energy bill by about \$100 per month, Premier Doug Ford said at a news conference. The province expects enough energy to power about 1.5 million homes and businesses in those states, he added. They went into effect on Monday.			
Trump promised to bring down egg prices on day one. Now, he's sharing articles telling people to 'shut up' about it	Trump's economy	President Donald Trump vowed to bring down the price of eggs on the first day of his second term — now he reposted an article asking the public to "shut up about egg prices."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-4	2025/03/11	
		But over the weekend, he signaled he may have had enough of discussing the rising costs when he shared on Truth Social conservative activist Charlie Kirk's Daily Caller article titled "Shut Up About Egg Prices — Trump Is Saving Consumers Millions."			
		President Trump praised the arrest of pro-Palestinian activist and Columbia University alumnus Mahmoud Khalil on Monday, saying it's the first of "many to come."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/10/trump-mahmoud-khalil-arrest-deport	2025/03/11	
Trump promises more arrests after pro-Palestinian activist detained by ICE	Unconstitution al	The Trump administration appears willing to curb, or potentially outlaw, protest movements it disapproves of.			
		ICE agents told Khalil prior to his Saturday arrest that his student visa had been revoked. But he is a legal permanent resident and not in the U.S. on a student visa, attorney Amy Greer said in a statement.			
DOJ to review Tina Peters conviction, Colorado officials criticize the move	Voting fuckery	The U.S. Department of Justice said Monday it plans to review the state conviction of former Mesa County Clerk Tina Peters on charges related to helping a man gain unauthorized access to voting equipment in 2021.	https://www.cpr.org/2025/03/03/us-department-of-justice-to-review-sta/	2025/03/11	
Male blue-lined octopuses inject females with venom during sex to avoid being eaten, study shows	Weird world	The DOJ does not have the power to overturn a state conviction, and it's unclear what, if any, intervention in the case the department or a federal court could make.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/mar/11/blue-lined-octop	2025/03/11	
		Male blue-lined octopuses inject females with venom during sex, paralyzing their larger mates to avoid being eaten, new research has found.			
Weather forecasting agency NOAA to cut another 1,000 workers, reports say	Wrecking ball	The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration could lose another 1,000 employees as part of the Trump administration's plan to cut costs in the federal government, according to multiple reports.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/weather-forecasting-agency-noaa-cut-15	2025/03/11	
		The agency, which includes the National Weather Service and oversees monitoring of the world's atmosphere and the weather and climate in the U.S., already saw more than 880 employees get cut in late February.			
NASA lays off top scientist and deputies as it implements DOD's job cuts that will see hundreds leave space agency	Wrecking ball	NASA has begun its layoffs at the behest of the Trump administration and Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nasa-lays-off-top-scientist-175202864.html	2025/03/11	
		"We will close NASA's Office of Technology, Policy, and Strategy, the Office of the Chief Scientist, and the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility branch in the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, along with reducing their workforce," said Peter.			
Justice Department is expected to slash public corruption unit, AP sources say	ACAB	Prosecutors in the Justice Department section that handles public corruption cases have been told the unit will be significantly reduced in size, and its cases will be transferred to U.S. attorney offices around the country, two people familiar with the matter said Tuesday.	https://apnews.com/article/justice-department-public-corruption-unit-cut-16122	2025/03/12	
There's a serious safety issue, investigators say, following DCA midair collision	Aviation	The discussions about shrinking the public integrity section come weeks after the unit's leadership resigned when a top Justice Department official ordered the dropping of corruption charges against New York Mayor Eric Adams.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/11/nat-5324543mbd-dca-mid-air-collisio	2025/03/12	
Green card holders' rights in spotlight after arrest of pro-Palestinian activist	Borders and immigration	At the end of the Biden administration, there were about 30 prosecutors in the section, which was created in 1976 following the Watergate scandal to oversee criminal prosecutions of federal public corruption cases across the country.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/11/nat-5324147mbd-mahmoud-khalil-green	2025/03/12	
Tennessee's push to jail officials backing immigration sanctuary raises alarm	Borders and immigration	The chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board says that "there's a serious safety issue" in the airspace surrounding Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/11/tennessee-immigr	2025/03/12	
Bad diets and cancer cure: All of the wild theories RFK Jr. has been spreading about the measles outbreak	Cesspool- Conspiracy theory	Homely described the flight patterns around DCA as "an intolerable risk" as helicopters and commercial planes operate in close proximity to each other in the busy airspace over the U.S. capital. She says an NTSB analysis found that in a 13-year period from 2011 to 2024, there was at least one "close call" each month between a commercial plane operating at DCA and a helicopter.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bad-diets-cancer-cure-wild-theories-rfk-jr-has-been-spreading-about-the-measles-outbreak-180336567.html	2025/03/12	
		Khalil, who works as a green card as a legal permanent U.S. resident, isn't charged with anything. But the Trump administration says he should be deported because of his protest activity, which it equates with anti-Semitism and support for terrorism.			
Consumer and business demand may be cracking	Economy-Spending	In January, the state general assembly passed legislation, by about a three-to-one majority, to make it a felony for a local lawmaker, such as a school board member or a city councilperson, to vote affirmatively on a local ordinance that adopts any "sanctuary city" policy of noncompliance with federal immigration law enforcement officials.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/11/consumer-demand-southwest-trump	2025/03/12	
		He's said it's "almost impossible" for an infectious disease to kill a healthy person. He's linked measles to bad diets. Kennedy's endorsement of the measles vaccine has been lukewarm. He's promoted other remedies. He said "natural immunity" after infection could protect people.			
		Sentiment indicators show that economic uncertainty, tariff threats and federal government outbacks are weighing on consumer and business spending plans.			
		Some companies must expect to discretionary spending say it isn't just talk. Weak sentiment is carrying over into weaker buying.			
		It's unclear whether a similar cooling of demand is underway across the economy. But the anecdotes can't be ignored, especially as the factors that previously supported spending among consumers — robust hiring and wage growth — begin to fade.			
		President Trump on Tuesday imposed new retaliatory tariffs on Canada and insisted the only solution was for the country to join the U.S. — but then reversed his decision after Ontario agreed not to levy electricity exports.			
Trump threatens, then reverses, new Canadian tariffs	Economy-Tariffs	Close allies less than two months ago, relations between the U.S. and Canada have now frayed to the point that diplomacy is being conducted by furious TV appearances and social media name-calling.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/11/trump-tariffs-canada-steel-aluminum	2025/03/12	
		It's spurred a sense of Canadian nationalism strong enough to change the course of the country's politics.			
		As first reported by The Wall Street Journal on March 7, "according to people familiar with his inquiry" Patel queried officials as to how he might have secure lines installed in his office and home that would go directly to the Oval Office (Ben Williamson, the bureau's assistant director for public affairs, denied the Journal's report). If true, this seemingly simple request from Patel points to either an ignorance of how the relationship between an FBI director and the president is supposed to work — and has worked for decades. There's a reason why a direct line to the president isn't already sitting on Patel's desk — let alone in his home or car. It's not supposed to.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-kash-patel-asking-two-2018404	2025/03/12	
Opinion Kash Patel is asking two questions that should concern everyone	End of democracy	Patel's desire for direct communications with President Trump means he's either ignorant of the perils of such an arrangement, or he really wants the president's ear at all hours. It could also mean that President Trump may have asked Patel to set up such a secure line. Regardless, this doesn't bode well.			
		Patel's second question to FBI officials — how to retain a private security detail for himself — may not sound odd (though Ben Williamson denied this report as well). But, in truth, it's deeply troubling.			
		The FBI protects two people — the attorney general and the FBI director. The bureau has always provided its own agents, who volunteer for the assignment and go through special executive protection training. Why, then, would Patel ask about private security? We don't know his reason. Perhaps he doesn't believe FBI agents can protect him for the assignment. Perhaps he doesn't like the idea of law enforcement agents loyal to the Constitution — not to a president — being so close at hand. Maybe the phone question and the security detail question are linked. If you want to securely talk to the president everywhere you go, just maybe you don't want FBI agents hearing what you tell the president.			
		Climate whiplash is already hitting major cities around the world, bringing deadly swings between extreme wet and dry weather as the climate crisis intensifies, a report has revealed.			
'Global weirding': climate whiplash hitting world's biggest cities, study reveals	Environment-Climate change	Dozens more cities, including Lucknow, Madrid and Riyadh have suffered a climate "flip" in the last 20 years, switching from dry to wet extremes, or vice versa. The report analysed the 100 most populous cities, plus 12 selected ones, and found that 95% of them showed a distinct trend towards wetter or drier weather.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/mar/12/global-weirding	2025/03/12	

		President Trump said Tuesday he will label violence against Tesla dealerships as domestic terrorism.			
Trump floats labeling Tesla dealership violence as domestic terrorism	Fuck that guy	"They're harming a great American company," Trump said, adding that "those people" are the "same guys that screw around with our schools and universities, the same garbage, and we're going to catch them." Musk said, "It's really terrible that there's so much violence being created against people like Tesla, Tesla supporters, Tesla owners, Tesla stores. These are innocent people." "I just think that's very unfair," Trump said, adding that he's going to buy a Tesla vehicle for White House staff to use as the Secret Service won't allow him to drive. Some federal agencies store information that many people don't share even with their closest friends and family. Medical diagnoses and treatment. Notes from therapy sessions. Whether a person has filed for bankruptcy. Detailed income information. And now, Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, has accessed heavily safeguarded databases that store such personal information, raising deep alarm among federal workers and privacy advocates. But Erie Meyer — who resigned last month from her post as chief technologist at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau after the change in administration — doesn't trust DOGE.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/11/trump-tesla-musk-domestic-terrorism	2025/03/12	
The government already knows a lot about you, DOGE is trying to access all of it	Fuck that guy	"Part of what is unnerving and is scary both to companies whose data is involved and also Americans whose most sensitive financial information is at risk, is that we don't know what they're doing," she says.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/11/mx-41-53090541doge-elon-musk-security	2025/03/12	
Musk claims 'massive cyberattack' behind X outage, came from 'Ukraine area'	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk said his social media platform X was targeted in a "massive cyberattack" Monday and later blamed the attack was traced back to "the Ukraine area," prompting outages for thousands of users.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-blames-massive-cyberattack-x-181	2025/03/12	
DOGE axes CISA 'red team' staffers amid ongoing federal cuts	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has fired more than a hundred employees working for the U.S. government's cybersecurity agency CISA, including "red team" staffers, two people affected by the layoffs told TechCrunch.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/doge-axes-cisa-red-team-18442332z	2025/03/12	
Judge orders urgent release of DOGE records, citing 'unprecedented power and unusual secrecy'	Fuck that guy	A federal judge has ruled that Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency is withholding so much power that its records will likely have to be opened to the public under federal law. U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper said the vast and "unprecedented" authority of DOGE, formally known as the U.S. Digital Service, combined with its "unusual secrecy" warrant the urgent release of its internal documents under the Freedom of Information Act. "Reports don't mean anything, you've got to actually take action," Musk said in an interview today on Fox Business Network, explaining that his goal is to slash up to \$700 billion from entitlement programs — essential services and programs like Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, unemployment insurance, and food stamps.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-orders-urgent-release-doge-02901	2025/03/12	
Elon Musk Teases Big Cuts to Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare	Fuck that guy	Since Trump took office, DOGE and Musk have initiated mass firings across the government, while calling for numerous contracts and leases to be terminated. Trump's hush-hush men have also specifically honed in on Social Security. Already, they've closed 10 Social Security Administration field offices, with plans to close dozens more, while also eliminating workers who were meant to help seniors access their benefits. Social Security experts and insiders warn these cuts — and the DOGE team's access to data and operations they don't understand — threaten the program's ability to function, and could lead to checks not going out to seniors who rely on them.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-teases-big-cuts-03082134g	2025/03/12	
Trump calls Tesla boycott 'illegal' and says he's buying one to support Musk	Fuck that guy	Donald Trump said he is buying a "brand new Tesla" and blamed "Radical Left Lunatics" for "illegally" boycotting Elon Musk's electric vehicle company. The announcement came a day after Musk said Tesla is in a "brand new Tesla" and blamed "Radical Left Lunatics" for "illegally" boycotting Elon Musk's electric vehicle company. The announcement came a day after Musk said Tesla is in a "brand new Tesla" and blamed "Radical Left Lunatics" for "illegally" boycotting Elon Musk's electric vehicle company.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/11/trump-tesla-boycot	2025/03/12	
Hours after Trump promises to buy a Tesla, reports of Elon Musk's plans to donate \$100M to MAGA super PACs emerge	Fuck that guy	Hours after Donald Trump announced that he was planning to purchase a Tesla, reports emerged that Elon Musk was considering a \$100 million donation to a super PAC associated with the president.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-musk-donate-tesla-19482622	2025/03/12	
Fired NIH workers fear bleak job prospects in the private sector because their research is too specific to be retrained. 'No VC is going to fund that'	Government Jobs	Fired NIH workers, many of whom have a doctoral degree and years of training in specialized fields, are either caught in an appeals process purgatory—petitioning to government watchdogs about the legality of their firings—or are confronted with the weight of the federal hiring freeze. Looking to the private sector for options, some workers aren't convinced there's a future there, either. U.S. private employers added 77,000 jobs in February, according to ADP, the smallest gain since July of last year and nearly half of the 148,000 jobs expected last month. As private-sector job opportunities take a hit, NIH workers aren't convinced they'd find a job there anyway. NIH labs are often beset by their founding principal investigator (PI), meaning there are not one-to-one equivalent positions in the public and private sectors, according to one anonymous NIH employee, working in a lab developing brain-computer interfaces. The employee's identity is not for release.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fired-nih-workers-fear-bleak-10070046z	2025/03/12	
Justice Department says key Trump admin official won't testify about probationary firings	Government Jobs	The Justice Department told a federal judge on Tuesday that the acting head of the Office of Personnel Management won't testify at a hearing later this week in a major case challenging the government's efforts to cut the federal workforce, after the judge had rejected a DOJ request to cancel the hearing. DOJ attorneys said that in order to avoid acting OPM director Charles Ezzell from testifying at the Thursday hearing in San Francisco, they are withdrawing a declaration he submitted last month that had served as their only evidence in the case. "Because the Court's stated purpose of bringing Mr. Ezzell to the hearing was to obtain testimony from him regarding the contentions made in his declaration, Defendants therefore submit that his presence is no longer necessary at any hearing given that this declaration is now withdrawn," they wrote in court papers.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/feder-ajudge-won-t-cancel-160656801	2025/03/12	
House passes bill to avert government shutdown, through Sept. 30	Government Shutdown	The U.S. House voted Tuesday to pass a short-term federal funding bill that would stave off a government shutdown until at least September. The bill passed the House virtually along party lines, with all Republicans except Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) voting for it and all Democrats except Rep. Jared Golden (D-Maine) voting against it. The vote was 217-213. It still needs to pass the Senate, however, where it will need the support of at least seven Democrats to overcome the 60-vote filibuster threshold. Employees of the U.S. Department of Education received an email on Tuesday, advising them to vacate all department offices by 6:00 p.m. Staff were instructed by the department's Office of Security, Facilities and Logistics to plan to work from home on Wednesday. The email further unsettled department employees who have spent the past several weeks anticipating sweeping staff cuts by the Trump administration.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/11/house-passes-continuing-resolution	2025/03/12	
U.S. Education Department switches to remote work amid talk of layoffs	Government-DOE	This Thursday, agency heads are expected to turn in their "reorganization" plans to the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The National Institutes of Health will cancel or cut back dozens of grants for research on why some people are reluctant to be vaccinated and how to increase acceptance of vaccines, according to an internal email obtained by The Washington Post on Monday.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/11/mx-41-53247460/us-education-depart	2025/03/12	
NIH to terminate or limit grants related to vaccine, hesitancy and uptake	Government-NIH	Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the new secretary of NIH's parent agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, has disparaged vaccines for years. He gained national notoriety over the past two decades by promoting misinformation about vaccines and a conjectured link to autism, drawing widespread condemnation from the scientific community. Tests conducted by them are worried about measles spreading to population centers in an outbreak the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) expects to "expand rapidly." Two people have died, including a child, and at least 208 people have been sickened across west Texas and New Mexico after an outbreak of the vaccine-preventable disease took hold in rural Gaines county. Cook described an outbreak curve, familiar to those who watched infections rise and fall during the Covid-19 pandemic, that is still on the "incline".	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nih-terminate-limit-grants-related-233947	2025/03/12	
CDC expects measles outbreak in west Texas to 'spread rapidly'	Health-Measles	His concerns are shared by other local physicians, such as Dr. Philip Huang, director of the Dallas county's department of health and human services, who told local CBS news affiliate: "There's a concern that some of the people in west Texas are going to spread across the country. It's not slowing down. This is not over, and there will be more cases." Kennedy said on Jan. 29 of the committee: "I think 97% of the people on it had conflicts. I think we need to end those conflicts and make sure that scientists are doing unobstructed science." He was citing an older government report on ethics disclosures, which he said came from a "government oversight investigation committee." NPR tracked down that 2009 report, spoke with those involved with the CDC's vaccine advisory committee at the time, and learned that Kennedy's statement about it is inaccurate. "Right now, what we're getting is a total misrepresentation of a 20-year-old report, about a process that was already being improved before that report was issued," says Dr. Tom Frieden, CDC director from 2009 to 2017. He signed the agency's letter in response to the report in 2009. The review, contrary to Kennedy's characterization, it did not find serious conflicts among most members.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/12/texas-measles-out	2025/03/12	
RFK says most vaccine advisers have conflicts of interest. A report shows they don't	Health-Vaccines	What if found was problems with committee members' disclosure paperwork: 97% of the financial disclosure forms filed contained errors or omissions, such as people putting information in the wrong section of the form or incompletely filling out a section, or reviewers forgetting to initial and date amendments to the pages.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/03/11/mx-41-5323	2025/03/12	
Canadian leaders urge resolution amid energy trade war concerns	International Relations	Ontario's energy minister said Tuesday that electricity tariffs on the U.S. were meant to signal that the country is ready to negotiate in full force if the U.S. continues its trade war.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/11/canadian-leaders-urge-resolution-amid-energy-trade-war-concerns	2025/03/12	
The U.S. will resume Ukraine military aid and intelligence, as Kyiv approves ceasefire	International-Ukraine	KYIV, Ukraine — The United States will resume sending military aid and intelligence to Ukraine after Ukraine agreed to a Trump administration proposal for a monthlong ceasefire, the U.S. and Ukraine said after talks in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday years. There were a variety of odd moments in Donald Trump's national address last week, but among the most peculiar was the point at which the president singled out Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Trump related his interest in taking the Panama Canal, adding that he'd put the former senator in charge of the endeavor. "Now we know who to blame if anything goes wrong," the president said.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/11/mx-41-53248511/ukraine-us-aids-argue	2025/03/12	
Rubio's tenure as secretary of state matches new laws, with reported White House tensions	Political-Cespool	As part of the same aside, the Republican referenced the fact that Rubio was confirmed unanimously in the Senate. "I'm either very, very happy about that or I'm very concerned about it," Trump added.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/maddow-blog-rubio-tenure-secretary-175	2025/03/12	
USAID employees told to destroy classified documents, email shows	Political-Cespool	Officials at the US Agency for International Development (USAID) have begun a large-scale destruction of classified documents at their headquarters in the Ronald Reagan building in Washington DC including with shredders and using "burn bags," according to an internal email seen by the Guardian. The email, sent by the acting USAID secretary, Erica Y Carr, instructs staff on procedures for clearing "classified sales and personnel documents" through shredding and the use of "burn bags" marked "SECRET" throughout the day on Tuesday. "Shred as many documents first, and reserve the burn bags for when the shredder becomes unavailable or needs a break," Carr wrote in the email, which provides detailed instructions on how to properly seal and label the burn bags. For years, Donald Trump has also called for designating "Antifa" or more broadly, all anti-fascist activists — as an official domestic terrorist organization. While that has not materialized into official policy, Trump's top national security leaders at the FBI, CIA and the Pentagon are all hardcore loyalists intent on carrying out his political agenda. Even from inside the FBI, an anonymous agent has publicly warned that the domestic counter-terrorism strategy could switch from inquiries against the hyper-violent far right to leftwing protest movements. Though the bureau has never been a friend to anti-fascist or Black protest movements in the past, today's activists have taken note of the electoral changes and the promises for retribution in store for what Trump called "enemies from within" at his many rallies. "We see opposition to fascism under Trump's fascist rule to be an increasingly dangerous endeavor," said Walter Taut, a member of the Antifa international social media collective. "Many of us are taking far more precautions than we've ever done before."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/11/usa-id-staff-docume	2025/03/12	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/11/mx-41-53247460/maddow-mhali-palesti
White House says immigration officials are seeking more pro-Palestinian protesters	Protest	For years, Donald Trump has also called for designating "Antifa" or more broadly, all anti-fascist activists — as an official domestic terrorist organization. While that has not materialized into official policy, Trump's top national security leaders at the FBI, CIA and the Pentagon are all hardcore loyalists intent on carrying out his political agenda. Even from inside the FBI, an anonymous agent has publicly warned that the domestic counter-terrorism strategy could switch from inquiries against the hyper-violent far right to leftwing protest movements. Though the bureau has never been a friend to anti-fascist or Black protest movements in the past, today's activists have taken note of the electoral changes and the promises for retribution in store for what Trump called "enemies from within" at his many rallies. "We see opposition to fascism under Trump's fascist rule to be an increasingly dangerous endeavor," said Walter Taut, a member of the Antifa international social media collective. "Many of us are taking far more precautions than we've ever done before."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/11/trump-nuclear-weapons-jan-russia	2025/03/12	
Trump's nuclear dilemma, 'Greatest threat' is getting bigger	Trump-Bushfi	President Trump calls nuclear weapons the "greatest existential threat" humanity faces, but he may be ushering in a world of more nuclear powers and fewer nuclear guardrails.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/11/trump-nuclear-weapons-jan-russia	2025/03/12	
Trump vows to 'lead the charge' to oust Massie	Trump-Bushfi	President Trump is vowing to "lead the charge" to oust Republican Rep. Thomas Massie (Ky.), who has said he will not support the GOP's short-term government funding bill ahead of Friday's shutdown deadline.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-vows-lead-charge-oust-12513398d	2025/03/12	

		Markets hate uncertainty and chaos. The S&P 500 is down 6.4% since Inauguration Day, and 3% since Election Day — one of the worst-performing major indices in the world. Most market signals are negative — partly because of a tech meltdown that's not entirely Trump-driven. But the uncertainty is the critical element. The uncertainty is the point. Consumers are already losing confidence and pulling back on spending, weakening a key engine of the economy. Several polls show a slump in Trump's popularity since he took office and launched his shock-and-awe plan to remake the U.S. government and the world order.				
Behind the Curtain: Trump plays with fire — by choice	Trump's economy	Every month, the federal government serves up a steady diet of economic reports on everything from the price of groceries to the unemployment rate. These reports are closely followed. They can move markets — and the president's approval rating. Businesses and investors put a lot of stock in the numbers, which are rigorously vetted and free from political spin.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/11/trump-taunts-elon-musk-doge-economy	2025/03/12		
How reliable is the government's economic data? Under Trump, there are real concerns	Trump's economy	Now the Trump administration is calling that trust into question.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/11/trump-1532155/economic-data-reliability	2025/03/12		
American Airlines flight catches fire at Denver airport	Aviation	An American Airlines plane caught fire at Denver International Airport in Colorado on Thursday, sending passengers down emergency slides and onto the wing of the aircraft. Twelve were people being taken to the hospital with minor injuries, airport officials said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/american-airlines-flight-catches-fire-0142	2025/03/13		
		Columbia University protest leader Mahmoud Khalil will remain detained at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Louisiana, multiple outlets reported.				
		U.S. District Judge Jesse M. Furman had blocked any attempt by the Trump administration earlier this week to deport Khalil, a lawful permanent U.S. resident with a green card, until the court said otherwise.				
Columbia protest leader to remain detained at ICE facility	Borders and immigration	Khalil has not been charged with a crime. Driving the news, Khalil has been unable to have a private conversation with his lawyers since his arrest Saturday, attorneys said during a hearing in Manhattan federal court Wednesday, the New York Times reports.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/12/columbia-protest-leader-detained	2025/03/13		
		Federal prosecutors have sent a criminal subpoena to a Manhattan hotel housing undocumented immigrants through a New York City program providing shelter to asylum seekers, according to a copy of the filing obtained by the Guardian.				
Trump's justice department demands New York migrant shelter share names of residents	Borders and immigration	The subpoena issued on Wednesday asks the hotel to provide "a list of full names of aliens currently residing" at the site as well as "any corresponding identifying information," including dates of birth, nationality and identification numbers. The subpoena also asks the hotel to give evidence about "an alleged violation" of federal immigration law.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/12/nyc-migrant-shelter	2025/03/13		
		The United States has been placing immigrant families in detention, re-embracing hawmwing operations where scenes unfold such as toddlers learning to walk under the supervision of private prison corporations and children marking their birthdays at government facilities they can't leave.				
		This is not conjecture. It is what happened for years, over and over again, when immigrant families were detained, until the Biden administration indefinitely suspended the practice for undocumented families in 2021, opting instead to surveil them through ankle bracelets, wrist monitors or phone apps. And it is what Donald Trump is inviting now as federal officials re-operationalize two Texas family detention centers, one of which will funnel about \$180m in annual revenue to the private prison corporation CoreCivic.				
		Already, at least three children are in custody with their parents. Family detention and the profits it brings to the US carceral industry have returned to the country overnight, in a braising setback for immigrant families and all who care about their wellbeing and rights. Many kids held by the Trump administration will inevitably endure harm. Could this be another misguided attempt to deter others from coming to the US?	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/12/trump-immigration	2025/03/13		
'Baby jais' and first steps behind bars: Trump's immigration agenda embraces family detention again	Borders and immigration	A Texas child and U.S. citizen being treated for brain cancer has been deported to Mexico along with her undocumented parents.				
		The parents of the 10-year-old girl are now desperate to return to the U.S. to continue her treatment, after immigration enforcement removed the child and four of her U.S.-born siblings from Texas on Friday a.c., according to NBC News.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-child-being-treated-cancer-171044	2025/03/13		
		Donald Trump's administration has asked the supreme court to allow his attempt at curtailing birthright citizenship to proceed.				
Trump asks supreme court to allow order against birthright citizenship	Borders and immigration	On Thursday, the justice department's acting solicitor general, Sarah Harris, filed a request to the nation's highest court, asking it to restrict orders issued by district judges in three states — Massachusetts, Maryland and Washington — that blocked Trump's executive order on birthright citizenship restrictions.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/13/birthright-citizenship	2025/03/13		
		A bipartisan effort to ban hair discrimination has been reintroduced in Congress as the Trump administration targets diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.				
		The latest bill, known as the "Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act of 2025" or the "CROWN Act of 2025," was introduced in the House last month. If enacted, it would ban discrimination against individuals based on their hairstyle or hair texture due to their race. This includes styles in which hair is "tightly coiled or tightly curled, locs, cornrows, twists, braids, Bantu knots, and Afros."				
		New Jersey Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, a Democrat who is leading the measure in the House, said in an interview with NPR prior to a press conference on Tuesday about the bill that it was important to reup the initiative. She emphasized that many Black and Brown Americans, especially students, face obstacles related to their hair.				
Congress reinitiates a bipartisan effort to ban hair discrimination	Discrimination	"It is an extension of racism. It's just in a different form," Watson Coleman said on Tuesday. "And so we need to remind people that the diversity of people is what makes this country so beautiful. And that how I wear my hair or do not wear my hair is no expression of my ability to think or to do or to accomplish or to be a part of a team or a good employee."	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/12/m-15326544/crown-act-reintroduced	2025/03/13		
		Lower-income American consumers are feeling stretched as they shop for basic items, according to two leading discount retailers.				
		"Many of our customers report that only have enough money for basic essentials, with some noting that they have had to sacrifice even on the necessities," Dollar General CEO Todd J. Vassos said Thursday on an earnings call.				
Lower-income customers struggling to afford 'basic' essentials: CEO says	Economy	Walmart has seen a similar trend. "You can see that the money runs out before the month is gone," CEO Doug McMillon told the Economic Club of Chicago two weeks ago. "You can see that people are buying smaller pack sizes at the end of the month."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/13/walmart-dollar-general-taiffs	2025/03/13		
		The world's largest retailer is clashing with China over the company's efforts to reduce the impact of President Trump's increased tariffs.				
		Walmart — whose brand is inextricably linked to low prices — is trying to leverage its monumental size to mitigate its own costs from the billowing international trade war.				
		Yes, but: Its exposure to Chinese supply lines is more substantial. Reuters has estimated that 60% of Walmart's shipments came from the country in 2023.				
Walmart clashes with China after asking suppliers to absorb tariffs	Economy-Tariffs	Walmart has also made significant investments in its Chinese supply chain, having committed in 2013 to build or upgrade more than 10 logistics distribution centers in the country over the next 10 to 20 years.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/12/trump-taiffs-walmart-china	2025/03/13		
		Donald Trump has threatened a 200% tariff on wine and champagne from EU countries, in the latest threat of escalation in the global trade war started by the US president against the country's biggest trading partners.				
Donald Trump threatens 200% tariff on EU wine and champagne	Economy-Tariffs	Trump said in a post on Thursday on his Truth Social platform that the tariffs on all alcoholic products from the bloc would be retaliation for a "nasty" 50% levy on bourbon whiskey announced by the EU.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/13/donald-trump-threats	2025/03/13		
		The EU's action against bourbon whiskey — due to come into force on 1 April — was itself part of a €20bn response to Trump's 25% tariffs on steel and aluminium imports, which came into effect on Wednesday.				
		With the initial shock still settling in, countries are taking different approaches in response — while also struggling to keep up with Trump's unpredictable on-again, off-again trade policies.				
As global tariff tensions rise, here's the latest on U.S. trade with top partners	Economy-Tariffs	Meanwhile, markets are in free fall, and economists are raising alarms about inflation and a possible U.S. recession.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/13/g-s-153502/global-trade-tensions-trump	2025/03/13		
		For more than a century, the U.S. and Canada have sold each other electricity through power lines that criss-cross the border, an arrangement that has historically hummed along thanks to the warm relationship between the two countries. That changed this week.				
The U.S. buys electricity from Canada. Now it's a focus of the trade war	Economy-Trade war	On Monday, Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced the province was imposing a 25% surcharge on electricity exported to three U.S. states: Michigan, Minnesota and New York. The move was in response to President Trump's tariffs on Canada.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/12/m-15328560/canadas-threat-to-hike	2025/03/13		
		More than 30 major transmission lines connect an array of nearby U.S. and Canadian cities and regions. The two countries even operate by the same set of reliability standards, despite the political boundary between them. A massive 2003 blackout cut power to some 50 million people on both sides of the border.				
Fear and resignation after 'world's most powerful company' pays Trump a \$100 billion 'protection fee'	Embarrassing	For many on the self-governing island, the phrase "Ukraine today, Taiwan tomorrow" has increasingly resonated in recent weeks as they watch Trump upend longstanding US policy by playing up Kremlin rhetoric and warning to Moscow, while alienating traditional European allies and Kyiv. Taiwanese see parallels between their democracy and Ukraine, with both facing existential threats from aggressive, expansionist neighbors.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fear-resignation-world-most-powerful-220	2025/03/13		
		The Environmental Protection Agency announced plans to target more than two dozen rules and policies in what the agency called the "most consequential day of deregulation in U.S. history."				
EPA announces dozens of environmental regulations it plans to target	Environment-EPA	"The EPA is planning to take a wrecking ball to environmental law as we know it," he says. "The intent appears to be to neuter EPA's ability to address climate change and to limit air pollution that affects public health."	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/12/m-15328354/trump-epa-environment	2025/03/13		https://www.who , https://www.yahoo
		Incoming heavy rain from an atmospheric river-fueled storm that slammed into the West Coast early Wednesday is threatening mudslides and debris flows in Southern California and has already prompted evacuations in the Los Angeles area.				
Powerhouse storm moves into US, prompting evacuations in California ahead of its trek east	Environment-Severe weather	The cross-country storm will strengthen into an unusually intense March powerhouse by the end of the week and will put millions at risk of wildfires, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, powerful wind gusts and bizzard conditions.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/powerhouse-storm-moves-us-prompting-evacuations	2025/03/13		
		As the nation's primary hub for weather and climate information and a leading source of environmental data overseas, NOAA is considered the authority on forecasting, storm tracking and climate monitoring. Many are warning that slashing its workforce could compromise the quality and accuracy of extreme weather forecasts that guide government responses to hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes and floods, often providing life-saving predictions and warnings that don't exist anywhere else.				
NOAA and National Weather Service job cuts raise concerns about forecasts	Environment-Weather warnings	The job cuts at NOAA "jeopardize our ability to forecast and respond to extreme weather events like hurricanes, wildfires, and floods—putting communities in harm's way," said Sen. Maria Cantwell, a Democrat from Washington state who chairs the Senate subcommittee that oversees NOAA, in a statement responding to the agency's job cuts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/noaa-national-weather-job-cuts-1011508	2025/03/13		
		Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) and seven other GOP House members on Wednesday called for a "domestic terrorism" investigation into attacks against Tesla and Elon Musk.				
Marjorie Taylor Greene calls for probe into Tesla attacks	Fuck that guy	The eight representatives — all members of the House subcommittee for the DOGE — called on Attorney General Pam Bondi and FBI director Kash Patel to investigate the protests, which they called "extremism."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/12/tesla-attacks-elon-musk-marjorie-tg	2025/03/13		
		People protesting against Tesla should be labelled domestic terrorists, President Donald Trump said on Tuesday at a White House media event designed to bolster Elon Musk's electric car company.				
		Trump said they were "harming a great American company", and anyone using violence against the electric carmaker would "go through hell".				
Trump says anti-Tesla protesters will face 'hell'	Fuck that guy	"Tesla take-down" protests have seen demonstrators gather outside dealerships, in Portland, Oregon, last week, and New York City earlier in March, with the aim of undermining the Tesla brand.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-boys-tesla-storm-10243002	2025/03/13		
		The acting head of the Social Security Administration admitted that he doesn't know exactly what the "DOGE kids" have been doing with Americans' sensitive data, according to a bombshell audio recording.				
Head of Social Security admits he doesn't know what 'DOGE kids' have been doing with Americans' data, bombshell audio reveals	Fuck that guy	An hour-long meeting last week led by the department's acting commissioner, Leland Oudea, was captured on an audio recording shared with ProPublica, where he repeatedly referred to young staffers at the Department of Government Efficiency as the "DOGE kids," and confirmed they had "broad access" to Social Security numbers and personal data.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/head-social-security-admits-doesn-1904	2025/03/13		

Judge orders Elon Musk and Doge to produce records about cost-cutting operations	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk and his so-called "department of government efficiency", or Doge, have been ordered by a federal judge to turn over a wide array of records that would reveal the identities of staffers and internal records related to efforts to aggressively cut federal government spending and programs. US district judge Tanya Chutkan's order forces Musk to produce documents related to Doge's activities as part of a lawsuit brought by 14 Democratic state attorneys general that alleges Musk violated the constitution by wielding powers that only Senate-confirmed officials should possess. President Donald Trump and Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency have shelved a \$1 billion program that keeps housing affordable, according to a document obtained by the Associated Press. The program — which is being "terminated" at the direction of DOGE, according to an internal document reviewed by the AP — could impact tens of thousands of units for low-income Americans across the country. ... Preserving these housing units is a centerpiece of efforts to address the nation's housing crisis. Hundreds of thousands of low-rent apartments, many of them aging and in need of urgent repair, are at risk of being yanked out from under poor Americans amid these DOGE cuts.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/11/elon-musk-doge-2v	2025/03/13			
Trump's team has now shelved a \$1 billion program designed to keep housing affordable	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk's group tried to fire the board in charge of the U.S. African Development Foundation and seize control of the agency, but they couldn't figure out how to successfully send an email, the legal document filed Tuesday by the agency's current president says.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-f-1	2025/03/13			
DOGE Takeover Backfires Over 'Impatient' Goon's Embarrassing Tech Flub	Fuck that guy	House Democrats are homing in on a new attack against DOGE at their annual retreat. That they don't even get a heads up about cuts that will dobber their constituents. Republicans have been able to work back channels to get cuts in their districts rolled back, but Democrats don't have the same privilege, as Axios previously reported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-takeover-backfires-over-impatient-1	2025/03/13			
Democrats fume at DOGE's "surprise attacks" on their districts	Fuck that guy	Lee Sae Seon, a vice president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees of the AFL-CIO, fired off a furious response saying, "America's public service workers — our nurses, teachers, firefighters, librarians — chose making our communities safe, healthy and strong over getting rich. They are not, as the world's richest man implies, genocidal murderers."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/13/house-democrats-doge-elon-musk-6	2025/03/13			
Union rages after Elon Musk shares X post that 'Hiller didn't murder millions, public sector workers did'	Fuck that guy	EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin said Tuesday evening he had terminated \$20 billion in climate change grants issued by the Biden administration under the Inflation Reduction Act, escalating a legal court order whether the Trump administration was encroaching on the authority of Congress. States are warning that huge headaches are on the way as a wave of fired federal workers try to file for unemployment insurance. Tens of thousands of probationary workers were abruptly fired across multiple federal agencies, without severance. Many may struggle financially, with broader ripple effects on local economies.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/musk-h-1	2025/03/13			
EPA's Zeldin terminates \$20B in Biden climate grants	Government-EPA	Because the firings happened without any advance notice and in a "chaotic" manner, they're exacerbating strains on state unemployment systems, per the lawsuit. States are getting inundated with claims. Maryland now sees 30 to 60 new claims every day. In the first quarter of last year, the state received only 189 jobless claims for federal workers. The firings "impose a significant strain" on the Maryland department's resources, per the lawsuit. The effects will stretch beyond unemployment claims to other areas of state business, the lawsuit warns.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/epps-zeldin-terminates-20-billion-232554	2025/03/13			
Chaos will delay unemployment for federal workers, states say	Government-Jobs	The federal government's steward of funding for public broadcasting stations has sued the Trump administration over its pause in grant payments crucial for upgrading the nation's emergency alert system.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/12/trump-federal-worker-firing-probat-1	2025/03/13			
Trump administration sued over emergency alert funding freeze	Government-Funding	A federal judge on Wednesday will consider the fate of more than 20,000 probationary government employees fired by the Trump administration. During a hearing in U.S. District Court in Maryland, Judge James Brader will consider issuing a temporary restraining order that would block future firings and reinstate the probationary employees who have already been terminated.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/dem-a-trump-cpf-6	2025/03/13			
Judge to consider blocking mass firings of government employees after 38 states sue	Government-Jobs	"These large-scale, indiscriminate firings are not only subjecting the Plaintiff States and communities across the country to chaos. They are also against the law," The Democratic officials argued in their complaint, which named 41 agencies and agency heads as defendants. The attorneys general have argued that the Trump administration violated federal law with the firings by failing to give a required 60-day notice for a reduction in force, opting to pursue the terminations "suddenly and without any advance notice."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-consider-blocking-mass-firings-014	2025/03/13			
Staff shortages halt some federal weather balloon launches amid Trump cuts	Government-Jobs	The Trump administration is pausing at least a handful of balloon launches that collect weather data in at least three locations due to staffing shortages. On Friday, the administration said it would suspend some launches in Albany, N.Y. and Gray, Maine, because of "a lack of Weather Forecast Office (WFO) staffings."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/staff-shortages-halt-federal-weather-1741	2025/03/13			
Trump's hiring freeze has halted local head counts and could threaten the U.S. census	Government-Jobs	It's one of at least three communities in the South and Midwest with plans for a special local census this year that are now on ice because of President Trump's hiring freeze on federal government employees. "This was unexpected. We didn't think that I would affect something like this. But I did," John Corbett, White House's mayor, tells NPR.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/13/mx-515342706/federal-hiring-freeze-3g	2025/03/13			
Thousands of fired federal workers must be rehired, immediately, judge rules	Government-Jobs	The Tennessee state — about an hour north of Nashville and named after what was once a white-painted inn — paid the U.S. Census Bureau more than \$581,000 upfront last August for a local head count count of the next once-a-decade, national census in 2030. A more up-to-date tally could boost the town's share of population-based funding from the state by as much as \$875,000 a year, local officials estimate.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tens-thousands-fired-federal-workers-163	2025/03/13			
NOAA to layoff 1,000 more workers at already depleted weather agency. There's going to be pain and a lot of it	Government-Jobs	The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is bracing for even more devastating cuts to its workforce - with another 1,000 workers set to be let go, officials confirmed to The Independent. The latest firings would affect 10 percent of the agency's remaining workforce, though it's unclear which departments would be hit in the new round after 1,200 were let go late last month. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) has signaled his party is prepared to let the government shut down.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/noaa-layoff-1-000-more-21511188.html	2025/03/13			
Senate Dems' riskier scenario ahead of possible government shutdown	Government-Shutdown	... Schumer wants a vote on a 30-day funding stopgap, he said on Wednesday. It would fail, and House Republicans have already skipped town (but could return). But forcing an amendment vote on a 30-day CR could give Dems an off-ramp to say they tried to put President Trump on a shorter leash before ultimately voting to prevent a shutdown.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/12/senate-democrats-schumer-govern-1	2025/03/13			
Democrats prepare to fold on government shutdown	Government-Shutdown	Senate Democrats are prepared to vote Friday to keep the government open, with not much to show for it. The outcome will spark the fury of many Democrats and the grassroots of the party, who have lobbied this week for the lawmakers to block the short-term funding bill.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/13/democrats-government-shutdown-v-1	2025/03/13			
Education Dept. cuts are here. What happens now to student loans, FAFSA and IEPs?	Government-DOE	There is a lot of confusion out there about what the federal agency does. For starters, the department doesn't control what gets taught in schools. The idea of closing it and sending education "back to the states," which Trump has repeatedly called for, is based on a false premise. Most curriculum decisions are hammered out at the local level. If the Education Department went away, which would take an act of Congress, its obligations under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 would have to be carried out elsewhere. The law passed during the Johnson administration requires the government to administer student loan programs, issue grants and ensure that schools receiving federal money don't discriminate against students.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/education-dept-cuts-are-happening-now-18230	2025/03/13			
Democratic attorneys general sue Trump admin over Education Department cuts	Government-DOE	... If the agency closed, Congress would have to pass a law putting another agency in charge of disbursing things like Pell Grants, which help low-income students pay for college. A coalition of 21 Democratic attorneys general on Thursday sued the Trump administration over its plan to dismantle the U.S. Department of Education.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/13/democratic-attorneys-sue-trump-doe-1	2025/03/13			
Editor's Note: EPA says it will roll back climate rules. That could prove complicated	Government-EPA	The attorneys general argue that the recent mass layoff of department staff was "illegal and unconstitutional." They're seeking a court order to stop further deterioration. But announcing big changes to environmental rules doesn't undo facts on the ground overnight. EPA provided no details about whether it plans to weaken rules or get rid of them, as NPR reported. Instead, EPA's announcement is the first step in what is likely to be a lengthy process to remake the rules and policies it targeted. Amending federal rules and regulations is different — changes are likely to be felt over a much longer time horizon. That's because the foundational environmental laws of the country prescribe a process for making and unmaking rules. The EPA has to publish what its new rule will look like — a "proposed rule." EPA then seeks public comment on the rule and responds to that feedback. It also must get input from other federal agencies that might be affected by the changes EPA proposes. Industry and advocates have an opportunity to weigh in. The process takes months, if not longer, before a final rule is issued. If the Trump administration tries to short-circuit these processes, its critics will likely sue and the courts could rule against EPA on process grounds. In any event, environmental advocates are likely to sue the regulator on most, if not all, the announced changes. That could further slow things down.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/13/mx-515327218/epa-environmental-reg-1	2025/03/13			
Oregon appeals court rules gun control law constitutional, reversing past ruling	Gun laws	An Oregon appeals court on Wednesday found that a gun control law approved by voters over two years ago is constitutional, reversing a lower court ruling from a state judge who had kept it on hold. The law, one of the toughest in the nation, requires people to undergo a criminal background check and complete a gun safety training course in order to obtain a permit to buy a firearm. It also bans high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/11/oregon-appeals-co	2025/03/13			
Florida Republicans look to roll back state's gun ownership law to 18 — after it was raised following Parkland shooting	Gun Laws	Florida Republicans are attempting to roll back state laws on the legal age of gun ownership, which was raised following the deadly 2018 Parkland school shooting that left 17 people dead. A bill sponsored by congresswoman Michelle Salzman would lower the legal gun-buying age back down from 21 to 18 so that "all adult citizens in Florida are afforded their full Second Amendment rights."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/florida-republicans-look-roll-back-232637	2025/03/13			
Trump's team wants vaccines to stop bird flu, RFK Jr. says it could turn flocks into mutation factories	Health-Bird flu	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., says that vaccinating the nation's poultry flocks against pervasive H5N1 bird flu could turn them into "mutation factories." "All of my agencies advise against vaccination of birds, because if you vaccinate with a leaky vaccine, in other words a vaccine that does not provide sterilizing immunity, that does not absolutely protect against the disease, you turn those flocks into mutation factories," he told Fox News' Sean Hannity. "They're teaching the organism how to mutate."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-team-wants-vaccines-stop-182232	2025/03/13			
COVID is still evolving and will find new ways to evade immune systems, scientists say	Health-Covid	SARS-CoV-2 so far has probably been even faster than influenza virus, which is really remarkable, says Jesse Bloom, who studies viral evolution at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle. "I thought it would undergo some evolution, but the speed at which it's undergone that evolution and the ability it's shown to undergo these big evolutionary jumps is really remarkable." ... And the pace of the virus's evolution hasn't changed much. The virus has kept evolving, averaging more than a dozen significant changes every year as the virus begets new additions to the rogue's gallery of variants.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/03/11/nx-515312	2025/03/13			
Measles outbreak spreads as 250 cases reported across multiple states	Health-Measles	Each new member of this menagerie of mutants just keeps finding new ways to try to get around the human immune system, enabling the virus to infect more than 700 million people worldwide and kill more than 7 million, according to the World Health Organization. That's because the immunity wall keeps most people from getting very sick when they catch the virus. "It's the fact that we have immunity that is largely responsible for making it seem like this virus is less dangerous," says Michael Worobey, who studies the evolution of viruses at the University of Arizona. That doesn't mean the virus isn't dangerous anymore. SARS-CoV-2 still makes lots of people sick, even so sick they sometimes end up in the hospital or die. Hundreds are still dying every week in the U.S. from COVID, mostly older people and people with other health problems.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/measles-outbreak-spreads-250-cases-14	2025/03/13			

		The anti-vaxxer in charge of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is now suggesting that the best way to not get measles is... getting measles?				
RFK Jr. Suggests That Everyone Just Catch Measles	Health- Measles	While there's some research suggesting that "natural" immunity gleaned through measles infection can provide longer-lasting protective effects than immunization with the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine, studies have also shown that unvaccinated children who contract the virus are more likely to end up with weakened immune systems overall. In short, getting measles without being vaccinated against it can make a child sicker down the line — and that's if it doesn't kill them first.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-suggests-everyone-just-230048707/	2025/03/13		
European region sees highest number of measles cases in 28 years, WHO says	Health- Measles	Measles cases in the European region surged last year to reach their highest levels since 1997, the World Health Organization and the UN's children agency, UNICEF, said Thursday.				
		Children younger than 5 accounted for 40% of those who contracted measles in the region, it said, adding that half a million children missed their first dose of the measles vaccine in 2023.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/european-region-sees-highest-number-6/	2025/03/13		
		HPV is a virus that can live and replicate in certain cells on the surface of the skin and mucous membranes, including the inner lining of the mouth, throat and genitalia. While over 200 types of the virus exist, only a few can lead to cancer, usually many years or decades after exposure. Nearly everyone who isn't vaccinated against HPV will be infected at some point, though 9 out of 10 infections resolve within two years.				
		Passed from person to person through skin-to-skin contact, usually during sexual activity, HPV is best known for causing cervical cancer, which kills about 4,000 people in the United States every year. But the virus can also lead to warts and other malignancies, including cancer of the throat, anus and genitalia — it's linked to six types of cancers in total.				
An urgent argument for the HPV vaccine	Health- Vaccines	According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HPV is responsible for approximately 37,800 cases of cancer in the U.S. each year.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-measles-news/2025/03/12/mx-1-5323	2025/03/13		
		A safe and well-tolerated vaccine can prevent about 90% of such cancers. But in the U.S., HPV vaccines continue to be among the most underutilized recommended vaccines, a tragedy that may worsen if Robert F. Kennedy Jr., President Trump's new secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, tries to discredit them and limit access.				
		Khamenei told a crowd in Tehran on Wednesday that Trump's proposal for negotiations is "a deception" that is only meant to create the impression that Iran refuses to negotiate.				
Iran calls Trump's offer to negotiate a new nuclear deal 'a deception'	International Relations	Khamenei said Iran negotiated with the U.S. for several years in the past but "this same person (Trump) broke the completed, and signed negotiation off the table and tore it up."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/12/hump-khamenei-iran-nuclear-negoti/	2025/03/13		
		He was referring to Trump's decision to withdraw from the 2015 nuclear deal brokered by the Obama administration. "What kind of negotiation should we have when we know it won't work?" Khamenei said.				
White House 'drawing up plans' for increasing troops in Panama amid Trump's push to 'reclaim' canal, report	International Relations	The U.S. military is reportedly drawing up plans to increase American troop presence in Panama at the direction of the White House — part of President Donald Trump's goal to "take back" the Panama Canal.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-y/	2025/03/13		
		President Donald Trump said he believes the U.S. will annex Greenland as he sat next to the head of NATO in the Oval Office Thursday — though the Dutch politician took a more diplomatic approach to the issue.				
Trump believes US will annex Greenland as NATO leader tells him the organization will sit out potential takeover	International- NATO	"We need that for international security, not just national security," the president said of the island. Trump noted that he was sitting with Rutte, who he referred to as "a man that could be very instrumental" in such a transaction even though neither Denmark nor the Greenlandic population are interested in ceding the territory to the U.S.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-annex-greenland-sits-18005/	2025/03/13		
		Russian President Vladimir Putin said in a press conference in Moscow on Thursday that he needs more clarifications before Russia agrees to a ceasefire with Ukraine.				
Putin suggests Russia won't accept Trump's plan for unconditional ceasefire	International- Russia	The U.S. and Ukraine both endorsed an unconditional 30-day ceasefire on Tuesday that calls for all air and artillery strikes to stop and fighting to cease all along the front lines. Putin raised doubts about that idea and said any ceasefire should also be part of a process that addresses the "root causes of this crisis."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/13/putin-responds-russia-ukraine-ceas/	2025/03/13		
		President Donald Trump said he had no knowledge of his supporters piling on Justice Amy Coney Barrett in recent days, after she urged alongside the Supreme Court's majority to reject the Trump administration's freeze on foreign aid funding.				
Trump says he knows nothing about MAGA attacking Justice Amy Coney Barrett	MAGA cesspool	"She's a very good woman," Trump told reporters Sunday. "She's very smart, and I don't know about people attacking her. I really don't know."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-knows-nothing-maga-205106/	2025/03/13		
		Barrett, a conservative who was elevated to the high court near the end of Trump's first term after the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, has become an unlikely target of MAGA supporters over some of her court decisions. As I wrote last week, after the court's ruling on payments to U.S. Agency for International Development contractors, prominent far-right activists singled out Barrett, calling her a "DEI hire and coming through her brief interaction with Trump at his joint address to Congress to try to find evidence of her supposed disdain for the president. Chief Justice John Roberts, another conservative who joined the 5-4 majority in that ruling, did not face the same kind of criticism.				
		The US defense secretary, Pete Hegseth, is expected in the coming weeks to start a sweeping overhaul of the judge advocate general's corps as part of an effort to make the US military less restricted by the laws of armed conflict, according to two people familiar with the matter.				
Pete Hegseth to overhaul US military lawyers in effort to relax rules of war	Military	The overhaul of the Jag corps will be aimed at retraining military lawyers, the people said, so that they provide more expansive legal advice to commanders to pursue more aggressive tactics and take a more lenient approach in charging soldiers with battlefield crimes.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/13/pete-hegseth-pent/	2025/03/13		
		District Judge Ana Reyes in Washington, D.C. is considering a motion for a preliminary injunction from 20 plaintiffs, including decorated U.S. military service members from across the branches, to block the Trump administration's executive order effectively banning transgender service members from serving and additional policy guidance from taking effect.				
		In a disrupted five-hour hearing Wednesday that included a 30-minute break for government lawyers to get up to speed on relevant materials cited in a recent Department of Defense memo, the judge questioned the scope of the federal guidance, scrutinized the data it cited in its orders, and scolded the Justice Department attorneys' lack of preparedness.				
		"Do you think you can say one thing in public... and say another thing in court? This wasn't some off-the-cuff remark at a cocktail party," Reyes said.				
		The judge asked if he was using "loose language" but Manion argued Hegseth was using "short-hand."				
Trump administration lawyers lie themselves in knots trying to defend trans military ban to judge	Military	"I'm not going to speculate that he was just being sloppy when he said that. I'm going to take him at his word," the judge said.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-s/	2025/03/13		
		There are a lot of unknowns when it comes to great-power war, but one thing is fairly certain: the casualties would be horrific.				
The US military is woefully unprepared for the catastrophic casualties of a major Pacific war	Military	The US military's healthcare system, however, is woefully unprepared to handle the numbers of wounded that could come with large-scale, high-intensity combat against a major military power like China in the Pacific, military health experts told Congress on Tuesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-military-woefly-unprepared-catastroph-2025/03/12/	2025/03/13		
		The CDC estimates that one to three of every 1,000 childhood measles infections would result in death due to respiratory or neurological complications from the highly virulent disease. Measles was declared eradicated in the United States in 2000 after the implementation of a successful, two-dose national vaccination campaign that lasted decades. Until recently, measles cases detected in the United States nearly always originated from foreign travel.				
		The health secretary noted a commitment to "encourage" people to get vaccinated, but did so as an offhand comment amid another bout of fear mongering about the dangers of vaccines — which are significantly less than those of a measles infection.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-reminds-everyone-not-150553212-h/	2025/03/13		
RFK Jr. Reminds Everyone He's Not a Huge Fan of Vaccines in Bonters Fox Interview	Political Cesspool	Mehmet Oz, the nominee to lead the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, has fed calves on camera to tout the health wonders of bovine colostrum on behalf of one purveyor in which he has a financial stake. Jenette Neshewat, the potential surgeon general, sells her own line of supplements.				
Health care for more than 100 million Americans is being turned over to a supplement salesman	Political Cesspool	Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the secretary of Health and Human Services, said he takes more vitamins than he can count—and has suggested he'll ease restrictions on vitamins, muscle-building peptides, and more.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/health-care-more-100-million-094100056/	2025/03/13		
		The White House is withdrawing the nomination of Dave Weldon to be the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), per a source close to Senate health committee and another source familiar.				
Scoop: White House to pull CDC director nomination	Political Cesspool	The former Florida congressman was scheduled to appear before the committee this morning for his confirmation hearing. But his anti-vaccine views have garnered attention since he was nominated months ago and were sure to play a prominent role in questioning.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/13/white-house-pulls-cdc-nomination	2025/03/13		
		HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy himself said Weldon wasn't ready, per one of the sources.				
House Republicans suddenly enjoy a rush of purple seat opportunities	Politics	House Republicans are salivating over their chances in purple seats thanks to ambitious Democrats eyeing newly open Senate slots.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/13/house-republicans-swing-seats-cony	2025/03/13		
		Swing-seat survivors are very attractive in statewide races, including to Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and the DISCC.				
Nearly 100 arrested at Trump Tower during protest supporting Mahmoud Khalil	Protest	But their (potential) loss in the House is a headache for House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) and the DCCC.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/13/mahmoud-khalil-protest-trump-towe	2025/03/13		
North Dakota Legislature close to passing US Supreme Court to undo landmark same-sex marriage ruling	Rainbow threats	Nearly 100 people were arrested after protesters gathered at Trump Tower in Manhattan Thursday to demand the release of Mahmoud Khalil, a Palestinian activist and Columbia University student who was detained by immigration authorities on Saturday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/north-dakota-legislature-close-asking-23/	2025/03/13		
		North Dakota lawmakers are on the verge of making their state the first to tell the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn its decade-old ruling that legalized same-sex marriage nationwide.				
		The law firm, which appealed to the court to issue a restraining order, claimed that Trump's directive violated its rights to free speech and due process.				
		U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell temporarily blocked the administration from barring the law firm's employees from entering federal buildings.				
Federal judge blocks parts of Trump's executive order targeting large law firm	Trump Bulshit	Zoom is. Proposed text for the temporary restraining order applied to sections of Trump's executive order concerning diversity, building access, contracting and personnel.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/12/petkiris-cite-executive-order-restrai	2025/03/13	https://www.npr.org	
		It doesn't address Trump's removal of security clearances of the law firm's employees.				
		Pam Bondi, U.S. attorney general, and Russell Vought, director of the Office of Management and Budget, were ordered to issue guidance to other agencies to suspend and rescind their enforcements of these parts of Trump's order.				
		Since he assumed office just seven weeks ago, the second-term president has unleashed an unprecedented assault on the workings of the executive branch: challenging the independence of the Justice Department, firing independent inspectors general across 18 federal agencies, effectively shuttering watchdog agencies like the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and attempting to take operational control of independent agencies like the Securities and Exchange Commission — which oversees Wall Street — and the Federal Election Commission, which oversees elections.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/12/mx-1-5309280/trump-is-trying-to-remai	2025/03/13		
Trump is trying to remake the presidency. Here's why	Trump Bulshit	"All of these actions are setting up legal fights as to the scope of executive power," said Tara Malloy, who directs appellate litigation and strategy at the Campaign Legal Center (CLC), a government watchdog group.				
		"That said, I fear that we should not see them as some sort of academic, legal argument or fight," Malloy added. "This administration is attempting to exert control and authority over the operations of federal government in a way that's unprecedented."				
		Prior to the Watergate scandal, American presidents enjoyed far fewer constraints on their power. After President Richard Nixon resigned in scandal over his abuses of that power, Congress — under the control of Democrats at the time — spent years passing laws to constrain or check presidential power by, for instance, creating the inspectors general role to serve in federal agencies to report on waste, wrongdoing and inefficiencies.				
		"We're still living with those laws today, and one way to understand what Trump is trying to do, and I'm not saying even that Trump understands this is what he's doing, but the presidency, the way it's designed, urges him to do it, as he's trying to strip those bounds that were imposed on the presidency in the post-Watergate era," Yoo said.				
		This idea, called the "unitary executive theory," has long been popular in far-right conservative circles and has been promoted in the conservative government blueprint Project 2025, but it is now being tested in real time by the Trump administration.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/12/petkiris-cite-executive-order-restrai	2025/03/13		
Trump Officials Are 'Pretending' a Judge Didn't Bar His Anti-Diversity Orders	Trump Bulshit	Trump's Justice Department decided the fairly broad injunction only covered certain agencies. This month, certain parts of the administration, including the U.S. State Department, continued attempting to force this provision on contractors and grant recipients, threatening their funding if they failed to sign it, according to three knowledgeable sources in and outside of government. Rolling Stone has also reviewed documentation supporting these accounts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-officials-pretending-judge-didnt-224	2025/03/13		

		To understand where we are today in the US, we have to look at where we have been. DEI may be a relatively new term, but the idea has roots in the civil rights movement of the 50s and 60s. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 made it illegal for most employers with 25 or more staff (reduced to 15 or more by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972) to discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, sex and national origin. At the same time, affirmative action policies emerged to try to redress the historical under-representation of racial minorities and women. While DEI has its roots in addressing injustices, there is a strong business case for it. According to research, McKinsey companies with a representation of women exceeding 30% (which puts them in the top quartile) are significantly more likely to perform well financially than those with 30% or fewer. Companies in McKinsey's top quartile for ethnic diversity show an average "financial advantage" of 27% over others. "We all want a meritocracy, but too often we don't have them," Williams says. "There is one group in professional workplaces where over 90% believe they are working in meritocracies – and that's white men. Every other group has sharply less confidence that they are working in meritocracies because they feel that they are being held to a different standard." And those people tend to be correct. "We did 22 DEI experiments inside companies," says Williams. "One company was horrified to find that they were hiring white men who had lower ratings than women and people of colour who weren't hired."			
'Guess what? You don't matter': what Trump's war on DEI means for every American who's not a straight, white man	Trump Bulshit		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/13/trump-war-dei-ane	2025/03/13	
Trump blames Medicaid scrutiny to pay for mega-MAGA package	Trump Bulshit	President Donald Trump took to social media to whine about who negotiated a deal allowing Canada to supply energy to the U.S. – but, it turns out, he made the deal.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-20250313/	2025/03/13	
Trump whines about who signed deal to allow Canada to supply energy to the US – it was him	Trump Bulshit	President Trump opened the door Thursday for Senate Republicans to find cost savings in Medicaid as they hunt for ways to pay for his border, defense and tax priorities, Axios has learned. Trump has been emphatic that Medicaid benefits won't be "touched," but he endorsed looking for "waste, fraud and abuse" and even imposing new work requirements.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/14/trump-medicaid-reconciliation-tax-20250314/	2025/03/13	
Trump will visit the Justice Department, months after his criminal prosecutions were dismissed	Trump Bulshit	President Donald Trump is set to visit the Justice Department on Friday to rally support for his administration's tough-on-crime agenda, an appearance expected to double as a victory lap after he emerged legally and politically unscathed from two federal prosecutions that were dismissed after his election win last fall.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-visits-justice-department-69091e6721	2025/03/13	
As stock slumps, drain America's 401(k)s. Trump props up his billionaire sidekick	Trump Economy	As Wall Street reeled for a second straight day on Tuesday, President Donald Trump chose not to appear with worried working people but to prop up the share prices and wealth of the world's richest man – Elon Musk – with a bizarre sales pitch for Tesla on the White House South Lawn. The optics of Trump responding on camera in this way to a stock exchange rout that has sapped billions from Americans' retirement accounts and anxiety over his trade wars and erratic leadership were striking. That was especially the case given public anxiety caused by sell-offs that have sent the S&P 500 down nearly 10% from its highs and Trump's yet to be fulfilled vows as a candidate to quickly cut the prices of groceries.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/stock-slumps-drain-america-401ks-0406	2025/03/13	
Johns Hopkins to slash 2,200 jobs after Trump admin's USAID cuts	Trump Economy	Johns Hopkins University said Thursday it's axing more than 2,200 jobs in the U.S. and overseas due to the Trump administration ending over \$800 million in USAID funding. The Baltimore-based university that's the largest private employer in Maryland appears to be among the hardest-hit research institutions affected by the Trump administration's federal cuts. Johns Hopkins said the cuts have forced it to "wind down critical work" in Baltimore and internationally.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/13/johns-hopkins-2000-jobs-federal-20250313/	2025/03/13	
Federal judge orders agencies to rehire workers, calls process a "sham"	Trump Sham	A federal judge on Thursday ordered six government agencies to offer fired probationary federal workers their jobs back. At least 30,000 probationary workers have been fired in DOGE's sweeping remaking of the government. A few federal agencies have called their people back, but most are still not working. Here are eight things to know about the SAVE Act.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/13/doqe-federal-workers-probationary-20250313/	2025/03/13	
A Republican-backed bill would upend voter registration. Here are 4 things to know	Voting fuckery	1. The bill was first introduced last year as Republicans focused on nonidolized voting 2. Millions of Americans don't have easy access to proof-of-citizenship documents 3. Married women who changed their names would likely face additional requirements 4. Voter registration would likely require a visit to a government office 5. Election officials have concerns about implementation and new criminal penalties 6. Key details are still up in the air 7. States would get more access to federal immigration data 8. States are considering their own proof-of-citizenship laws	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/2ma-ft-5301679ba-act-explainer-vote-20250313/	2025/03/13	
Amid arrest of pro-Palestinian student organizer, what rights do visa holders and others have?	Borders and immigration	The federal government's move to revoke a Columbia University graduate student's green card and deport him for his involvement in a pro-Palestinian student encampment last year is raising fresh questions about the risks associated with political activism for non-United States citizens. Secretary of State Marco Rubio doubled down on the administration's actions at a press conference soon after Khalil's arrest, saying, "This is not about free speech. This is about people that don't have a right to be in the United States to begin with."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/amid-arrest-pro-palestinian-student-1000-20250317/	2025/03/17	
What to know about the wartime authority Trump invoked for mass deportations	Borders and immigration	Immigration advocates and legal experts say everyone who lives in the United States has the 1st Amendment right to participate in activism and political demonstrations, including protests, regardless of their immigration status. President Trump invoked a centuries-old wartime authority Saturday to accelerate mass deportations of Venezuelan migrants suspected of being being gang members with little to no due process. Trump floated invoking the law on the campaign trail. Its use comes as some of his administration members have become frustrated with the slower than expected pace of deportations. Since the act is not part of immigration law, it would allow the government to detain and deport people without court hearings or asylum interviews. Its most infamous use came during World War II, when it was used help justify Japanese internment. Reality check: The U.S. is not at war with Venezuela or any other country.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/14/trump-alien-enemies-act-deportator-20250314/	2025/03/17	
What to know about El Salvador's mega-prison after Trump sent hundreds of immigrants there	Borders and immigration	The crown jewel of El Salvador's aggressive anti-crime strategy – a mega-prison where visitation, recreation and education are not allowed – became the latest tool in U.S. President Donald Trump's crackdown on immigration on Sunday, when hundreds of immigrants facing deportation were transferred there. The arrival of the immigrants, alleged by the U.S. to be members of the Venezuelan Tren de Aragua gang, took place under an agreement for which the Trump administration will pay the government of President Nayib Bukele \$6 million for one year of services. The facility has eight sprawling pavilions and can hold up to 40,000 inmates. Each cell can fit 65 to 70 prisoners. CECOT prisoners do not receive visits and are never allowed outdoors. The prison does not offer workshops or educational programs to prepare them to return to society after their sentences. Bukele's justice minister has said that those held at CECOT would never return to their communities.	https://apnews.com/article/el-salvador-trump-prison-immigrants-4ab36f	2025/03/17	
Republicans want to officially classify 'Trump Derangement Syndrome' as a mental illness	Cesspool	The bill's authors Eric Lucero, Steve Draskowski, Nathan Wiesenberg, Justin Eichorn, and Glenn H. Gruenhagen, described the law "syndrome" as the "acute onset of paranoia in otherwise normal people that is in reaction to the policies and presidences of President Donald J. Trump."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-20250317/	2025/03/17	
'The whole pie': Trump team attempts novel legal strategy to subvert birthright citizenship	Citizenship	If passed, TDS could be added to a lengthy list of mental-health-related definitions in Minnesota. The "syndrome" is not recognized as a mental illness in any U.S. state. Instead of asking the Supreme Court to directly rule on the constitutionality of granting U.S.-born children automatic citizenship, the Department of Justice requested this week that lower courts be barred from blocking Trump's executive order limiting birthright citizenship on a state-by-state scale. The Trump administration says it ignored a Saturday court order to turn around two planeloads of alleged Venezuelan gang members because the flights were over international waters and therefore the ruling didn't apply, two senior officials tell Axios.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/whole-pie-trump-team-attempts-0830007-20250317/	2025/03/17	
Exclusive: How the White House defied a judge's order to turn back deportation flights	Constitutional Crisis	At 2:31 p.m. Saturday, an immigration activist who tracks deportation flights, posted on X that "TWO HIGHLY UNUSUAL, CEE flights" were departing from Texas to El Salvador, which had agreed to accept Venezuelan gang members deported from the U.S. "They were already outside of US airspace. We believe the order is not applicable," a second senior administration official told Axios. One White House official argued the White House hadn't technically defied the order because it came too late.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/16/trump-white-house-defy-judge-depo-20250316/	2025/03/17	
Judge demands Trump admin. explain why doctor was deported despite order	Constitutional Crisis	Dr. Raafia Alawieh, who according to court documents is a citizen of Lebanon who holds an H-1B visa, was detained last week upon her arrival at a Boston airport. The Trump administration has not said why Alawieh was detained, or why she was removed from the country despite the order. The Department of Homeland Security did not respond to a request for comment, while the State Department said it could not comment on individual cases. This would not be the first time the Trump administration moved to deport someone who was in the U.S. legally.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/16/judge-trump-admin-deported-doctor-20250316/	2025/03/17	
Tariffs on lumber and appliances set stage for higher costs on new homes and remodeling projects	Economy-Tariffs	The tariffs are projected to raise the costs that go into building a single-family home in the U.S. by \$7,500 to \$10,000, according to the National Association of Home Builders. Such costs are typically passed along to the homeowner in the form of higher prices, which could hurt demand at a time when the U.S. housing market remains in a slump and many builders are having to offer buyers costly incentives to drum up sales.	https://apnews.com/article/tariffs-home-improvement-housing-market-20250317/	2025/03/17	
Trump's environmental rule-shredding will put lives at risk, ex-EPA heads say	Environment-EPA	Three former Environmental Protection Agency leaders sounded an alarm on Friday, saying rollbacks proposed by the EPA administrator, Lee Zeldin, endanger the lives of millions of Americans and abandon the agency's dual mission to protect the environment and human health. Zeldin said on Wednesday he planned to not back 31 key environmental rules on everything from clean air to clean water and climate change. The former EPA administrator Gina McCarthy called Zeldin's announcement "the most disastrous day in EPA history."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/14/epa-lee-zeldin-trump-20250314/	2025/03/17	
Forget about rare earth minerals. We need more copper	Environment-Mines	"Yet, despite its importance, the world's largest copper mines in regions like Chile, Peru and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) are struggling to meet demand amid a global shortage, all while grappling with escalating environmental concerns. She explains that while the microchips the company uses contain rare earth minerals, around 90% of a finished circuit board is copper. Take LEDs, for example, while the rare earth element beryllium makes them shine green, "it's a tiny fraction compared to the amount of copper on the board," she says. "But if we don't have copper, if my suppliers don't have copper, then we don't have boards."	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/10/mx-ft-53372095-copper-rare-earth-mine-20250310/	2025/03/17	
A river 'died' overnight in Zambia after an acidic waste spill at a Chinese-owned mine	Environment-Pollution	The rising cost of copper in recent years has significantly increased the price of those finished boards for Thomas Instrumentation's customers. "We apologize, but we have to increase prices," Cummins says. Authorities and environmentalists in Zambia fear the long-term impact of an acid spill at a Chinese-owned mine that contaminated a major river and could potentially affect millions of people after signs of pollution were detected at least 100 kilometers (60 miles) downstream. The spill happened on Feb. 18 when a tailings dam that holds acidic waste from a copper mine in the north of the country collapsed, according to investigators from the Engineering Institution of Zambia.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/river-died-overnight-zambia-acidic-0436f1-20250317/	2025/03/17	
Tornadoes, severe weather kill at least 35 and continue to pose threat	Environment-Severe weather	The collapse allowed some 50 million liters of waste containing concentrated acid, dissolved solids and heavy metals to flow into a stream that links to the Kafue River, Zambia's most important waterway, the engineering institution said. At least 35 people are dead after tornadoes, high winds and wildfires hit more than a half-dozen states since Thursday. Fatalities occurred in Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas and Alabama from tornadoes that raced at highway speeds on Friday through Saturday night and into early Sunday morning. States of emergency are in effect in Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas and Alabama due to the storms.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/16/tornado-subtweak-severe-weather-dt-20250316/	2025/03/17	

		Representatives of California, Arizona and Nevada are urging the Trump administration to take a different approach in confronting the problems of the water-starved Colorado River. As Trump's appointees inherit the task of writing new rules for dealing with the river's chronic water shortages, the three states are raising several concerns they want to see addressed. One of their top asks: consider faking or overhauling Glen Canyon Dam.			
California, Arizona and Nevada all agree: The Trump administration needs to fix a key Colorado River dam	Environment-Water	The infrastructure problems at the dam in northern Arizona have come into focus over the last few years. If the levels of Lake Powell continue to decline and reach critically low levels, water could be released only through four 8-foot-wide steel tubes, potentially limiting how much could pass downstream to the three states and Mexico. After the United States government fired hundreds of people at the nation's weather, ocean and fisheries agency last week, Canadian scientists are warning that this will have "catastrophic" effects on the Great Lakes. The U.S. Department of Government Efficiency, run by billionaire Elon Musk, cut its latest round of employees at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), including technicians who work with Canadian scientists to monitor water quality and levels in the lakes.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/california-arizona-nevada-agree-trump-fix-22500317	2025/03/17	
It will lead to a catastrophe: U.S. federal job cuts will harm the Great Lakes, Canadian scientists say	Environment-Water	"It's a mission that takes participation from both sides equally and constantly," said Jerome Marly, the executive director of the International Association for Great Lakes Research and a professor at the University of Ottawa. The US defense department webpage celebrating an army general who served in the Vietnam war and was awarded the country's highest military decoration has been removed and the letters "DEI" added to the site's address. On Saturday, US army Maj Gen Charles Calvin Rogers's Medal of Honor webpage led to a "404" error message. The URL was also changed, with the word "medal" changed to "demedal".	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lead-catastrophe-u-federal-job-09000029	2025/03/17	
Black Medal of Honor recipient removed from US Department of Defense website	Erasing history	Arlington National Cemetery has purged dozens of pages of information about famous Black, Hispanic and female veterans from its website to comply with President Donald Trump's diversity, equity and inclusion executive order.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/16/defense-department	2025/03/17	
Arlington Cemetery scrubs info on famous Black, Hispanic and female veterans to comply with Trump orders	Erasing history	On the website's "Notable Graves" dropdown menu, African American History, Hispanic American History and Women's History no longer appear, screenshots taken by armed forces outlet Task & Purpose comparing it in December 2024 and now show. In a dark speech on Friday, President Donald Trump called to jail his opponents and reiterated claims that negative press coverage of him by CNN, MSNBC and major newspapers should be "illegal". Speaking at the Department of Justice, Trump argued that overwhelmingly negative coverage of him on the two mentioned cable channels — which he put at '97.6%' — was "corrupt and illegal," repeating his longstanding contention that they "operate as political arms" of the Democratic Party. (He again referred to MSNBC as "MSNBC," which he frequently uses to imply the connection.)	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/arlington-burial-ground-removals-22500317	2025/03/17	
Trump Calls to Jail Opponents, Says Negative Press Coverage Should be 'Illegal' in Dark Speech at DOJ	Freedom of Speech	Speaking in the main hall of the Robert F. Kennedy Friday, Trump claimed his 2024 election victory had "given us a mandate" for "a far reaching investigation ... into the corruption of our system" by Democrats and vowed to "expel the rogue actors and corrupt forces from our government" and "expose their egregious crimes and severe misconduct."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-calls-opponents-jailed-dark-212233	2025/03/17	
Trump tells Justice Department his win gives 'mandate' for 'far reaching investigation' into Democrats and news organizations	Freedom of Speech	Trump also claimed that the department had allowed "a corrupt group of hacks within the ranks of the American government obliterated the trust and goodwill built up over generations" by having "weaponized the vast powers of our intelligence and law enforcement agencies to try and thwart the will of the American people" during criminal investigations into him. But Trump told the audience of political appointees and supporters that those sorts of investigations, which he called "abuses," would "never happen again."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-tells-justice-department-win-20182	2025/03/17	
Top broadband official exits Commerce Department with sharp Musk warning	Fuck that guy	A top Commerce Department official sent a blistering email to his former colleagues on his way out the door Sunday warning that the Trump administration is poised to unduly enrich Elon Musk's satellite internet company with money for rural broadband. The technology offered by Starlink, Musk's company, is inferior, wrote Evan Feinman, who had directed the \$42.5 billion broadband program for the past three years. "Stranding all or part of rural America with worse internet so that we can make the world's richest man even richer is yet another in a long line of betrayals by Washington," Feinman said. Feinman's email warns the Trump administration could undermine BEAD and he encourages people to fight to retain its best aspects. Feinman said the administration should "NOT" change it to benefit technology that delivers slower speeds at higher costs to the household paying the bill," adding that this isn't what rural America, congressional Republicans or Democrats, the states or the telecom industry wants.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/top-broadband-official-exits-commerce-1622500317	2025/03/17	
USPS head agrees to let DOJE find 'efficiencies' — with limits to employees data access	Fuck that guy	The head of the U.S. Postal Service has agreed to allow the DOJE team of President Trump's billionaire adviser Elon Musk to help find "further efficiencies" at the country's mail service, according to a letter to congressional leaders released Thursday. Until now, there had been no public sign that DOJE's efforts had reached the Postal Service. In recent months, however, Trump and his officials have suggested transforming the USPS, including expressing support for privatizing the service and proposing to fold what Congress set up to be an independent agency into the Commerce Department, a move that would likely be challenged in court.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/14/mw-415327583/usps-doj-epostal-serv/	2025/03/17	
Democrats demand investigation into Musk over possible criminal corruption	Fuck that guy	Leading Democrats on Monday demanded an investigation of possible criminal corruption involving Elon Musk, the tech billionaire and world's richest man tasked by Donald Trump with slashing the federal government. The investigation should involve "The Federal Aviation Administration's decision to cancel a \$2.4bn contract with Verizon to upgrade air traffic control communications, and to pay ... Musk's Starlink to help manage US airspace", senators Chris Van Hollen, Richard Blumenthal and Elizabeth Warren wrote to Pam Bondi, the attorney general, and Mitch Behn, acting inspector general of the transportation department.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/17/democrats-elon-musk	2025/03/17	
DOGE is flirting with the 'third rail' of American politics — errors could delay or disrupt benefits, a former top Social Security official says	Fuck that guy	The White House said in a press release it won't cut Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid benefits, but that doesn't rule out the chances of a mistake. And the Department of Government Efficiency's cost-cutting endeavor within federal agencies in recent weeks, a former top Social Security Administration staffer is worried about benefit interruptions as the agency loses expertise while DOGE looks for fraud in its systems. In February, the SSA released a statement announcing plans to lay off roughly 12% of its 57,000 employees through voluntary resignation and a reduction-in-force plan. Meanwhile, President Donald Trump and world's richest man Elon Musk, the figurehead for DOGE, have claimed fraud on a massive scale, though experts have said it's limited. In the past six weeks, the agency, just one relatively small outpost in a federal work force that President Trump and his top adviser Elon Musk aim to drastically pare down, has lost a huge cadre of scientists, engineers, safety experts, project officers, accountants and lawyers — all in the midst of its most ambitious endeavors in a generation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-flirting-third-rail-american-09180074	2025/03/17	
DOGE Cuts Reach Key Nuclear Scientists, Bomb, Engineers and Safety Experts	Fuck that guy	The nuclear agency, chronically understaffed but critically important, is the busiest it has been since the Cold War. If not only manages the nation's 3,748 nuclear bombs and warheads, it is modernizing that arsenal — a \$20-billion-a-year effort that will arm a new fleet of nuclear submarines, bomber jets and land-based missiles. According to an email obtained by Fox News reporter Jennifer Griffin, "ALL requests for everything," for the pups, including "vet visits, kenneling, dog food, etc" have been "put on hold until we receive guidance." The email was reportedly from the TSA's Security Operations National Explosives Detection Canine Program, which trains and deploys state and local law enforcement-led canine teams. It remains unclear who authored the email or when it was sent, but given the fact that Griffin has shared what appears to be a smartphone picture of a screen, the email is possibly sensitive in nature. Futurism has reached out to the TSA for comment.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/17/us/politics/federal-job-cuts-nuclear.html	2025/03/17	
Elon Reportedly Orders Government to Stop Feeding the Bomb-Sniffing Dogs	Fuck that guy	Over 300 dogs complete training at the program's facilities in Texas per year, according to an official website. It costs on average \$30,000 to train a canine to detect explosives. More than 1,000 TSA canine teams are deployed nationwide, including passenger and cargo screening teams. Given the latest news, the program has seemingly been ground to a halt. Workers at the TSA were informed via email that "new guidance" meant that requests for costs including vet visits, kenneling and dog food, had been put on hold effective immediately, according to Fox News. The directive was revealed on Thursday, TSA is in charge of airport security and its dogs can be used to sniff out bombs and other contraband.	https://futurism.com/mak-tsa-dogs	2025/03/17	
Bomb sniffing K-9s become latest DOJE victims — hours after Trump shared 2019 pic with hero dog	Fuck that guy	Over 30,000 dogs have served in the U.S. Military since it began employing them in 1942, with more than 1,600 currently active. Federal agencies have begun to announce plans to implement President Trump's request for large-scale job cuts and the elimination of government functions. Already, the Department of Education is moving forward with a proposal to get rid of nearly half its workforce, a former top Social Security Administration staffer is targeting a reduction of 80,000 employees and the Social Security Administration has offered voluntary layoffs ahead of a reduction in force.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/k9-dogs	2025/03/17	
Federal agencies plan for mass layoffs as Trump's workforce cuts continue	Government Jobs	But the fringes of probationary workers' DOGE's cuts and a broad hiring freeze are just initial elements of an effort to stop spending on people and programs that the president does not want to be part of the future of the federal government.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/15/mw-415328711/reduction-in-force-federal	2025/03/17	
Department of Education cuts expected to have 'huge impact' on teachers	Government-DOE	Following the Department of Education's gutting of nearly 50% of its workforce Tuesday evening, educators have expressed deep concern — not only for students' futures but for their own as well. She pointed to the loss of federal money that previously funded teacher training programs as particularly devastating, especially for programs for teachers of special needs, marginalized and multilingual students. "Because you could see the forecast improvements that we've come to count on or rely on could be reversed," he told The Independent. "And, that would lead to more damage, potentially, and more loss of life. And, that's not what we want to see."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/department-education-cuts-expected-huge-20250317	2025/03/17	
Fired hurricane hunter says Americans could see 'more damage and more loss of life' with NOAA layoffs	Government-NOAA	Advocates have blasted the cuts at NOAA. They have pointed to how little the agency costs each taxpayer per day, when compared to the return. They note how the agency provides much of the data that weather forecasting is based on. They say losing people hurts their work, which could make people less safe when severe weather is on the horizon. Teeth, however, are not bones. Although they're made of some of the same stuff and are the hardest material in the human body (thanks to its protective layer of enamel), they lack the crucial ability to heal and regrow themselves. But that may not always be the case. Japanese researchers are moving forward with an experimental drug that promises to regrow human teeth. Human trials began in September 2024.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fired-hurricane-hunter-says-americans-1622500317	2025/03/17	
Humans May Be Able to Grow New Teeth Within Just 6 Years	Health-Teeth	With the help of mRNA technology proven effective during the COVID pandemic, researchers are now closer than ever to creating viable cancer vaccines. In an interview with Wired, Leonard Lee, an oncologist with the United Kingdom's National Health Service (NHS) working on mRNA cancer vaccines, says he believes the groundbreaking research may prove to be a "silver lining" in the brutal COVID-19 pandemic. As with mRNA COVID vaccines, the logistics of these potential new cancer inoculations work by "giving the body instructions" to fight troublesome cells, as Lee detailed, ultimately providing the immune system with a how-to manual on fighting cancer. "Going from mRNA Covid vaccines to mRNA cancer vaccines is straightforward," he told Wired. "Same frigides, same protocol, same drug, just a different patient."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/test-if-humans-may-able-grow-teeth-1614005	2025/03/17	
Cancer Vaccines Are Suddenly Looking Extremely Promising	Health-Vaccines	Instead of the one-size-fits-all approach taken with the widespread usage of mRNA COVID jabs, however, these new cancer vaccines will be personalized for each individual cancer patient.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cancer-vaccines-suddenly-looking-extremely-promising-20250317	2025/03/17	
Trump guts government-funded media outlets	Information-Blackout	The Trump administration on Saturday ordered nearly all 1,300 employees of Voice of America (VOA) to be placed on leave. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Friday that South Africa's ambassador to the United States "is no longer welcome" in the country, in the latest Trump administration move targeting the African nation. Rubio, in a post on X, accused (Ebrahim Rasool) of being a "race-baiting politician" who hates President Donald Trump. Rubio declared the South African diplomat "persona non grata."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/15/trump-guts-voice-america-if-europe	2025/03/17	
Rubio says South Africa's ambassador to the US 'is no longer welcome' in the country	International Relations	President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin will likely speak this week as part of Trump's push to reach a 30-day ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine. White House envoy Steve Witkoff said Sunday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rubio-says-south-africa-ambassador-211322500317	2025/03/17	
Trump and Putin to speak this week on ceasefire, proposal, envoy says	International-Russia	Jasmine Crockett (D-Texas) stopped short Sunday of calling for Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) to be replaced — but she said it's time for Senate Democrats to decide if he's the man for the moment. Schumer's decision to help Republicans pass a GOP-led funding bill to keep the government's lights on despite intense pressure to block the legislation highlighted growing fractures within his party that may put his job in jeopardy.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/16/putin-trump-call-ukraine-ceasefire-031622500316	2025/03/17	
Dem's sour on Schumer but divided over his fate as leader	Politics		https://www.axios.com/2025/03/16/schumers-senate-leadership-funding-031622500316	2025/03/17	

Project 2025 author says Trump's adoption of his ideas are beyond his wildest dreams	Project 2025	Eight months after Donald Trump publicly distanced himself from Project 2025, the conservative blueprint appears to have influenced Trump's early decisions — a reality that one of the authors says was "beyond his wildest dreams." The Veterans Affairs Department on Friday reversed a policy that had protected gender-affirming healthcare provided to transgender veterans, causing confusion and fear in the community. ... In a statement Saturday, Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA) says the VA is "allowing veterans to be a pawn in the president's cruel political games." "VA's decision to rescind its directive on providing healthcare for transgender and intersex veterans and VA's announcement that it will be taking additional steps to undertake rulemaking to revise the care offered to transgender veterans are both shameful and cruel" said Takano, who is the highest ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. "VA's decision to rescind its directive on providing healthcare for transgender and intersex veterans and VA's announcement that it will be taking additional steps to undertake rulemaking to revise the care offered to transgender veterans are both shameful and cruel" said Takano, who is the highest ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/project-2025-author-says-trump-1625209	2025/03/17		
VA rescinds transgender veterans' health guidance as department denies policy change	Rainbow Threats	Advocates had been bracing for the rescinding of the directive. Donald Trump's administration is being accused by activists of a quid pro quo as it attempts to fast-track a controversial fossil fuel pipeline proposal in Michigan that would in part be built by a donor with deep financial ties to the president. While Canadian oil giant Enbridge owns the Line 5 oil and gas pipeline that it is attempting to replace in the Great Lakes region, the contractor is Tim Barnard, who, along with his wife, gave \$1m to Trump's campaign last year, Federal Election Commission records show.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/14/nw-st-5328733/va-transgender-veteran	2025/03/17		
Line 5, a Trump donor, is profiting off a pipeline deal threatening pollution	Trump Bullshit	Barnard's company, Barnard Construction, received more than \$1bn to build parts of the border wall, and he is also a prolific Republican donor to state and national candidates and organizations. President Donald Trump on Friday signed an executive order seeking to eliminate agencies that serve the homeless, fund libraries and museums, and report the news. Among the other agencies Trump gutted were the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which funds American libraries and museums, and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, which works to address the homelessness crisis.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/16/line-5-trump-pipeline	2025/03/17		
Trump Guts 'Unnecessary' Agencies Serving Homeless, Libraries, and Museums	Trump Bullshit	Hours after President Donald Trump publicly praised the judge who overruled his classified documents case, lawyers with the Department of Justice urged the U.S. District Judge Allen Cannon to ensure the final report into Trump's alleged conduct never becomes public.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-guts-unnecessary-agencies-serve-20250317	2025/03/17		
Final report into Trump's handling of classified documents should never be released: DOJ	Trump Corruption	As voters returned Donald Trump to the White House in November, many had the economy top of mind. Candidate Trump vowed to bring down prices right away and foresaw boom times for the market. On Thursday, the S&P 500 benchmark plunged into correction territory, meaning it closed 10% below its most recent high. It was its fourth negative week in a row — the time since such a streak occurred was last summer. On Friday, the University of Michigan reported the year-ahead outlook business conditions fell to its lowest level ever. The survey's readings for future inflation and unemployment, meanwhile, surged.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/final-report-trumps-handling-classified-19	2025/03/17		
Worries over Trump's promise to remake the economy showed up in a big way this week	Trump's economy	Those results are part of a broader trend. The New York Federal Reserve's Survey of Consumer Expectations, released Monday, showed "notably" worsening outlooks for unemployment, consumer ability to make minimum debt payments, and credit access expectations, while the outlook for stocks a year from now fell to its lowest level since December 2023. Americans are increasingly concerned about Donald Trump's bid to overhaul the US economy with sweeping tariffs on foreign goods, according to an exclusive poll for the Guardian, despite the US president's efforts to downplay the risks of his strategy. But fears are growing. When given a list of issues including inflation, healthcare and immigration, 72% of Americans said they are concerned about tariffs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/worries-over-trumps-promise-remake-21f	2025/03/17		
Americans increasingly worried about tariffs despite Trump's assurances, new poll shows	Trump's economy	The survey was conducted by the Harris Poll in early March. When it conducted the same survey in mid-January, 61% of those polled said tariffs were a concern. U.S. immigration authorities arrested and interrogated a German national who is a legal permanent U.S. resident at Boston Logan International Airport on March 7, according to the man's mother and his partner. Days later, he was transferred to a federal detention facility. Astid Senior, Schmidt's mother, said she and her son moved to the U.S. from Germany in 2007 and received green cards in 2008. He lives in New Hampshire and renewed his legal permanent resident status last year, she said.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/17/trump-tariffs-recess	2025/03/17		
German national with U.S. green card detained at ICE facility, family says	Borders and immigration	Senior said she has no idea why her son is being detained by U.S. immigration officials. She said her son, who lives in California, faced misdemeanor charges roughly a decade ago. He has no active legal or court issues, Senior said. A court hearing over the Trump administration's defiance of a court order halting deportation of alleged Venezuelan gang members will move forward Monday evening despite the Justice Department's objections. The Trump administration's decision to disregard the judge's order sets up a high stakes battle between the power of the executive and judicial branches. Diving the news: The Department of Justice on Monday asked to cancel a hearing in the case scheduled for later that afternoon, stating it would not be providing any more information about the fights.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/german-national-u-green-card-18174967	2025/03/18		
Court hearing on deportations moves ahead despite Justice Department objection	Borders and immigration	A U.S. Navy destroyer, designed to intercept ballistic missiles, has been deployed to the southern border as part of President Trump's push to seal the border and crackdown on immigration defense officials said. The USS Gravely set sail on Saturday from Naval Weapons Station Yorktown in Virginia. The warship previously served in the Middle East, where it was responsible for shooting down missiles fired by Houthi rebels in the Red Sea. Now, it will help assist U.S. Northern Command in its mission to "protect the United States' territorial integrity, sovereignty, and security," Gen. Gregory Guillot, who oversees U.S. Northern Command, said in a statement. The command is the Defense Department's operation lead in using military forces to tighten border security.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/17/nw-st-5328815/navy-destroyer-souther	2025/03/18		
Navy warship is sent to the southern border to carry out Trump's immigration plans	Borders and immigration	President Trump's use of the Alien Enemies Act of 1798 — a wartime law — to deport hundreds of people while the U.S. isn't at war should concern every single American, argues the CEO of a nonprofit currently suing the president and his administration. This is not normal and it's not OK. We filed a paper with the court late last night with the ACLU, raising a number of responses to how the government has been conducting itself in the court hearing. And we are going to work very hard with the court to ensure that the government complies with the order. But we have serious concerns about this compliance because it does look like that they're just operating in the shadows, that the rule of law does not apply to them. And it's highly concerning and should be concerning for all Americans. You see the judge doing exactly what we want federal judges to do in an emergent situation. He looked at the facts, he held a hearing. He heard the government and he ultimately issued a temporary order. This is what it means to live under the rule of law in the country. It should be concerning for everyone that our president doesn't believe that the laws apply to him. And I'll just note that, you know, the majority of Americans, the vast majority of Americans and the vast majority of Republicans, when they were asked, including last month, agree that presidents should follow court orders. And so we believe this is a real crisis point and we're looking forward to raising these issues before the court.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/17/nw-st-5328815/alien-enemies-act-laws	2025/03/18		
Trump invoking Alien Enemies Act to deport is 'a threat to everyone,' lawyer argues	Borders and immigration	The case, which coincides with news of a German-born green card-holder being detained, is raising concerns of an immigration crackdown in Boston. The cases are the latest instances of hard-line enforcement by immigration officials in the Trump administration. Trump's "border czar," Tom Homan, has specifically called out Boston officials for vowing not to help federal immigration enforcement efforts.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/17/nw-st-5328818/2-cases-boston-focus	2025/03/18		
2 separate cases place the immigration lens on Boston	Borders and immigration	"I'm coming to Boston, I'm bringing hell with me," he said to rousing applause at CPAC, the Conservative Political Action Conference, last month. U.S. border agents have made more seizures of eggs and egg-based products than of fentanyl since the beginning of this year, official statistics show. According to data released by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), officials made 134 interceptions of the deadly drug in January and February 2025, compared to 197 the previous year.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/eggs-fentanyl-bor	2025/03/18		
More egg products seized at the border than fentanyl since the start of this year	Borders and immigration	But that was nothing compared to the 3,254 egg-related seizures during the same period — more than twice as many as the same two months in 2024.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/eggs-fentanyl-bor	2025/03/18		
DC drops Proud Boys lawsuit	Cesspool: Proud boys	The Washington, D.C., attorney general's office has dropped its lawsuit against the Proud Boys and Oath keepers over the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. In a court filing, the attorney general's office said the city was unlikely to be able to find enough money to justify continuing the case against the conservative groups. The case was being dismissed with prejudice, which means the claims against the defendants cannot be brought again. Any decision by the administration to defy federal courts would immediately implicate profound constitutional questions about separation of powers that have kept each branch of the government in check for centuries. That's in large part because it would test the power of courts to enforce rulings that are supposed to be the final word. Legal experts say there are few options to force compliance with its pronouncements. Judges could hold an agency or official in civil or criminal contempt — but that's about it.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dc-drops-proud-boys-lawsuit-181739008	2025/03/18		
Here's what federal judges could do if they're ignored by the Trump administration	Constitutional Crisis	Fears that the Trump administration might deliberately break into a pattern of not following judicial rulings with which it disagrees were amplified last month when a federal judge in Rhode Island, for the second time, told the Trump administration it can't cut off grant and loan payments after Democratic-led states complained that the administration wasn't obeying the judge's previous court order.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-judges-could-ignore-trump-1200	2025/03/18		
Trump's border czar: "I don't care what the judges think"	Constitutional Crisis	President Trump's border czar Tom Homan on Monday doubled down on the decision to defy a court order that banned the deportation of alleged Venezuelan gang members. ... Homan claimed in a Fox News interview Monday that the two deportation flights to El Salvador did not need to be turned around because they were already above international waters when the order came through. "We are going to make this country safe again ... I'm proud to be a part of this administration. We are not stopping. I don't care what the judges think. I don't care what the Left thinks. We're coming," he added. Asked what was coming next in the administration's deportation efforts, Homan said: "Another flight. Another flight every day."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/2025/03/17/hom-homan-deportation-flights-trump	2025/03/18		
White House's defense for not recalling deportations, 'one heck of a stretch,' says judge	Constitutional Crisis	The Trump administration claimed to a federal judge on Monday that it did not recall deported fights of hundreds of suspected Venezuelan gang members over the weekend despite his specific instructions because that was not expressly included in the formal written order issued afterwards. The administration also said that even if James Boasberg, the chief US district judge in Washington, had included that instruction in his formal order, his authority to compel the planes to return disappeared the moment the planes entered international airspace. The extraordinary arguments suggested the White House took advantage of its own perceived uncertainty with a federal court order to do as it pleased, testing the limits of the judicial system to hold to account an administration set on circumventing adverse rulings. The most chilling aspect of a new White House claim of boundless executive power is not whether officials ignored a judge's order to halt deportations of Venezuelan gang members. It's that some senior Trump administration aides seem not to care if they did. There are even claims that some judges are simply too junior to question the actions of a president. The battle over the deportations to a notorious prison in El Salvador is only the latest sign that the administration plans to claim almost limitless presidential power on issue after issue two months into Trump's jarring second term.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/17/trump-judge-verdict	2025/03/18		
A fatal moment looms as Trump's team seeks to bypass the judiciary	Constitutional Crisis	Trump is betting that his Republican allies will do nothing to rein him in, that his Democratic foes are too weak to slow him and that procedural traditions in the courts can only rule on his dauphin in retrospect.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fatal-moment-looms-trump-team-04005	2025/03/18		

		They point out that it is supposed to be used in cases of espionage or sabotage, but in only three cases: the War of 1812, World War I and World War II, which I think we can at least agree were existential crises, even if the law was applied in appalling ways. It's the law that President Franklin Roosevelt used to justify the Japanese internment, the darkest moment of his otherwise illustrious presidency. But it should be noted that the law is only intended to be used under a declaration of war or when a foreign government threatens or undertakes an "invasion" or "predatory incursion." The first requires congressional action but the latter justification is up to the president under his inherent authority. As the Brennan Center points out, previous presidents and the Supreme Court have always considered this to have been enacted under the war power.				
Trump's push for deportations without due process is meant to cause a constitutional crisis	Constitutional Crisis	In the Constitution and other late-1700s statutes, the term invasion is used literally, typically to refer to large-scale attacks. The term predatory incursion is also used literally in writings of that period to refer to slightly smaller attacks like the 1781 Raid on Richmond led by American defector Benedict Arnold.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-push-deportations-without-due-13	2025/03/18		
Farmers often bear the brunt of tariff retaliation: Idaho growers, American consumers brace for impact of a tariff war	Economy-Tariffs	When foreign buyers cut back, Idaho's agricultural industry feels the squeeze. If tariffs are short-term, it could lead to an oversupply in the U.S., which could drive prices down. But if the tariffs last too long, farmers will likely scale back production, resulting in long-term price increases. Retailary tariffs from China are already targeting U.S. food exports. Beijing is imposing 10-15% additional tariffs on American chicken, wheat, corn, pork and dairy. According to KTVB 7 News, this could reduce demand for Idaho farm products even further.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/farmers-often-bear-brunt-tariff-114500	2025/03/18		
Oklahomans survey devastation after hundreds of homes are destroyed and damaged by wildfires	Environment-Wildfires	Wildfires fueled by high winds swept across the state on Friday. The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management said Sunday evening that over 400 homes were damaged statewide. Officials said Sunday that at least four people had died because of the severe weather in Oklahoma.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/oklahomans-survey-devastation-hundred	2025/03/18		
'Extreme' warnings issued as threat of brush fires looms for millions in central US this week	Environment-Wildfires	The High Plains states affected by the extreme fire risk include Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. It also includes cities such as Dallas and Oklahoma City.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/fire-warning-weather	2025/03/18		
Exclusive: Navajo Code Talkers disappear from military websites after Trump DEI order	Erasing history	Articles about the revered Native American Code Talkers have disappeared from some military websites, with several broken URLs now labeled "DEI." Asked about the missing pages, Pentagon Press Secretary John Uhlir replied in a statement: "As Secretary [Peje] Hegseth has said, DEI is dead at the Defense Department.... We are pleased by the rapid compliance across the Department with the directive removing DEI content from all platforms."	https://www.axios.com/local/salt-lake-city/2025/03/17/navajo-code-talkers	2025/03/18		
Trump's historic test of immigrants' speech rights	Freedom of Speech	The Trump administration's moves to deport Columbia University protest leader Mahmoud Khalil have set up a historic court battle over whether the U.S. government can remove legal residents as national security risks for what they say. If Trump's team is successful, legal analysts say, future administrations could deport legal immigrants for any political or religious speech the administration dislikes. Both sides of the Khalil case think it could wind up before the Supreme Court, where the Trump administration is eager to win approval for various deportation strategies.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/17/trump-bhall-immigrants-speech-rights	2025/03/18		
Social Security 'Clawback' Change Could Bankrupt Seniors	Fuck that guy	A win in court could give the Trump administration — specifically Secretary of State Marco Rubio — a chance to launch deportations based on speech activities of the 13 million or so green card holders in the U.S. At 5 p.m. on Friday, March 7, Donald Trump's Social Security Administration (SSA) announced a change in policy that could easily bankrupt some of the program's senior beneficiaries. The agency will now revert back to a more punishing policy that some Republican members of Congress previously publicly opposed — a policy that makes seniors bear the costs of the government's mistakes. The rule change will result in Social Security payments being stopped entirely to Americans who receive overpayments from the agency, until the balance is recouped. The change could devastate some program recipients, which is why some Republican members of Congress were against a previous iteration of the policy. Overpayments are often the result of mistakes by the agency, a 2024 Congressional Research Service study found, although the exact percentage of overpayments that are fraud compared to error was not reported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/social-security-clawback-change-could-1	2025/03/18		
Doge breaks into US Institute of Peace building after White House guts board	Fuck that guy	The Trump administration fired most of the board of the US Institute of Peace (USIP) and sent its new leader into the Washington DC headquarters of the independent organization on Monday, in its latest effort targeting agencies tied to foreign assistance work. Current USIP employees said staffers from Elon Musk's so-called "department of government efficiency" entered the building despite protests that the institute is not part of the executive branch. USIP called the police, whose vehicles were outside the building on Monday evening. USIP is a congressionally funded independent non-profit that works to advance US values in conflict resolution, ending wars and promoting good governance. Moose, said: "DOGE has broken into our building." Police cars were outside the Washington building on Monday evening.	https://theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/17/us-institute-of-peace	2025/03/18		
FDA staff return to crowded offices, broken equipment, and missing chairs	Fuck that guy	The CEO vowed legal action, saying: "What has happened here today is an illegal takeover by elements of the executive branch of a private non-profit." He said the institute's headquarters, located across the street from the state department, is not a federal building. Speaking to reporters after leaving the building, Moose noted: "It was very clear that there was a desire on the part of the administration to dismantle a lot of what we call foreign assistance, and we are part of that family." Thousands of employees returned to the Food and Drug Administration's headquarters Monday to find overflowing parking lots, long security lines and makeshift office spaces without chairs and other basic supplies. The FDA is the latest agency scrambling to meet the Trump administration's return-to-office mandate, part of a flurry of actions — including firings and layoffs — intended to radically shrink the federal workforce. Monday was the first day that all rank-and-file FDA staffers were required to report to offices, including the agency's 130-acre campus just outside Washington.	https://apnews.com/article/fda-return-office-parking-lines-chaos-federal	2025/03/18		
Trump administration cuts funding to long-term diabetes study: Report	Fuck that guy	The Trump administration has reportedly canceled funding to an ongoing, three-decade study tracking patients with diabetes, despite Donald Trump's campaign promise to "Make America Healthy Again" and fight chronic disease. The cuts were made via the National Institutes of Health, which pulled funding for the Diabetes Prevention Program, researchers told Stat News.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/trump-nih-doge-fuck	2025/03/18		
Climate, energy agencies hire back probationary employees	Government Jobs	The Energy Department, along with EPA and NOAA, hired back many probationary employees who had been laid off in a round of cuts last month. The step taken Monday is being done to comply with recent court rulings that held the workers' firings were illegally carried out. These employees aren't being put back to work, but placed on paid administrative leave while court cases play out.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/17/climate-energy-agencies-probation	2025/03/18		
White House removes advisory defining gun violence as a public health issue	Gun Violence	The Trump administration has removed former surgeon general Vivek Murthy's advisory on gun violence as a public health issue from the US Department of Health and Human Services' website. This move was made to comply with Donald Trump's executive order to protect second amendment rights, a White House official told the Guardian. The " firearm violence in America" page, where the advisory had been posted, was filled with data and information about the ripple effects of shootings, the prevalence of firearm suicides and the number of American children and adolescents who have been shot and killed. Now, when someone reaches the site they will be met with a "page not found" message. The Trump administration said on Monday it plans to permanently allow U.S. poultry and pork processing plants to operate more quickly, raising concerns among advocacy groups about worker health and food safety.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/17/trump-removes-gun	2025/03/18		
Trump administration aims to make faster meat processing permanent	Health and safety	However, it adds to health concerns about slaughterhouse workers, who often perform repetitive tasks with sharp knives and toil in extreme heat or cold. USDA will start a process to make permanent higher speeds that it allows at some facilities under waivers, according to a statement. Chicken plants with waivers can process up to 175 birds per minute, compared to a previous limit of 140 birds.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-aims-faster-meat-2	2025/03/18		
Heat can age you as much as smoking, a new study finds	Health-Climate crisis	The agency also will extend waivers, allowing facilities to "meet demand without excessive government interference," the statement said. Phoenix heat is notorious for the harm it causes in the short-term, like heat stroke and heart problems. Just last year, temperatures there topped 80 degrees Fahrenheit for a record-breaking 189 days. More than 140 of those days surpassed 100 degrees. A new study published in Science Advances shows that prolonged heat exposure of that magnitude can even modify how people's genes behave, speeding up aging at the molecular level and potentially impacting people's long-term health. Epigenetic aging can accelerate because people don't eat well or don't get enough exercise. But it is also associated with emotional or physical stress, as well as exposure to environmental harms like air pollution "and, in this case, heat," Choi says. The researchers looked at blood samples from more than 3,600 older adults across the U.S. and assessed people's epigenetic age. They could figure out how much heat those people experienced over a few days, a few months, one year and six years prior to that sample collection using climate and weather models looking into the past, taking into account both temperature and humidity — factors that influence the danger of different heat conditions. The outcomes were clear: People who experienced more heat over the long-term aged faster, biologically, than those living in cooler places. That's even after taking into account people's financial status, education, physical activity and whether they smoked. Still, doctors say it's a good time to remember how dangerous and long-lasting the health consequences of measles can be. ... Worried, the teen's parents took him to a series of doctors to figure out what was wrong, until a pediatric neurologist finally suspected a condition called subacute sclerosing panencephalitis, or SSPE. It's a degenerative neurological condition that typically develops seven to 10 years after a measles infection. It is almost always fatal. Cvijanovich was part of the hospital team that confirmed the diagnosis. "The problem is that there is no treatment for it," she says. "And he basically became more and more incapacitated over time." Some 18 months after his initial diagnosis, she says, the teenager died. Vaccination prevents not just SSPE, but also other serious complications that measles can cause — including pneumonia and severe brain swelling. And there's a common consequence from measles infection you might not know of: It can erase your immune memory. "Not only does your brain have a memory, but your immune system has a memory of all the pathogens it's encountered in the past," says Stephen Elledge, a professor in the genetics department at Harvard Medical School who studies how the immune system responds to pathogens. Elledge says your immune system holds on to those memories, so the next time it encounters a virus, it knows how to fight it. But measles can destroy the cells that retain those memories. ... Researchers say immune amnesia helps explain one phenomenon that was documented after the introduction of the measles vaccine in the 1960s: Deaths from other childhood diseases dropped dramatically. Even deaths from diseases like pneumonia and diarrhea were cut in half.	https://www.rpr.org/sections/health/news/2025/03/17/heat-accelerates-aging	2025/03/18		
Measles remains a danger to health even years after an infection	Health-Measles		https://www.rpr.org/sections/health/news/2025/03/17/heat-accelerates-aging	2025/03/18		

		Officials at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have reportedly told scientists to scrub all references to mRNA vaccine technology from grant applications, sparking fears that the agency could soon scrap research programs into the vaccinations under Health and Human Services Commissioner Robert F. Kennedy Jr.			https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/k-f-jr-vax-20250318/	2025/03/18
National Institutes of Health officials reportedly told scientists to erase mRNA vaccine references on grants	Health-Vaccines	One vaccine scientist based in New York funded by the agency was warned that references to mRNA vaccines should not appear in any future applications after referring to them in previous ones. There will not be any research funded by NIH on mRNA vaccines," the scientist added.				
Foreign tourism into the U.S. is suddenly reversing and is now expected to drop, due in part to 'polarizing Trump administration policies and rhetoric'	International Relations	President Donald Trump's "America first" stance is helping to discourage international travel into the U.S., according to a recent forecast. Research firm Tourism Economics slashed its outlook and now sees a 5.1% decline in visits, slipping from an earlier view for an 8.8% increase. Spending by foreign tourists is expected to decline 11%, reversing a loss of \$18 billion this year.			https://www.yahoo.com/news/foreign-tourism-u-suddenly-reversing-167-20250318/	2025/03/18
Trump threatens Iran with "dire consequences" if Houthi attacks continue	International Relations	President Trump said on Monday that the U.S. will consider any further attacks by the Houthis in Yemen as emanating from Iran and threatened the Iranian government with "dire consequences."				
		The Houthis said on Sunday they conducted two drone and missile attack on the USS Truman strike group in the Red Sea, which plays a central role in the U.S. military campaign.				
		The Pentagon confirmed the attacks but said they were defeated and caused no damages. What they're saying: "Every shot fired by the Houthis will be looked upon, from this point forward, as being a shot fired from the weapons and leadership of IRAN, and IRAN will be held responsible and suffer the consequences, and those consequences will be dire!" Trump wrote on his Truth Social account.			https://www.axios.com/2025/03/16/trump-threatens-iran-iranian-jagahs-20250316/	2025/03/16
Peru declares an emergency and deploys the army as violence surges in the capital	International-Peru	Peru's president declared a state of emergency in the capital Monday and ordered the deployment of soldiers to help police address a surge of violence, amid widespread outcry a day after the killing of a popular singer.			https://apnews.com/article/peru-state-of-emergency-violence-singer-de-20250318	2025/03/18
		A Texas midwife has been arrested over accusations that she performed abortions in defiance of the state's near-total abortion ban, the Texas attorney general, Ken Paxton, announced on Monday.				
		Maria Margarita Rojas has been charged with the illegal performance of an abortion and with practicing medicine without a license, according to a press release from Paxton's office. Under Texas law, the illegal performance of an abortion is considered a second-degree felony. If convicted, Rojas could face decades in prison.				
Texas midwife arrested for allegedly providing abortions amid state's near-total ban	Reproductive rights	Rojas's arrest is believed to be the first criminal arrest under Texas's abortion ban. Last year, Paxton's office sued Dr Margaret Carpenter, a New York-based abortion provider, for allegedly mailing abortion pills into Texas.			https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/17/texas-midwife-arrest	2025/03/18
		The Trump Administration is reportedly considering a new travel ban for citizens of up to 43 countries—a potential escalation of Trump's first term travel ban which primarily targeted Muslim-majority countries.				
		An internal memo, obtained and reviewed first by the New York Times and then by Reuters, suggests that the Trump Administration has included new countries in a draft of a 2.0 travel ban.			https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-imposing-travel-ban-hesias-193637-20250318/	2025/03/18
Is Trump Imposing a New Travel Ban? Here's What to Know	Trump Bulsh!t	In the memo, the countries on the list would be sorted into three different tiers: red, orange, and yellow.				
		Taken together, these actions and declarations amount to a significant escalation in Trump's transformation of his own presidency into an autocracy or, perhaps more accurately, a monarchy. His Justice Department has taken vague claims of "Article II authority" to new extremes, asserting him an unchecked right to expel immigrants with no semblance of due process—and as his defenders have asserted all weekend, to ignore lawful court orders that stand in his way.			https://www.axios.com/2025/03/17/trump-biden-pardons-autopen-jan-6-20250318/	2025/03/18
		Meanwhile, Trump himself has made it clear that this extreme and dangerous new vision of executive power does not apply to the presidency, but only his presidency. It is not a set of neutral principles, but an ever-evolving pretzel for his own personal whims and caprices, dressed up in legalese concocted by the conservative legal movement for precisely this purpose.				
		It's clear by now that when the second Trump administration tests the limits of the law, it prefers to create enough chaos and confusion to cloud the true extent of its lawbreaking. That's evidently what happened when it raced to expel Rasha Alawieh, a Lebanese immigrant who specializes in kidney transplants. Alawieh has a valid visa to work at Brown Medicine, but immigration officers detained her enroute on Thursday and began rapidly preparing for her removal. We still do not know the basis for this deportation.			https://www.yahoo.com/news/ve-officially-entered-next-phase-170406-20250318/	2025/03/18
We've Officially Entered the Next Phase of Trump's Dictatorship Era	Trump Bulsh!t	One month before the election, 70 percent of Americans felt that foreign affairs comprised either a "very important" or "extremely important" component of their vote. But as it turns out, Donald Trump's repeat campaign promises to end the war in Ukraine "in 24 hours" were just gas.				
		"Well, I was being a little bit sarcastic when I said that," Trump told Attkisson on her show "Full Measure." "What I really mean is I'd like to get settled, and I think I'd be successful."				
		It's one of the rare occasions where Trump has actually admitted that he was wrong. But dressing up the blatant lie as a "little bit" of sarcasm is an awfully convenient way to circumnavigate blame for failing.			https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-insists-being-sarcastic-major-1523-20250318/	2025/03/18
Trump insists He Was Being "Sarcastic" About Major Campaign Promise	Trump Bulsh!t	President Trump claimed Monday that former President Biden's preemptive pardons to members of the House Jan. 6 select committee and others are "VOID" and "VACANT" because they were "done by Aulopen."				
		Experts cast doubt on Trump's rationale, and said it was unlikely that a court would allow a president to revoke or nullify his predecessor's pardons.				
Trump says autopen use makes Biden's pardons for Jan. 6 panel "VOID"	Trump Bulsh!t	It's the latest example of Trump testing the limits of executive power, and could set the stage for a legal showdown with some of his staunchest political enemies.			https://www.axios.com/2025/03/17/trump-biden-pardons-autopen-jan-6-20250318/	2025/03/18
		A 2025 memorandum opinion from Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel during President George W. Bush's administration said that the president may sign a bill by directing a subordinate to "affix the President's signature to it."				
		"We emphasize that we are not suggesting that the President may delegate the decision to approve and sign a bill, only that, having made this decision, he may direct a subordinate to affix the President's signature to the bill," the opinion stated.				
What to know about autopen, which Trump claims nullifies Biden pardons	Trump Bulsh!t	Jeffrey Crouch, an American University professor and expert in federal executive decision, noted that "other presidents have used autopen to grant pardons."			https://www.axios.com/2025/03/17/what-is-aulopen-biden-pardons-20250318/	2025/03/18
		Trump's rhetoric less the flames of conspiracy about Biden not really being in charge during his presidency. While concerns about Biden's fitness for office forced him to call off his reelection campaign, the right has taken that to an extreme.				
		... It is not clear whether Biden actually used an autopen to sign the documents in question. And even if he did, legal experts say it's not clear the pardons could be rescinded — for that or any other reason.				
Trump tries to void Biden's pardons, blaming autopen. Many presidents have used it	Trump Bulsh!t	Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, which grants presidents broad clemency powers, says the president only needs to be "accepted by his subjects" to take effect — and does not mention anything about revisiting them after the fact.			https://www.npr.org/2025/03/17/mx-s1-5330709/autopen-biden-pardon-20250318/	2025/03/18
		The last time the act was invoked was during World War II, when it was used to put thousands of noncitizens of Japanese, German and Italian descent in internment camps — for which the federal government formally apologized decades later.				
		The act's fine print states that the president can only assume this authority once Congress has declared war. While the U.S. has been involved in plenty of conflicts over the decades, it hasn't done so formally since 1942.				
		"It hasn't been a source of contemporary controversy because we haven't had a declared war," Vlastek explains. "And no one has tried to argue that that invasion or predatory incursion language could be used in any context other than a conventional war."				
		Until Trump, that is. The former president — who has a long history of using dehumanizing language about minority groups and political opponents — has repeatedly referred to the influx of migrants to the U.S. as an "invasion" and vowed mass deportations.				
		He said he doesn't expect courts to look kindly upon Trump invoking the act "where, one, he doesn't need it, and two, it would really be a stretch in what is already a pretty controversial legal power."				
4 things to know about the Alien Enemies Act and Trump's efforts to use it	Borders and immigration	The last time the Supreme Court heard a case on the act, in 1948, it deemed questions about the definition of wartime too political to answer. On the other hand, he noted, a lot has changed since then. Enright recalls last year that the surreal way to prevent the act from being abused would be for Congress to proactively repeat it.			https://www.npr.org/2025/03/18/mx-s1-5331857/alien-enemies-act-trump-20250318/	2025/03/19
		State Attorney General Alan Wilson says he disagrees with the way the amendment has been interpreted by those wanting to block Trump's order.				
		"That amendment was rightfully designed to bestow citizenship on emancipated slaves, which needed to happen, but it has been misinterpreted over the last 160 years to inventive the ridiculous notion that somebody can come to the United States in the dead of night, drop a child like an anchor, like a boat drops an anchor, and all of a sudden, they have been bestowed citizenship for heretofore evildoers," Wilson said.				
		"That was not the intention of the framers of the 14th Amendment," he added.				
South Carolina attorney general says 14th Amendment 'misinterpreted'	Borders and immigration	Wilson also noted that he believes the nation's highest court could rule in their favor.			https://www.yahoo.com/news/south-carolina-attorney-general-says-112-20250319/	2025/03/19
		Franco Caraballo called his wife Friday night, crying and panicked. Hours earlier, the 26-year-old barber and dozens of other Venezuelan migrants at a federal detention facility in Texas were dressed in white clothes, handcuffed and taken onto a plane. He had no idea where he was going. Twenty-four hours later, Caraballo's name disappeared from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's online detainee locator.			https://apnews.com/article/trump-deportations-gang-venezuela-0c7c3b-20250319	2025/03/19
Immigrants disappear from US detainee tracking system after deportation flights	Borders and immigration	Civil rights attorneys are sounding the alarm after 48 New Mexico residents "disappeared" after their arrests by federal immigration enforcement agents this month.				
		Immigration and Customs Enforcement "has not indicated where any of them are being detained, whether they have access to counsel, in what conditions they are being held, or even which agency is holding them," according to a federal complaint from the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico.				
Lawyers say ICE 'disappeared' 48 New Mexico residents. 'Serious human rights violation'	Borders and immigration	They have been "effectively forcibly disappeared from our communities," attorneys wrote.			https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/new-mex-20250319/	2025/03/19
		A Wisconsin man charged with possessing child sex abuse images created by artificial intelligence may be protected by the Constitution, a judge ruled.				
		In response to Anderregg's motion to dismiss the charges, a federal judge in Wisconsin allowed three of the charges to move forward but threw one out. U.S. District Judge James D. Peterson argued that the First Amendment protects the possession of "virtual child pornography" in one's home. Prosecutors have since appealed.			https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/child-abu-20250319/	2025/03/19
Judge rules possession of AI-generated child porn could be protected under First Amendment	Censorship	Chief Justice John Roberts said impeaching federal judges is "not an appropriate response" to disagreeing with their rulings in a rare statement Tuesday.				
		"For more than two centuries, it has been established that impeachment is not an appropriate response to disagreement concerning a judicial decision," Roberts said in a statement shared by the Supreme Court's public information office.				
		"The normal appellate review process exists for that purpose."				
		Trump was asked for his reaction to the chief justice's comments during an appearance on Fox News' "The Ingraham Angle" Tuesday evening.				
		"He didn't mention my name in the statement. I just saw it quickly," Trump told Fox News' Laura Ingraham.				
Justice Roberts rebukes Trump's call to impeach Venezuela deportation case judge	Constitutional Crisis	"But many people have called for his impeachment, the impeachment of this judge. I don't know who the judge is, but he's radical left. He was Obama-appointed," added Trump, saying such decisions represent "a presidential job," not one for a "local judge."			https://www.axios.com/2025/03/19/justice-roberts-trump-impeach-judge-20250319/	2025/03/19
		Saturday, March 15, 2025, may have seemed unremarkable to most Americans. But in time, history will remember it as Black Saturday—the moment the United States ceased to function as a constitutional democracy.				
Black Saturday: The Day the United States Ceased to Be a Constitutional Democracy	Constitutional Crisis	For the first time in modern American history, a sitting president openly defied a federal electoral court order—and nothing happened. No intervention. No enforcement. No consequences. A legal ruling was issued, and the White House simply ignored it.			https://theintellectualist.com/black-saturday-us-constitutional-crisis-20250319/	2025/03/19
		But nobody is certain what will happen next.				
		The administration is deploying a legal theory that would effectively grant the president limitless authority across the government and, by extension, over the courts, which have long acted as a critical check on the presidency.				
What happens if Trump continues to defy court orders?	Constitutional Crisis	"And people should not expect that to slow down," he said. "If anything, they should expect the next two years to be a frantic assault on the Constitution."			https://www.yahoo.com/news/hagenaix-trump-continues-defy-court-175-20250319/	2025/03/19
		"You're a smart guy. You know he's term-limited," Cuomo said. "How do you think he gets another term?"				
		"We're working on it," Bannon answered. "I think we'll have a couple of alternatives, let's say that. We'll see what the definition of term limit is."				
		Replied Cuomo: "So you're talking about tilting this issue, because I don't want people to listen to our interview and say, 'Bannon's cooking up an insurrection.' ... You know what I mean? I want people to get a straight take on where your head is."			https://www.yahoo.com/news/silver-bannon-makes-unsettling-predic-20250319/	2025/03/19
Silver Bannon Makes Unsettling Prediction For Trump, 2028	Constitutional Crisis					

		These developments raised a series of overlapping legal issues. The first and most important question is whether the White House defied a federal court order outright for the first time. The answer appears to be yes. While the administration has had compliance issues (to be charitable) with some judicial orders over the last two months, this is the first time that it has openly refused to comply with one of them. Its legal argument for defiance, other than raw power, is that the judge's order does not apply once the foreign nationals are in international waters and airspace. "There was a discussion about how far the judge's ruling can go under the circumstances and over international waters and, on advice of counsel, we proceeded with deporting these thugs," one unnamed senior White House official reportedly told Axios. That is a Hollywood scriptwriter's understanding of jurisdiction and international waters. Boasberg had jurisdiction over the defendants in the ACLU lawsuit—the various Trump administration officials who were on U.S. soil and could accordingly order the flight's return. It did not matter whether the actual flights were over the Atlantic Ocean, the Pacific Ocean, or the Sea of Tranquility on the moon. The real story of this era is shaping up, and it will not be about how one man did what he said he would do, repeatedly and in detail. The story will be about how nearly the entirety of the political establishment had hardly any response to any of it. The story will be about how Congress, the first branch of government — not merely in its order of placement in the Constitution, but in its primacy in the minds of its creators, and in its jurisdiction and scope — was suborned and disposed of by its lesser successor, the executive branch. After all, before the constitutional middle child grew up to swallow its older sibling, President Donald Trump had the foresight to first devour the third branch — the judiciary — for practice (not to mention a little extra "just in case" insurance). President Trump's expansion of executive chutzpah on display in the first weeks of the new administration has the hallmarks of a "What If...?" parlor game of hypotheticals so outlandish that we have never even bothered to codify an emergency contingency plan in the event we got here. A new scientific report depicts a rapidly warming Earth, with widespread consequences such as sea level rise, melting glaciers and extreme weather events. The United Nations agency's annual report, which dates back to 1993, doesn't contain many surprises for those closely following climate science. But it does show how widespread and unprecedented climate change's effects already are. On carbon dioxide, the report finds that current levels of the main long-lived greenhouse gas is at a record high of 151% of preindustrial levels back in the year 1750. This is the highest level of CO2 in at least 800,000 years, and likely long before that, the report found. Current levels of methane, a powerful, short-term warming agent, are 265% of preindustrial levels, the report shows.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-defiance-courts-just-tok-2043249	2025/03/19		
Trump's Defiance of the Courts Just Took a Radical Leap	Constitutional Crisis					
As Trump Remakes America, the Political Class Is Dumbstruck	Constitutional Crisis		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-remakes-america-political-class-14	2025/03/19		
Climate change indicators hit record levels in 2024, UN study finds	Environment-Climate crisis		https://www.axios.com/2025/03/18/climate-change-indicators-records-g	2025/03/19		
Cross-country storm to bring blinding dust, brush fires and blizzard conditions across Central US	Environment-Severe weather	The storm isn't a carbon copy of the last one but will once again spawn severe weather, with powerful winds triggering fast-moving fires and a blizzard in the central US.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dangerous-d-vu-another-12143284-10	2025/03/19		
Musk Slipping Starlink in The White House Definitely Isn't A Major National Security Risk, Nor, Not One Bit	Fuck that guy	Some will also question how secure Starlink is and whether foreign governments may find a way to use it to spy on the U.S. For example, Jake Williams, a vice president for research and development at the cybersecurity firm Hunter Strategy, told the NYT that "It's super rare" to replace government infrastructure that's already been vetted and secured with Starlink or other new internet tech. "I can't think of a time that I have heard of that," he said, presumably grinning as he checked his phone to see how much richer shorting Tesla was making him. "It introduces another attack point. But why introduce that risk?"	https://auus.yahoo.com/musk-slipping-starlink-white-house-154020903	2025/03/19		
Musk's DOGE Goon Accidentally Triggered Secret Service Alert in White House Complex	Fuck that guy	ADOGEE employee working for Elon Musk found himself in a standoff with the Secret Service on the roof of the Eisenhower Executive Building while scouting locations for installing Starlink. The New York Times reports.				
Fact Check: Debunking DOGE claim that VA canceled \$56K contract solely for watering 3 plants	Fuck that guy	But as he made his way to the roof of the building, which is adjacent to the White House itself, Stanley tripped a silent alarm that alerted the Secret Service to his presence. What the Times described as a "dramatic scene" soon unfolded as an agent rushed to respond.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-doge-goan-accidentally-triggered-1	2025/03/19		
Elon Musk Whines That Everyone Is Being Mean to Him	Fuck that guy	However, the claim that the VA canceled a \$56,000 contract solely for watering roughly eight plants over five years is false. It is true that in early March 2025 the VA terminated a \$56,000 contract for "interior plant maintenance," however, it covered 104 plants and included weekly upkeep services such as pruning, cleaning and plant replacement, not just watering. Therefore, we have rated this claim as a mixture of true and false information.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/18/fact-check-debunking-doge-claim-110000	2025/03/19		
The drama isn't over for federal workers	Government-Jobs	The company further explained that this amounted to \$107.70 per plant each year or approximately \$9 per plant each month for weekly upkeep. The services included watering, pruning, trimming, cleaning and dusting the foliage as well as maintaining proper soil levels, disease prevention and control, fertilization and plant replacement (except in cases of damage or loss beyond the company's control).	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-whines-everyone-being-145	2025/03/19		
Firing federal employees was swift, Unwinding the terminations is proving complicated	Government-jobs	Tests lately affected a more liberal consumer base with its electric vehicles, but since Musk went "dark MAGA," that same base has soured on the tech billionaire and his products. That's proven especially true in some of Europe's stronger economies, such as Germany, which has seen sales in the country fall by more than 70 percent over the last two months, reported Bloomberg.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/18/probationary-federal-workers-fired-d	2025/03/19		
Trump nixes \$17.75 minimum wage for federal contractors adopted by Biden	Government-Jobs	Sales in China—where Tesla has two major factories—have similarly plummeted, falling by 49 percent in February.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/18/mx-41-5332138/fired-federal-employees	2025/03/19		
EPA aims to cut pollution rules projected to save nearly 200,000 lives. Real people will be hurt	Government-EPA	The recently refired could soon become the newly re-fired, and the productivity of the entire federal workforce is taking another hit.	https://www.kcur.org/news/2025-03-17/usps-changes-rural-delivery	2025/03/19		
Fallout from Trump research cuts expands across academia	Information-Blackout	More than 24,000 probationary workers who were fired across 18 agencies are in the process of being reinstated, according to data provided to the U.S. District Court in Maryland by the agencies Monday night.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/18/trump-epa-pollution	2025/03/19		
France preparing 'survival manual' for every household, report says	International-France	Zoom out. The situation is a hit to productivity at these agencies, and to the economic and psychological well-being of these individuals. It's not great for the economy overall, either.	https://www.kcur.org/news/2025-03-17/usps-changes-rural-delivery	2025/03/19		
Kremlin says it will halt strikes on Ukraine energy sector after Trump and Putin talk	International-Russia	On Monday, in compliance with Bretard's order, the 18 agencies filed status reports on their reinstatement efforts, which included contacting fired employees through their personal email addresses and phone numbers, and at one agency, through certified mail. Collectively, the agencies reported they had fired more than 24,000 probationary employees since Jan. 20.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/18/universities-medical-research-cuts-r	2025/03/19		
Social Security cuts phone services in bid to address fraud	Parting out the Government	All 18 agencies reported that they had canceled terminations for the vast majority of those fired. A majority of the agencies stated they had placed reinstated employees on paid administrative leave, with no other information on when or even whether they would resume work.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/18/mx-41-5331787/trump-putin-ukraine-ca	2025/03/19		

		Democrats are slamming vulnerable Republicans for avoiding town halls — launching a billboard campaign and scheduling their own Q&As in competitive districts. Axios has learned. ... It's a town hall war, with both parties accusing the other of being afraid of their voters. The DNC is targeting nine of the most vulnerable House Republicans with a billboard campaign launching Wednesday — as they prepare to hold their own town halls featuring top Democrats in the same competitive districts. ... "Republicans are refusing to meet with their constituents after voting to take away health care and make it harder for families to put food on the table," DNC Chair Kim Martin said in a statement provided to Axios.			
Scoop: Dems target GOP "crowards" for avoiding town halls	Political cesspool	"If Republicans won't show up, then Democrats will," he added. Far-right extremists and propagandists appear to have a friend — or at least an ally — in the U.S. director of national intelligence. Intelligence chief Tulsi Gabbard's ties to MAGA influencers and other figures known for spreading conservative propaganda are in focus, after she reportedly sought to name a pro-Kremlin podcaster as one of her deputies. This is far from an ideal choice for the intelligence official who prepares the President's Daily Brief. In fact, it's a horrifying choice that speaks directly to the concerns that Democrats expressed about Gabbard's decision-making and loyalties in the lead-up to her confirmation vote.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/18/democrats-republicans-town-halls-r	2025/03/19	
Tulsi Gabbard's ties to far-right influencers get even weirder	Political cesspool	Gabbard's recent sharing of an X post by far-right influencer Ian Miles Cheong, a conservative propagandist based in Malaysia, only raised more questions about her alignment with some of the most unabashedly liberal voices on the internet. A Republican state lawmaker in Minnesota who recently introduced a bill to create a mental illness category for liberals obsessed over Donald Trump was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly soliciting a minor for prostitution. Minnesota senator Justin Echorn was arrested and booked on Tuesday. He believed he was talking to a 17-year-old female, but was communicating instead with detectives from the Bloomington, Minnesota, police department, police allege.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tulsi-gabbard-ties-far-influencers-2124492	2025/03/19	
Republican who introduced Trump derangement syndrome bill arrested for soliciting a minor	Political cesspool	Echorn, a 40-year-old whose biography on the Minnesota Senate website says he is married with four kids, faces felony charges for soliciting a minor to practice prostitution. Some House members are urging Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) behind closed doors to mount a primary bid against the New York senator in 2028. "From the threads I am on, [people and praised off] ... and not just the typical lefties," one House Democrat told Axios on the condition of anonymity to share details of members' private communications. A senior House Democrat said of their colleagues' mood toward Schumer: "His popularity is hovering somewhere between Elon Musk and the Ebola virus." A first House Democrat who represents a swing district, when asked about Schumer, responded sarcastically: "Who?"	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/18/minnesota-justin-ec	2025/03/19	
Inside House Democrats' anti-Schumer vent sessions	Politics-Dems	A federal judge on Tuesday temporarily blocked the Trump administration's efforts to ban transgender people from serving in the military. "The Military Ban is soaked in animus and dripping with pretext," wrote U.S. District Judge Ana Reyes in a scathing ruling that found the restrictions that were due to take effect this month were a violation of transgender people's constitutional rights. "Its language is unabashedly demeaning, its policy stigmatizes transgender persons as inherently 'evil,' and, as conclusions bear no relation to fact," added the Biden-appointed judge in D.C. "Thus, even if the Court analyzed the Military Ban under rational basis review, it would fail."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/18/trump-transgender-troops-ban-judge	2025/03/19	
Read: Judge blocks Trump admin's efforts to ban transgender troops	Rainbow Threats	MPs in Hungary have voted to ban Pride events and allow authorities to use facial recognition software to identify attendees and potentially fine them, in what Amnesty International has described as a "full-frontal attack" on LGBTQ+ people.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/mar/18/hungary-bans-pride-e	2025/03/19	
Hungary bans Pride events and plans to use facial recognition to target attendees	Rainbow Threats	On Jan. 31, Carpenter became the first U.S. doctor criminally charged for providing abortion pills across state lines — a medical practice that expanded after the U.S. Supreme Court's Dobbs decision on June 24, 2022, which overturned Roe v. Wade. On Feb. 11, Louisiana's Republican governor, Jeff Landry signed a warrant for Carpenter. He later posted a video arguing she "must face extradition to Louisiana, where she can stand trial and justice will be served." New York's Democratic governor, Kathy Hochul, countered by releasing her own video, saying she was refusing to extradite Carpenter. The charges carry a possible 5-year prison sentence. "Louisiana has changed their laws, but that has no bearing on the laws here in the state of New York," Hochul said. Eight states — New York, Maine, California, Colorado, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington — have passed laws to protect telemedicine abortion providers and block extradition in such cases. But this is the first criminal test of these shield laws. MAP uses an organizational structure designed to spread potential liability, Foster said. "The person who orders the pills is different than the person who prescribes the pills, is different from the person who ships the pills, is different from the person who does the payments," she explained.			
After historic indictment, doctors will keep mailing abortion pills over state lines	Reproductive rights	The eight states that shield doctors who provide abortion care via telemedicine also have laws that safeguard doctors who provide in-person abortion care, according to a review of shield laws by the Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy at the UCLA School of Law. Russia and other state actors are driving an increase in politically motivated cyber attacks and sabotage of infrastructure and public institutions in the EU, the bloc's police enforcement agency has found. Europe's 50-page serious and organised crime threat assessment for 2025 also describes in detail how "hybrid threat" actors have established a "shadow alliance" with organised criminal gangs in Europe to try to destabilise the functioning of the EU and its member states.	https://www.rpr.org/sections/shubs-health-news/2025/03/19/mx-41-5312	2025/03/19	
Russia using criminal networks to drive increase in sabotage acts, says Europol	Technology-Cybercrime	It identifies "a broad range of criminal activities and tactics" being deployed by "criminal probes" including sabotage, arson, cyber-attacks, data theft, and migrant smuggling. The Trump administration has announced the federal government will no longer unequivocally prohibit contractors from having segregated restaurants, waiting rooms and drinking fountains. ... The Civil Rights Act of 1964, as well as many state laws, still makes segregated facilities illegal in all businesses, including federal contractors. Yes, but. Critics say the recent change sends a message about the government's priorities and potentially eliminates a crucial enforcement tool.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/mar/18/russia-criminal-n	2025/03/19	
Trump administration ends "segregated facilities" ban in federal contracts	Trump Bullshit	The change follows the Trump administration's reinterpretation of Civil Rights-era laws to focus on "anti-white racism," rather than discrimination against people of color. A federal judge on Tuesday said Elon Musk and DOGE likely violated the U.S. Constitution with its "accelerated" shutdown of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The shutdown harmed public interest and deprived Congress of using its constitutional authority as the public-elected representatives to decide what to do with an agency it created, the judge said in his written opinion.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/18/trump-end-segregated-facilities-ban	2025/03/19	
DOGE's USAID shutdown was likely unconstitutional, federal judges say	Unconstitutional	Federal immigration authorities detained a Georgetown University graduate student from India who was teaching at the D.C. institution on a student visa, the Trump administration confirmed Wednesday evening. The detention of Badar Khan Suri comes after President Trump said the arrest by immigration authorities of the green card-holding Columbia University alumnus and pro-Palestinian activist Mehnoob Khalil was the first of "many to come."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/20/trump-detention-georgetown-rese	2025/03/20	
Georgetown University researcher detained by immigration authorities	Borders and immigration	The Trump administration has moved to dismiss a Biden-era lawsuit against Texas over a state law that would allow local police to arrest migrants who enter the country illegally, days after the administration's decision to dismiss anti-state laws against Iowa and Oklahoma. The Justice Department (DOJ) once again rebuffed a federal judge's demands to provide a rationale for why it was declining to provide information about deportation flights of Venezuelan migrants.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-justice-department-moves-drop-lawsuit-1	2025/03/20	
Justice Department moves to drop lawsuit that would allow Texas police to arrest migrants	Borders and immigration	After a remarkable exchange Monday evening in which a DOJ attorney said he was "not authorized" to provide more information on the flights, Boasberg ordered the Justice Department to detail what legal authorities it was relying on in declining to provide evidence it complied with his order. "The Government maintains that there is no justification to order the provision of additional information, and that doing so would be inappropriate," the Justice Department wrote in the filing Tuesday. It's unclear exactly how many citizens have faced the Trump administration's dragnet so far. And while previous administrations have mistakenly held Americans too, there's no firm count of those incidents either. The government does not release figures on citizens who have been held by immigration authorities. Neither Customs and Border Protection nor Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which handles interior immigration enforcement, would provide numbers to ProPublica on how many Americans have been mistakenly detained.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/18/doj-again-refuses-share-judge-1745500	2025/03/20	
DOJ again refuses to share info with judge on Venezuelan deportation flights	Borders and immigration	Experts and advocates say that what is clear to them is that Trump's aggressive immigration policies — such as arrest quotas for enforcement agents — make it likely that more citizens will get caught up in immigration sweeps. France's research minister said a French scientist was denied entry to the US this month after immigration officers at an airport searched his phone and found messages in which he had expressed criticism of the Trump administration. Trump kicked the conversation to another level this week by advocating impeachment himself, but virtually all GOP lawmakers would need to be on board for it to actually happen. They are not. Boasberg is one of at least four federal judges against whom House Republicans have filed articles of impeachment for issuing rulings unfavorable to the administration.	https://www.propublica.org/article/more-americans-will-be-caught-up-b	2025/03/20	
Some Americans Have Already Been Caught In Trump's Immigration Dragnet. More Will Be.	Borders and immigration	Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-Ga.) has also said he plans to introduce articles targeting a fifth: John J. McConnell Jr., a Rhode Island federal judge who ordered the administration to lift its freeze on federal payments. Successful judicial impeachments are rare — the last one was in 2010 — and usually involve gross personal misconduct or financial corruption. During the past two months of Donald Trump and Elon Musk's power grabs, it has been clear the second Trump administration is building up to a confrontation with the American courts system — one that would trigger a full-blown constitutional crisis. That moment of truth has arrived. But Trump's refusal to heed the judge's demand not to deport migrants to El Salvador — as well as the president's decision to ship migrants, who have not been convicted of anything, to a country and prison notorious for civil rights abuses — is a huge escalation, and an alarmingly direct test of the U.S. Constitution and America's system of checks and balances. To justify the decision, Trump invoked the infamous Alien Enemies Act of 1798 — a major stretch, given the law is meant to target the actions of foreign governments during wartime — though the Justice Department's lawyer argued some of the migrants sent to El Salvador were deported under different authorities. In the United States, electricity from solar and wind combined surpassed coal for the first time last year. Solar alone accounted for more than 50 percent of new capacity added in 2024, a third of which was installed in Texas. And in California, the addition of utility-scale battery storage helped to extend solar power after dark and to stabilize nearby grids. A jury in North Dakota has found Greenpeace liable for defamation, trespassing and a suite of other infractions in a case that pitted the environmental advocacy group against Energy Transfer, the company that built the Dakota Access oil pipeline. On Wednesday, the jury awarded the pipeline company hundreds of millions of dollars in damages. Greenpeace says the total judgment, approximately \$600 million, could significantly damage the organization and represents an attack on free speech within the country.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/19/trump-musk-french	2025/03/20	
French scientist denied US entry after phone messages critical of Trump found	Borders and immigration	Trump kicked the conversation to another level this week by advocating impeachment himself, but virtually all GOP lawmakers would need to be on board for it to actually happen. They are not. Boasberg is one of at least four federal judges against whom House Republicans have filed articles of impeachment for issuing rulings unfavorable to the administration.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/19/trump-musk-french	2025/03/20	
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		Elon Musk has spent millions on the race for a single seat on Wisconsin's Supreme Court. Now the billionaire's PAC is offering the GOP candidate free advice: Get Trumpier. — The court election will determine the tilt of an ideologically divided bench — in a purple state where state-level decisions carry national implications for abortion rights, legislative redistricting and election laws. If Republican Brad Schimel wins, the seven-member court will have a conservative majority until at least 2026. If Democrat Susan Crawford wins, the court will have a liberal majority until at least 2028. Liberals have held the majority on the Wisconsin court since 2003. By the numbers: Schimel is trailing Crawford by 48%-43%, according to a polling memo conducted for Musk's political committee, Building America's Future.			
Exclusive: Elon Musk's PAC playbook in Wisconsin's court race	Fuck that guy	That's an improvement for Schimel, who was 13 points behind Crawford two weeks ago. The National Black-Footed Ferret Conservation Center in Carr, Colo., is at risk of losing heat and power as its remaining employees rush to prepare for the animal's breeding season. A federal maintenance worker in the southern United States can't make payments to do routine water testing for dangerous contaminants. And rangers at one national park are funding meals for search-and-rescue volunteers out of their own pockets.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/22/elon-musk-pac-wisconsin-supreme-	2025/03/20	
Ferrets, water testing and future scientists at risk due to DOGE spending cuts	Fuck that guy	These are just a few examples of the immediate impacts of federal spending cuts on the U.S. Department of the Interior, which encompasses 433 national park sites, around 70,000 employees and 11 bureaus, from the U.S. Geological Survey to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A federal judge on Wednesday denied a request to block the Department of Government Efficiency's takeover of the U.S. Institute of Peace despite being "offended" at how it had transpired.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/20/mx-41-5333655/interior-department-bud	2025/03/20	
Judge declines to immediately reverse Trump moves at U.S. Institute of Peace	Fuck that guy	The Trump administration's attempt to gut USIP, which is a congressional funded think tank, prompted a standoff between the police and the think tank's members on Monday. Elon Musk, who is leading Donald Trump's unprecedented purge of the federal workforce, claimed it doesn't make sense that people dislike him because he's only ever "done productive things" and has "never done anything harmful." Americans — to an ever increasing proportion — disagree. As tens of thousands of federal employees and their families wait in limbo to see if they will retain (or regain) their jobs, the economy takes a downturn, entitlement programs are cut or crippled, and international aid is slashed with devastating consequences, Musk and the so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) are passing off a lot of people. A slew of recent polling has found that an increasing majority of Americans view the billionaire and his hack-and-slash treatment of the government negatively, even if they support major reforms.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/18/ga-1-545683/us-institute-of-peace-trump	2025/03/20	
Elon Says He's 'Never Done Anything Harmful', Americans Disagree	Fuck that guy	On Tuesday, a federal judge found that Musk and DOGE "likely violated the United States Constitution in multiple ways" when they shuttered the U.S. Agency for International Development, America's foreign aid bureau, and terminated thousands of employees. Acting like IT guy: this wasn't really Musk trying to be cute, or somehow downplaying all the chaos his Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) had unleashed in its first month of existence. It's a stark reminder of how he had secured, so fast, enough power to terrorize the federal government from within: literally, using nothing but the access provided by the White House's IT department. Which, in all probability like your company's tech team, has a "god mode" level of access to many key computer systems. The kind of access that could do a lot of damage at any organization anywhere in our hyperconnected world, let alone inside the two million employee-strong U.S. government.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-says-never-done-anything-1427383	2025/03/20	
DOGE damage is just getting started, IT experts warn	Fuck that guy	DOGE has fired top cybersecurity officers from various agencies, gutted the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CSA), and cancelled at least 32 cybersecurity-related contracts with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). Cybersecurity experts, including those fired by DOGE, argue that the agency has demonstrated questionable practices toward safeguarding the vast amount of personal data the government holds, including in agencies such as the Social Security Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Last week, a court filing revealed that a DOGE staffer violated Treasury Department policy by sending an email containing unencrypted personal information. "I see DOGE actively destroying cybersecurity barriers within government in a way that endangers the privacy of American citizens," says Jonathan Kamens, who oversaw cybersecurity for VA.com until February, when he was let go. "That makes it easier for bad actors to gain access." Amy Gleason, the government worker the Trump administration has said is actually in charge of Elon Musk's signature Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) program, has a second role at a separate agency, according to court documents. Since February, Gleason has been detailed to the Department of Health and Human Services, and on March 4 she signed a document formally accepting a role as "expert" consultant at the agency, which oversees marquee government efforts like Medicare and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.	https://tech.yahoo.com/articles/doge-damage-just-getting-started-0820	2025/03/20	
Cybersecurity Experts Are Sounding the Alarm on DOGE	Fuck that guy	President Trump will sign an executive order on Thursday aimed at shutting down the Education Department, according to two administration officials familiar with the matter. The unprecedented order that USA Today first reported on, if added upon, could have widespread ramifications for state and local governments and students and families across the country. Menus like this might be a thing of the past come next school year. On 7 March, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) notified states of the withdrawal of \$1bn in buyup dollars that states used to contract with local producers, effectively ending these and other innovative programs. School districts like that of North Little Rock were counting on these funds to plan menus for the next school year. Now, with just five months to go, the funding has been abruptly rescinded. The food supply chain has still not fully recovered from the disruptive effects of the pandemic, and growing challenges such as bird flu and labor uncertainties exacerbate the problem. Schools and the communities they serve want to serve good, locally grown and prepared food, but taking the programs from activities like an occasional taste-test of spices from a nearby orchard to a full transformation of menus away from ultra-processed foods and big food manufacturers is going to require more support. It's going to require investments like the Local Food for Schools Program. In 2021, an incredibly effective solution arose to both feed schoolchildren well and support (mostly rural) American farmers: the Commodity Credit Corporation's Local Food for Schools Program. That initial \$200m investment went directly through states and into local farms across the country specifically for school meals. The next round of \$660m was intended to expand to include early childcare programs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cybersecurity-experts-sounding-alarm-dm	2025/03/20	
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Local food for schools helps farmers and kids. So why is Trump cutting funding?	Government-Funding cuts	The Social Security Administration (SSA) said Monday it will no longer allow individuals to verify their identity over the phone but instead require online authentication or in-person visits for those seeking benefit claims and direct deposit changes. "SSA will permit individuals who do not or cannot use the agency's online my Social Security services to start their claim for benefits on the telephone. However, the claim cannot be completed until the individual's identity is verified in person," a blog post on the SSA website reads. Pharmaceutical companies and other health interests are increasingly using terminology associated with HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s public health movement as they seek to work with the new administration. Kennedy's philosophy, built around skepticism of corporations and mainstream science and promoting chronic disease prevention, has its own vernacular. Phrases like "radical transparency" appear regularly in government statements. Some recent industry messaging has contrasted with language from the Biden administration's rhetoric centered on accessibility, affordability and social determinants of health. El Lilly earlier this month released an ad that calls on customers to be "a healthy skeptic" of compounded weight-loss drugs. During a February event unveiling new U.S. drug manufacturing sites, Lilly CEO David Rickes referenced company efforts to make it easier for people with obesity and diabetes to get "access to quality care, personalized information, lifestyle choice, diet, exercise and stress management," in addition to drugs. AHP, the leading trade organization for health insurers, wrote in a news release last month that privately run Medicare plans promote "greater health and wellness" for seniors.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/mar/19/farm-to-school	2025/03/20	
Social Security requiring in-office visits for millions of recipients, applicants	Government-Social Security	The contagious and always fatal neurodegenerative disease infects the cervid family that includes deer, elk, moose and, in higher latitudes, reindeer. There is no vaccine or treatment. In the media, CWD is often called "zombie deer disease" due to its symptoms, which include drooping, emaciation, disorientation, a vacant "staring" gaze and a lack of fear of people. As concerns about spillover to humans or other species grow, however, the monster has intimated many scientists. "It trivialises what we're facing," says epidemiologist Michael Osterholm. "It leaves readers with the false impression that this is nothing more than some strange fictional menace you'd find in the plot of a sci-fi novel. Animals that get infected with CWD do not come back from the dead. CWD is a deadly serious public and wildlife health issue." The U.S. hit a new record low on the annual World Happiness Report released Wednesday night. The drop in the U.S.'s ranking comes on the back of a monumental U.S. election and as many Americans report struggling to stay afloat financially. The big picture: The U.S. ranked 24th in the 2025 World Happiness Report, one spot lower than it did last year, when it likewise broke a new record low. Measles complications can be dire and include debilitating neuropsychiatric sequelae such as subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE), a rare condition that can cause confusion, personality changes and psychosis. SSPE has no cure, does not respond to standard antipsychotic drug therapy and is often fatal. Critical psychiatry has benefitted from widespread measles vaccination. I have never seen a case of SSPE in the U.S. in 20 twenty years since graduating from medical school and becoming a psychiatrist. In medical textbooks of countless pages from my training, measles received fewer pages than other childhood infections. The incidence of disease was low with limited circulation and high vaccination rates.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/social-security-requiring-office-visits-1406	2025/03/20	
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Trump's anti-DEI purge is erasing these military legends	Information-Blackout	There has been a massive purge of articles about soldiers of color on government websites following President Trump's executive order ending federal diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. - Jackie Robinson - Navajo Code Talkers - 442nd Central Postal Directory - Harlem Hellfighters - Indigenous Americans' contributions - Tuskegee Army, WASPs - Charles Calvin Rogers Axios in recent days found the DOD had given similar "DEF" labels to now-broken pages that honored: - Civil War nurses - Prominent Black veterans and units, including the 761st Tank Battalion and 555th Central Postal Directory - and a Latino airman who coordinated mental health support for military personnel. The deleted story is titled, "Embraced in America, airman pays it forward." People applying for grants and certificates using the Small Business Administration's website used to see a photograph of a group of people of varying ages, genders, and skin tones smiling in front of a white board. In mid-February, the SBA removed the image from its website, documents shared with NPR show. A person with knowledge of the SBA's website update said the minor task of removing the photo was strangely urgent. "If someone says stop everything, do this specifically ... It's reserved for just instances where there's like a system failure" said the person, who requested anonymity to share internal documentation fearing reprisal. "To have an immediate deployment of ... a visual change is very, very uncommon." Transgender and non-binary people, on the other hand, are explicitly targeted by a separate executive order and faced the most consistent removal from government websites. Historians warn that this kind of systematic erasure has in the past come when governments strip rights from people, starting from the most marginalized groups. "If you erase the memory, we really forget the people," said Alessio Pozzio, whose research focuses on LGBTQ+ history and women's studies and is a visiting professor at Memorial University of Newfoundland. "It's an act of violence that is very subtle but can really destroy the psychology of people. Basically, I'm telling you that I do not recognize you."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/20/trump-anti-dei-purge-erasing-military	2025/03/20	
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Germany updates US travel advice after citizens detained	International Relations	Germany updated its travel advisory for the United States to emphasize that a visa or entry waiver does not guarantee entry for its citizens after several Germans were detained at the border recently, a foreign ministry spokesperson said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/germany-updates-us-travel-advice-12301	2025/03/20	

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Israel has launched a new ground invasion into Gaza after Israel's ceasefire	International-level	The IDF said it aims to expand what it calls the "security perimeter" separating Gaza and Israel and to create a "partial buffer zone" between the Gaza Strip's north and south. The IDF says it has "taken control and reestablished" its presence in the Netzarim corridor, the large strip of land dividing Gaza's north and south that troops had occupied during the war and retreated from as part of a January ceasefire agreement.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/19/mx-st-53395293israel-military-gaza-gro	2025/03/20	
GOP committee chairs fire warning shot at Trump on NATO	International-NATO	The GOP chairs of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees fired a warning shot at President Trump on Wednesday, telling him not to tinker with the military structure behind the top NATO command position.	https://www.axes.com/2025/03/18/congress-trump-nato-defense-wike	2025/03/20	
GOP chairs 'very concerned' over report of Trump changing military commands	Military	The joint statement from Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) and Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Ala.) is one of the strongest GOP warnings to date about Trump's plans to potentially reorganize parts of the government.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-chairs-very-concerned-over-223806	2025/03/20	
I served in the FBI for 25 years. I've never heard anything as ominous as Trump's DOJ speech.	Political cesspool	I served 25 years in the Justice Department as an FBI agent and assistant director, and I've never seen anything this ominous. What makes it worse is that the two men who now lead the bureau are well-positioned to carry out the retribution that Trump called for in his speech.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/served-25-years-ve-165201232.html	2025/03/20	
31 states are failing to provide vital reproductive and sexual health services to women in the U.S., damning report says	Reproductive rights	Patel and Bongino are poised to turn the FBI into a cudgel to bash the bureau into a politicized spearpoint aimed directly at perceived enemies of Trump. During his confirmation, Patel faced questions about an enemies list of 60 people he referred to in his book as "deep state" and his stated intentions to pursue them. Bongino, for his part, seems hell-bent on firing any FBI employee involved in Jan. 6 cases or Trump investigations. It won't matter whether those who face the FBI's wrath ultimately prevail in the courts. Their lives, finances and careers can be ruined by the investigation alone.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/reprod	2025/03/20	
Behind the Curtain: Trump's mind control	Trump Bulhiti	Thirty-one U.S. states are failing to provide basic sexual health and reproductive services, a damning new report has revealed.	https://www.axes.com/2025/03/20/trump-support-republican-concerns-	2025/03/20	
New analysis says Trump budget plan will take from poorest 40 percent to give to wealthy	Trump Bulhiti	In 2021, the year before Roe v Wade was overturned, 28 states had failing grades. Since the grading system began in 2011, the U.S. has fallen from a C- to an F. The number of failing states in the first year of the study was just nine.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-1	2025/03/20	
Trump travel ban may hit MLB players from Cuba, Venezuela	Borders and immigration	According to the report, best practice medication and surgical care is banned in nearly half of U.S. states, but rEPROs have warned that under the direction of Trump, state bans could soon extend to being enforced at a national level.	https://www.axes.com/2025/03/21/trump-travel-ban-mlb-players-cuba-	2025/03/21	
Court hearing to test legality of deportations under 18th century law	Borders and immigration	To fully appreciate President Trump's mesmerizing control over Republicans, consider their scant public dissent over ideas many of them privately disdain: Support for Vladimir Putin.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/21/mx-st-53395322trump-judge-allen-emen	2025/03/21	
To Cobb dismisses Trump saying he would not defy court order. 'This is nuts.'	Constitutional Crisis	Support for on-again, off-again tariffs, and a worsening economy.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/to-cobb-dismisses-trump-saying-he-would-not-defy-court-order-1334001	2025/03/21	
Bondi says judge has no right to ask flight deportation questions	Constitutional Crisis	Support Elon Musk's haphazard budget-cutting.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bondi-says-judge-no-ask-212031559.htm	2025/03/21	
'Hannibal Lecter' treatment of Luigi Mangione 'backfired,' says fundraising organizer	Eat the rich	Making Canada the 51st state.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/21/fundraising-united	2025/03/21	
Americans' job anxiety soars to highest level in 19 years	Economy-Anxiety	Pardoning most Jan. 6 defendants.	https://www.axes.com/2025/03/21/cobb-labor-market-unemployment	2025/03/21	
Threatened wine tariffs start to bite	Economy-Tariffs	Why it matters: It's the worst kept secret in town. Most elected Republicans are staying silent on issues they find dubious, dumb or destructive.	https://www.axes.com/2025/03/21/eu-wine-tariffs-europe	2025/03/21	
Hawaii observatory to be evicted amid federal cuts as volcano shoots 700ft lava	Environment-Volcano	An analysis by Yale University has found that a budget plan being considered by Republican lawmakers would ultimately transfer wealth from the poorest 40 percent of Americans to the richest 1 percent.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/20/hawaii-volcano-obj	2025/03/21	
Texas wildfire prompts evacuations as Arkansas and Florida also battle blazes	Environment-Wildfires	Researchers Harris Eppsleiner and John Rocco of Yale's Budget Lab found that the proposed GOP budget whose framework was supported last month in a vote by the House would include \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts that would largely benefit the wealthy, along with \$1.5 billion in spending cuts, including to benefits for the public, including the poorest.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-wildfire-prompts-evacuations-arkas	2025/03/21	
Elon Musk to visit the Pentagon on Friday	Fuck that guy	Approximately \$230 billion of those cuts would come from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — often shorthanded to SNAP — which helps poor families afford food.	https://www.axes.com/2025/03/21/musk-pentagon-visit-china-trump-he	2025/03/21	
Scoops: Musk's PAC offers \$100 to Wisconsin voters in pitch against 'activist judges.'	Fuck that guy	An expected travel ban by the Trump administration on more than three dozen countries could prevent some Major League Baseball players from Cuba and Venezuela from coming into — or leaving — the United States.	https://www.axes.com/2025/03/21/elon-musk-pac-wisconsin-judges	2025/03/21	
Musk and DOGE barred from accessing personal Social Security data by judge	Fuck that guy	President Trump could announce a travel ban as soon as Friday, under an executive order he issued on his first day in office.	https://www.axes.com/2025/03/20/sbpe-musk-access-social-security-b	2025/03/21	
Hitting a fly with a sledgehammer'- Judge blocks DOGE from accessing sensitive Social Security records	Fuck that guy	The order orders the stage for what could be an absolute ban on travel to the U.S. from Cuba and Venezuela.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hitting-fly-sledgehammer-judge-blocks-22	2025/03/21	
Tesla Recalls Nearly All Of Its Cybertrucks Due To Them Falling Apart	Fuck that guy	Government lawyers are expected back in court on Friday to debate the legality of President Trump's proclamation of the Alien Enemies Act.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tesla-recalls-nearly-cybertrucks-due-16d4	2025/03/21	
Trump's funding ax throws colleges into an existential crisis	Government-DOE	And for a week, the administration has declined to provide all the information he requested about the fights.	https://www.axes.com/2025/03/21/colleges-research-funding-trump-thr	2025/03/21	
How the Education Department cuts could hurt low-income and rural schools	Government-DOE	In a legal filing on Thursday afternoon, Boasberg called the government's latest response to whether it had violated his judicial order "woefully insufficient" and said the government "again evaded its obligations."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/21/mx-st-53399177trump-schools-educatio	2025/03/21	
Trump wants to dismantle the Department of Education. Here are 6 services that could vanish	Government-DOE	The Justice Department, meanwhile, says "the court's superfluous questioning of sensitive national security information is inappropriate judicial overreach."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dismantling-doe-six-services-may-18300	2025/03/21	

		It is the nation's agriculture secretary, Brooke Rollins, who has authority over the nation's poultry management, not Kennedy. But Rollins appears to be in agreement with her counterpart at HHS. As The New York Times noted, she floated the idea of a pilot program that would allow the disease to ravage a flock, while extra layers of protection contained the spread within a certain perimeter. The surviving birds could then be studied. Although not common, humans can become infected with H5N1, and one person in the U.S. has died of the infection. Most of the human cases so far have been seen in those who have had prolonged contact with infected birds or dairy cows. There has been no human-to-human transmission observed in the United States so far. But that could change. As with other viruses, mass spread gives H5N1 the chance to mutate as it multiplies, running the risk of a mutation that allows the virus to spread easily from human to human. Experts are already alarmed at the fact that the virus has jumped from birds to dairy cows, as it represents a leap between different species. The mortality rate in humans is estimated to be around 50%. "Hens bred specifically for maximum egg production tend to have inherently fragile immune systems," Scott Gottlieb, a former FDA commissioner during Trump's first term, explained in an op-ed for Stat. "Worse, permitting unchecked transmission could inadvertently incubate viral mutations, potentially transforming the outbreak into an even more dangerous threat." "Vaccination remains the best defense against measles infection," the CDC said in a statement on February 27. "Measles does not have a specific antiviral treatment. Supportive care, including vitamin A administration under the direction of a physician, may be appropriate." Dr. Fola May studies diseases of the digestive tract, and runs a lab at the University of California Los Angeles looking for ways to detect disease earlier in various groups. For that work, she says her lab is "very dependent" on federal funds from the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Veterans Affairs. So as those agencies began canceling grants and programs that promote diversity, equity and inclusion, or "DEI," May worried: Would work like hers, looking at health disparities also get swept in? "I'm terrified," May says. Disparities in health — factors that make some groups sicker than others — had been a cornerstone of medical study in recent years, especially since the pandemic laid bare how access to care can affect so many aspects of health. Former U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams warned that vaccine skepticism has eroded the importance of herd immunity in light of the measles outbreak in Texas, and put some of the blame on Health and Human Services Secretary (HHS) Robert F. Kennedy Jr. "While some may believe that abstaining from vaccination keeps them healthier or more resistant to diseases, the reality is that their 'immunity' has, until now, been borrowed from their vaccinated neighbors," wrote Adams. "This collective shield, known as herd immunity, is not automatic or enduring. It has been built over decades through high vaccination rates." President Trump has appointed Keith E. Sonderling as the new acting director of the Institute of Museums and Library Services. The IMLS is an independent federal agency responsible for awarding grant funding to many museums and libraries across the country. Last week, President Trump issued an executive order calling for the IMLS' elimination. According to AFGE Local 3403, the union representing workers at the IMLS, Sonderling entered the lobby of the building Thursday morning along with a team of security and a "handful of DOGE staff," and was sworn in. While libraries are mostly funded by city and county taxes, federal funding helps pay for things like workforce training, supports pilot programs, and bolsters basic library services such as computer and internet access in rural libraries. The IMLS says it awarded \$266 million in grants and research last year. Following President Trump's executive order last week, the American Alliance of Museums, a group which advocates for museums, issued a statement saying, "There is no efficiency argument when IMLS represents just 0.0046% of the federal budget, while museums generate \$50 billion in economic impact." The US government has ordered law enforcement agencies, the state department, and some non-profit organizations working to combat sex trafficking to remove references to victims' LGBTQ+ identities, race and immigration status from their communications and websites, a move experts warn will endanger vulnerable minors. "A lot of people rely on the government for this type of information, accurate information, and it's no longer going to be there. People are only going to care about one specific population of people, which is going to be white, blonde hair, blue eyed, straight light-skinned females," says Jose Altaro, a gay Latino survivor of child sex trafficking and anti-trafficking consultant. Nearly a year since the catastrophic collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge after a container ship struck one of its piers, the National Transportation Safety Board is recommending that the owners of nearly 70 bridges across the United States conduct vulnerability assessments of the risk of collapse from a vessel collision. Foreign Affairs Minister Melanie Joly said Canada is strongly condemning China after the country executed four Canadians earlier this year. Joly said the Canadians were all dual citizens and faced "charges linked to criminal activities, according to China, linked to drugs." Australia faces a world more volatile and dangerous than it has known for more than four decades, and "major-power conflict is no longer unimaginable", a review of the country's intelligence agencies has found. The report was handed to government in mid-2024 – before the US election in November, and the change in administration in Washington in January. But a declassified copy of the review was not released by the government until Friday morning. Even before the change of government in the US, it warned the instability caused by the growing rivalry between China and the US – "a clash of interests and values that has proved impossible to reconcile and hard even to manage peacefully" – was being augmented by a "loose bloc of autocrats" undermining global security. A veteran FBI agent who blew the whistle on what he saw as political meddling in the bureau's work was arrested this week by federal authorities while attempting to board an international flight at New York City's JFK airport. ... He drew scrutiny during Trump's first term for reportedly saying during a presentation that he believed Rudy Giuliani may have been compromised by a Russian counter-influence operation— concerns that were immediately shut down by his superiors. Two months into his term, President Trump is growing more defiant, creative and ruthless in his pursuit of a central campaign promise: exacting revenge on his political enemies. In the final days of the 2024 campaign, Axios identified a list of perceived adversaries who fit what Trump ominously described as "the enemies from within."			
RFK Jr. Just Dropped A Bird Flu Take So Alarming That Scientists Are Like, "Please Don't"	Health- Bird flu		https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-says-maybe-just-222044281.html	2025/03/21	
Parents of unvaccinated 6-year-old killed by measles in Texas speak out. They still are anti-vax	Health- Cesspool		https://www.yahoo.com/news/parents-unvaccinated-6-oid-killed-174054	2025/03/21	
Trump wants to erase DEI. Researchers worry it will speed work on health disparity	Health- Disparity		https://www.npr.org/sections/health-wellness/news/2025/03/21/npr-1-5335	2025/03/21	
Former surgeon general blasts RFK Jr.'s rhetoric, highlights herd immunity amid measles outbreak	Health- Measles		https://www.yahoo.com/news/former-surgeon-general-blasts-rfk-17592	2025/03/21	
Federal agency responsible for library and museum funding gets a visit from DOGE	Information- Blackout		https://www.npr.org/2025/03/20/npr-1-5335600/library-museum-funding	2025/03/21	
'People will die': alarm after US orders removal of identity references from anti-trafficking efforts	Information- Blackout		https://www.theguardian.com/us/2025/mar/21/anti-trafficking-race-ban	2025/03/21	
NTSB recommends vulnerability assessments on 68 bridges following Key Bridge collapse	Infrastructure		https://abcnews.go.com/US/ntsb-recommends-vulnerability-assessment	2025/03/21	
Canada condemns China after it executes 4 Canadians, over drug-related crimes	International- Relations		https://www.yahoo.com/news/canada-condemns-china-executes-canad	2025/03/21	
Major power conflict 'no longer unimaginable' - Australian intelligence review finds	International- Relations		https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2025/mar/21/australia-intel	2025/03/21	
Trump Admin Arrests FBI Agent Who Went After Rudy Giuliani	Political- Cesspool		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-admin-arrests-fbi-agent-23553959	2025/03/21	
Trump's overflowing grudge list	Trump- Bullshit		https://www.axios.com/2025/03/21/trump-retaliation-revenge-biden-axi	2025/03/21	
Is planting trees ID'ed? Trump administration cuts nationwide tree-planting effort	Trump- Bullshit		https://www.npr.org/2025/03/21/npr-1-5309200/trump-dec-trees-removal-af	2025/03/21	
Trump's bluntness powered a White House comeback. Now his words are getting him in trouble in court	Trump- Bullshit		https://nbcnews.com/articles/donald-trump-elon-musk-doge-lawsuits-98fc	2025/03/21	
A scholar and a hater: new podcast focuses on historical figures that suck	Weird- World		https://www.theguardian.com/education/2025/mar/21/this-guy-sucked-f	2025/03/21	
Traffic noise triggers road rage among male Galápagos birds	Weird- World		https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/mar/20/traffic-noise-triggers	2025/03/21	
Ham-burglar! Dad arrested as dispute over sale of 'grand champion' bacon ends with theft charges	Weird- World		https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/grand-cha	2025/03/21	
A Mysterious Rock Sat in a School for 20 Years. Nobody Realized It Was Hiding 66 Dinosaur Footprints.	Weird- World		https://www.popularmechanics.com/science/theodyssey/a611879260/	2025/03/21	
A Real-Life Sharktopus: Scientists Capture Footage of Octopus Riding Shark's Back	Weird- World		https://gizmodo.com/real-life-sharktopus-scientists-capture-footage-o	2025/03/21	
Quirky livestream that lets viewers help fish is a hit with millions	Weird- World		https://nbcnews.com/articles/fish-doorbell-netherlands-internet-streaming	2025/03/21	
Northern Illinois hit with dirty rain; here's why it's happening	Weird- World		https://www.shawlocal.com/news/2025/03/19/northern-illinois-hit-with-d	2025/03/21	

		In the study, sporting and herding dogs appeared to watch more TV than other breeds. And younger pups seemed more engaged than older dogs, possibly due to their stronger vision. Mowat said The Lion King was a particular favorite among the furry friends of those surveyed. This month, The New York Times reported on another movie that seems to have a special hold on our pets. The Latvian film Flow, which recently won the Academy Award for best animated feature, has no dialogue – just music and the animal vocalizations of a cat, capybara, dog, lemur and secretary bird who band together to survive a catastrophic flood in a post-apocalyptic world. Mowat says, while those themes may be lost on our four-legged friends, pets' engagement with the film is likely the result of both the naturalistic sounds of the characters, the soothing instrumental music and the relaxing visuals. Footage of four, rarely-seen snow leopards dambaring up snowy cliffs in northern Pakistan has created a frenzy of excitement among conservationists. Snow leopards are among the world's most elusive creatures in the wild and it is hard to catch even one on camera, let alone four, with the sighting being celebrated as a success story for Pakistan's conservation efforts. Ali told CNN the four snow leopards were a mother and her three cubs.		
Dogs dig 'Flow.' A researcher explains what might be catching their eye on the screen	Weird World		https://www.rpr.org/2025/03/17/mx-s1-532763/dogs-lv-screens-flow	2025/03/21
Rare sighting of four snow leopards together sparks frenzy of excitement	Weird World	"In the village we are used to seeing snow leopards but, nobody, not even the elders that I spoke to, have ever seen four snow leopards in one go", he said. According to workers at a Cigpa in Denmark, Tennessee, at least four people entered the gas station carrying two pythons on March 4. The video shows one suspect placing a python on the counter in front of an employee. Eventually, another snake is held out, causing the employee to back away. The Cigpa workers say the men with the snakes were able to steal \$400 worth of CBD oil from the counter. They believe the thieves would've stolen more if fewer customers were around. A tiny, one-tree shrubby park in Portland has, after more than five decades, lost its title as World's Smallest. Mill Ends Park, which measures just 452 square inches, was officially recognized as the tiniest in the world by Guinness World Records in 1971. Five years later, on St. Patrick's Day, the city of Portland formally adopted it as an official park. However the title has now been transferred across the pacific to Nagazumi Town, in Japan.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/are-sighting-four-snow-leopards-063302	2025/03/21
Bizarre moment python-wielding suspects appear to hold up Tennessee truck stop	Weird World		https://www.independent.co.uk/business/typhons-robbey-tennessee-lv	2025/03/21
Portland's one-tree park loses its title as 'world's smallest' – here is where the new champion is located	Weird World	The park, constructed in 1988, measures 372 square inches and was officially designated as a city park on <i>Chris 2024</i> – at which point it claimed the official world title. Beneath that, there's that slight disappointment of feeling that you've been misconstructed. "Militant feminism was a reaction to the same society I was living in. If they'd asked me to illustrate their manifesto, you'd think that was the perfect image: a woman on all fours, being made into an object." And beneath that was his true intention, which has got entirely lost in the sound and fury, and while the intellectual in him gets that even "when people look at a Turner, they're bringing their experience and perception to it. They're not interested in why that was painted like that", the artist in him was trying to have a different conversation altogether. It was once crowned the "world's ugliest animal" and now the disgruntled-looking gelatinous blobfish has a new go to its name: New Zealand's fish of the year. The winning species of blobfish, <i>Psychrolutes micropodus</i>, lives in the highly pressurized depths off the coasts of New Zealand and Australia and has developed a unique anatomy to exist. Blobfish do not have a swim bladder, a full skeleton, muscles or scales. Instead, their bodies are made up of blobby tissue with a lower density than water that allows them to float above the seafloor.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/portland-and-oregon-	2025/03/21
'I think my fetish furniture hampered my career': Allen Jones on decades of controversy	Weird World		https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2025/mar/17/fetish-furniture	2025/03/21
Once named world's ugliest animal, blobfish wins New Zealand's fish of the year	Weird World	The species is believed to be able to live to 130 years old, is slow growing and slow moving, says Konrad Kurtz, a spokesperson from the Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust that runs the annual competition. Researchers have long wondered how iguanas got to Fiji, a collection of remote islands in the South Pacific. Most modern-day iguanas live in the Americas – thousands of miles and one giant ocean away. But new research suggests that millions of years ago, iguanas pulled off the 5,000 mile (8,000 kilometer) odyssey on a raft of floating vegetation – masses of uprooted trees and small plants. That journey is thought to be a record – further than any other land-dwelling vertebrate has ever traveled on the ocean. Scientists think that's how iguanas got to the Galapagos Islands off of Ecuador and between islands in the Caribbean. Initially they thought Fiji might be a bit too far for such a trip, but in a new study, researchers inspected the genes of 14 guana species spanning the Americas, the Caribbean and Fiji. They discovered that Fijian iguanas were most closely related to desert iguanas from North America, and that the two groups split off around 31 million years ago.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/mar/18/once-named-worlds-ug	2025/03/21
Iguanas likely crossed the Pacific millions of years ago on a record-setting rafting trip	Weird World	A Peruvian fisher was found alive after drifting at sea for 94 days, a navy official said on Saturday, as he was discharged from hospital after his ordeal. Maximo Napa, 61, was rescued in his small fishing boat on Tuesday after being spotted by an Ecuadorian vessel off the coast of Chimbote in northern Peru. He told local media in a tearful interview that he survived by eating cockroaches, birds and a turtle. "I didn't want to die, for my mother. I have a two-month-old granddaughter – I clung to that. Every day I thought about my mother," Napa said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/iguana-likely-crossed-pacific-millions-18	2025/03/21
Peruvian fisher rescued after three months stranded at sea	Weird World	Crime scientists in Florida seeking to help reverse a calamitous decades-long decline in coral reefs caught fishy "porch pirates" in the act with an innovative underwater doorbell-style surveillance camera. The footage showed that three corallivorous species – redband parrotfish, foureye butterflyfish and spotlight parrotfish – were responsible for eating more than 87% of coral laid as bait by the researchers at an offshore reef near Miami. Good etiquette is expected at meal time in the penguin colony, but the diners with the best manners are found on a new, special island for birds of a certain age. There, generic African penguins don't have to worry about younger birds bombarding the buckets of fish delivered by trainers at the New England Aquarium in Boston.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/mar/16/peruvian-fisher-rescu	2025/03/21
Underwater 'doorbell' helps scientists catch coral-eating fish in Florida	Weird World	"They all get a good opportunity to eat and take their time and not feel rushed, not get pushed off the island by another animal that's anxious to eat," said Kristen McMahon, the aquarium's curator of pinnipeds and penguins. Six seabirds have moved to the island for "retired" penguins since it opened in February. Their relocation is meant to address the large number of penguins at the aquarium who are living well beyond the age they would be expected to reach in the wild. About half of the aquarium's 40 African penguins are older than the bird's life expectancy of 10 to 15 years, Ms. McMahon said, and some have doubled it.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/16/underwater-doorbe	2025/03/21
At a Penguin 'Retirement Home,' a Slower Pace and Plenty of Fish	Weird World	A group of Georgia men broke a Guinness World Record by playing a continuous basketball game for 121 hours and 3 minutes. The 23 players ranged in age from 17 to 64, and were required to remain inside the gym for the duration of the attempt, even while taking breaks. The final score was 13,096 to 12,972. Librarians in Ohio said a copy of Wild West by Bertrand W. Sinclair is returning to circulation after being returned 98 years past its due date. The Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library said on social media that the tome was checked out in 1928 and returned to the Prince Hill Branch in late 2024. A goat on the loose in an Ohio city led police on a hoof chase on a busy highway before getting a new home at a farm. "APD Officers were able to catch the goat and found it had no tags, chips or markings to indicate where it belonged," police wrote in the post.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/16/science/penguin-retirement-hom	2025/03/21
Georgia men play single basketball game for record-breaking 121 hours	Weird World		https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/03/21/Guinness-World-Records-	2025/03/21
Library book back in circulation after being 98 years overdue	Weird World		https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/03/21/Cincinnati-Hamilton-Public	2025/03/21
Ohio police chase down loose goat on busy highway	Weird World	The goat was picked up by a local animal rescue group and taken to a farm, where she was given the appropriate new name, Fugitive. Police in Michigan put their cowboy skills to the test when they were called to round up a loose miniature horse that "had a little too much fun" on St. Patrick's Day. Emergency responders launched a swift search following a report of swimmers in distress off the Malua coast, but police said the supposed swimmers "turned out to be geese." The helicopter and Coastguard crews searched the area for about 45 minutes before police gave the call to stand down.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/03/21/Axton-Police-Department-	2025/03/21
Police: Reported swimmers in distress 'turned out to be geese'	Weird World	A police representative later told SunLive that the search was called off when the reported struggling swimmers "turned out to be geese." A German city broke a Guinness World Record when it hosted a parade that featured some 900 dachshunds or more. Regensburg, home of the dachshund-themed Dackelmuseum, hosted the world's largest dachshund dog walk when the Dackelparade featured at least 897 wiener dogs walking with their owners. Some counts indicated the number may have been as high as 1,175, but Guinness World Records could only confirm 897. A zoo in England said the first brown bear to undergo brain surgery has awoken from hibernation and appears to be back to his old self. The Wildwood Trust said the bear, named Boki, underwent brain surgery for hydrocephalus – fluid on the brain – in October, just before the animal went into hibernation for the winter.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/03/18/ge-downstrog-swimmers-g	2025/03/21
Parade of 897 wiener dogs breaks Guinness World Record in Germany	Weird World	"What a remarkable transformation we have seen in this young bear," a zookeeper said in a video posted to social media. "He's active, he's playful, he's exactly the same bear that he started last year out as. So real, real achievement in terms of the operator's success so far." The oldest licensed ambulance in the United States earned a Guinness World Record when two men drove it more than 3,200 miles from Hollywood, Calif., to Hollywood, Fla. The 1972 Cadillac ambulance took the cross-country journey with a team from Symbiosis Ambulance and Avenue Continuing Education, an emergency medical service non-profit.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/03/17/Germany-Guinness-World-	2025/03/21
First brown bear to undergo brain surgery wakes from hibernation	Weird World		https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/03/13/Wildwood-Trust-Boki-bear	2025/03/21
Antique ambulance's 3,200-mile trip breaks world record	Weird World		https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/03/12/Guinness-World-Records-	2025/03/21
Doctors note increase in cases of glue mistaken for eye drops	Weird World	Doctors at a Colorado hospital system are urging eye drop users to read labels carefully after noting an uptick in cases of people accidentally putting glue into their eyes. Dr. Richard Davidson, an ophthalmologist with UCHHealth, which is headquartered in Aurora, said medical practitioners have noticed it has become surprisingly common for people to mistake nail glue with glue for eye drops. From clothing and footwear to limesize cars and wedding chapels, there is virtually nothing artist Joshua Vides cannot turn into black-and-white sketches. Joshua Vides uses a technique he calls Reality to Idea (RTI) to revert different objects back to sketch form, but few people know that his success story began with a pair of Nike Air Force 1 shoes. About a decade ago, he came across a copy of the Nike designer's original sketch for the popular footwear, so he came up with the idea of hand painting a real pair of Air Force 1s in black and white using his RTI technique. He posted the end result on his Instagram page and it blew up. Vides followed it up with several versions of sketch shoes and their success inspired him to take his Reality to Idea technique to the next level.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/03/12/eye-drops-nail-glue-UCHe	2025/03/21
Artist can turn virtually any object into a real-life 3-d sketch	Weird World	An Indian dog breeder recently paid 500 million rupees (\$5.81 million) for a unique cross between a real wolf and a Caucasian Shepherd, making it the most expensive canine in the world. Named Cadelabombi Chami, the pricy canine was reportedly bred in the US and purchased by S. Satish, a Bengaluru-based dog enthusiast and the president of the Indian Dog Breeders' Association. He is renowned for his collection of over 150 dog breeds, including some of the rarest in the world. Satish told Indian reporters that he felt the 500 million rupee price tag was worth it for Cadelabombi Chami because he is literally one of a kind. Plus, he is an impressive specimen, at just eight months old he already weighs 75kg and stands 30 inches tall.	https://www.odditycentral.com/artist/artist-cand-lum-virtually-any-object-i	2025/03/21
World's Most Expensive Canine Sells for Over \$5.8 Million	Weird World	El Marco, a small rustic bridge connecting the Spanish village of El Marco to the Portuguese village of Vazara Grande, is the world's smallest international bridge. Crossing the 198 (6 meters) long and 4.78 (1.45 meters) wide El Marco wooden bridge, you'd think you were just crossing a small stream in a rural area of Western Europe, but you couldn't be more wrong. By taking these few steps over El Marco, you are not only crossing from one country into another, but you are also changing time zones, as Spain operates on Central European Time (CET/CEST), while Portugal follows Greenwich Mean Time (GMT/BST). You can think of it as the easiest way of time-traveling.	https://www.odditycentral.com/animals/worlds-most-expensive-canine-1	2025/03/21
World's Smallest International Bridge is only 19 feet long	Weird World		https://www.odditycentral.com/travel/worlds-smallest-international-bridg	2025/03/21

		Days without a shower. Sleeping on floors. Two hundred people confined in a space meant for 85. At a time when the Department of Homeland Security is desperate for billions more to build an infrastructure that could come close to handling the surge, conditions in the system's detention facilities are deteriorating. "Overtimes conditions aren't great, but this seems definitely out of the norm, this type of extended overcrowding," said Paul Chavez, director of the litigation program at Americans for Immigrant Justice. He said that at a detention center in Miami, about 200 people were being held in a room meant for 85 at one point. One client was held in a room meant for 50 people that was holding 90. "I've had a building that's meant for 600 people, and now you have twice that in there, it's inevitably lead to issues," Chavez said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/23/immigration-detention-overcrowding	2025/03/24
Overcrowding plagues detention units amid Trump's immigration blitz	Borders and immigration			
IRS nearing agreement to use its data to help ICE locate undocumented migrants	Borders and immigration	The IRS is close to finalizing an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to help locate migrants suspected of being in the US illegally, a person familiar with the matter said, as President Donald Trump continues his headline deportation push. The agreement would require Immigration and Customs Enforcement to submit names and addresses of people it suspects of living in the country illegally to the IRS, which the tax agency would then cross-reference and confirm, the person said. Tax information has generally been closely held within the IRS, and laws prohibit improper disclosure of taxpayer information. The IRS has encouraged undocumented migrants to file taxes, a process that includes providing the agency with their addresses, employers and earnings.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/irs-nearing-agreement-data-help-175420	2025/03/24
'Chilling effect on free speech': Trump wants green card applicants already legally in the US to hand over social media profiles	Borders and immigration	The Trump administration's proposal to vet social media profiles of green card applicants already legally in the U.S. has been condemned in initial public feedback as an attack on free speech. Visa applicants living abroad already have to share their social media handles with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, but the proposal under President Donald Trump would expand the policy to those already legally in the country who are applying for permanent residency or seeking asylum. But the Trump administration's attempt to deport Khalil under the portion of the statute that cites "potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States" is far rarer and more troubling, Leopold says. "Who's next?" Leopold told reporters on a recent call with immigrant rights advocates. "Is it a climate activist? It is a gender-rights activist? Is it trans activists? Is it somebody who is concerned about health care? Is it somebody who just simply opposes Donald Trump?"	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chilling-effect-free-speech-trump-210013	2025/03/24
'They've never been afraid before': Why some green card holders' concerns are growing	Borders and immigration	Even before Khalil's high-profile arrest, many green card holders were wrestling with fears they weren't expecting, McLean Pompey says. "I think I had to do with ICE and enforcement activities that folks were seeing and posting about that were happening in their communities," she says.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/they've-never-afraid-why-green-130052721.html	2025/03/24
Trump revokes legal status of 530,000 Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans	Borders and immigration	The Department of Homeland Security said on Friday that it would revoke the temporary legal status of more than 530,000 Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans welcomed into the US under a Biden-era sponsorship process, according to a notice posted to the Federal Register and signed by the homeland security chief, Kristi Noem. The order cuts short a two-year "parole" program — known as CHNV — under Joe Biden that allowed 532,000 people who had arrived in the US since October 2022 with financial sponsors to obtain two-year work permits to live and work in the US. Noem's notice said they will lose their legal status on 24 April.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/21/trump-revoke-legal	2025/03/24
The new definition of antisemitism is transforming America — and serving a Christian nationalist plot	Ceaspool-Christian nationalism	Something unprecedented — and deeply unsettling — is unfolding: under the guise of a legal redefinition of antisemitism, the basic architecture of American public life is being radically transformed. What appears, at first glance, to be a technical change in terminology has become a powerful instrument for political control, solidifying executive power to enforce a narrow, state-sanctioned definition of Judaism. In the name of combating antisemitism, this effort threatens to reshape American public life — and with it, the pillars of American liberalism. But despite what some will have you believe, two things are clear: first, this campaign does not protect Jews — it endangers them; and second, this redefinition plays into a larger Christian nationalist project.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/gh-interactive/2025/mar/23/anti	2025/03/24
Trump moves closer to court crisis	Constitutional Crisis	Federal measures such as Trump's 2019 executive order have fueled a wave of investigations by the Department of Education into universities over pro-Palestinian activism, pressuring administrators to police student speech. At NYU, political statements such as "Fuck Israel" have led to antisemitism charges against students. At Columbia, students faced disciplinary charges for acts as simple as hanging Palestinian flags from dorm windows or displaying them on campus statues, underscoring the growing constraints on Palestine-related activism in academic spaces. Relatedly, recently New York's governor ordered Hunter College to remove a job posting for a Palestinian studies position, claiming the need to "ensure that antisemitic theories are not promoted in the classroom." This interference with academic hiring marks a dangerous precedent. Many top legal experts believe a full-blown constitutional showdown between President Trump and the courts is already here. Others are confident there's still room to avoid one.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/23/trump-boasberg-courts-constitution	2025/03/24
Lower courts' growing power over the president	Constitutional Crisis	Trump and his White House aren't alone in their frustration with district court judges blocking major parts of their agenda. Presidents Obama and Biden also had major policies blocked by the same type of rulings. Legal scholars from both sides of the aisle have criticized the rapid rise of such sweeping orders. Lawsuits against the federal government start in a district court — there are more than 600 district court judges — then can move to an appeals court, then the Supreme Court. In the old days, district courts' rulings only applied to the parties before them. But since the beginning of the Obama administration, those judges have become increasingly willing to say their rulings apply broadly — the so-called scope a Supreme Court lawyer has.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/23/trump-courts-injunctions	2025/03/24
Emboldened Trump Signals Long Court Fight to Expand Power	Constitutional Crisis	President Donald Trump has ramped up his fight with the judiciary as he racks up losses in court over his administration's efforts to reshape the US government and its approach on everything from immigration to federal spending. Two months into his term, Trump is already fighting more than 150 lawsuits challenging his executive actions, based on a Bloomberg News review of filings in federal courts. Judges across the US are frequently ruling against the administration and in some cases signaling the president may have exceeded his power to act without the approval of Congress.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/emboldened-trump-signals-long-court-18	2025/03/24
Trump ordered the attorney general to report "vividous" lawsuits against his administration so he can consider executive actions against firms. Read the memo.	Constitutional Crisis	President Donald Trump on Friday continued his escalating attacks on Big Law, this time with a directive to Attorney General Pam Bondi: Tag the law firms affiliated with "vividous" lawsuits against his administration so they can be targeted for executive actions, like having their security clearances revoked.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-just-ordered-attorney-general-0411	2025/03/24
Trump's defiance of court orders is 'testing the fences' of the rule of law	Constitutional Crisis	Donald Trump's second administration has shown an "unprecedented degree of resistance" to adverse court rulings, experts say, part of a forceful attack on the American judiciary that threatens to undermine the rule of law, undercut a co-equal branch of government and weaken American democracy. The attacks, experts say, threaten one of the fundamental pillars of American government: that the judicial branch has the power to interpret the law and the other branches will abide by its rulings. Government ethics experts say Lutnick broke a 1989 law prohibiting federal employees from using "public office for private gain," later detailed to include a ban on "endorsements." Although presidents are generally exempt from government ethics rules, most federal employees are not and are often punished for violations, including rebukes like the one Conway got. As of Friday, no public action had been taken against Lutnick and it was unclear whether he would suffer a similar fate.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/23/judges-trump-court	2025/03/24
Legal experts say Trump officials broke law by saying, 'Buy Tesla stock but don't expect a crash/drop'	Corruption	As of Friday, no public action had been taken against Lutnick and it was unclear whether he would suffer a similar fate. Buried in the rolling hills and dense jungles of Panama's eastern Caribbean Dooars region, the mine is marked by heavy machinery and rubble slicing into the earth, clashing with the vivid blues and greens of the vast nature enveloping it. More than a year ago, it became the heart of protests ripping across Panama.	https://apnews.com/article/musk-trump-tesla-stock-lutnick-commerce-a	2025/03/24
Aerial views of a controversial copper mine	Environment-Mining	The country-wide protests blocked off roads and fueled shortages in much of the country, prompting Panama's Supreme Court to halt operations. Now, the new administration is signaling that the mine may roar back to life.	https://apnews.com/article/panama-copper-mine-photo-gallery-b33714	2025/03/24
The sea is turning red? Researchers make breakthrough discovery that could help forecast dangerous algae blooms	Environment-Oceans	Scientists might soon be able to forecast when the sea is gonna turn red - and don't worry, it has nothing to do with the apocalypse. For the first time, researchers identified nearly a dozen viruses associated with red tide off Florida's coast that are harmful and costly.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/florida-red-tide-blooms-ai	2025/03/24
Wildfires prompt evacuation in the Carolinas as New Jersey crews battle their own blaze	Environment-Wildfires	Wildfire forced a mandatory evacuation Sunday in a North Carolina county still recovering from Hurricane Helene, and South Carolina's governor declared an emergency in response to a growing wildfire in that state. Hundreds of miles north, the New Jersey Forest Fire Service was battling a blaze in the Wharton State Forest. Federal workers stood by their decision to leak information about Elon Musk to the media following his threats to prosecute whistleblowers. Their defiance follows Musk's stark warning that Pentagon officials who leak would be prosecuted after reports that he was scheduled to receive a briefing Friday about the U.S. military's top-secret war plans for China.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wildfire-force-mandatory-evacuation-ord	2025/03/24
'Leakers are patriots': Federal workers defend sharing information about Musk despite his threats	Fuck that guy	The DOGE mogul claimed that the information was "false" and denied the media for allegedly disseminating "propaganda" before issuing a thinly veiled threat to Pentagon officials. As President Donald Trump and billionaire Elon Musk work to overhaul the federal government, they're forcing out thousands of workers with insider knowledge and connections who now need a job.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/musk/d	2025/03/24
Concerns about espionage rise as Trump and Musk fire thousands of federal workers	Fuck that guy	"This information is highly valuable, and it shouldn't be surprising that Russia and China and other organizations — criminal syndicates for instance — would be aggressively recruiting government employees," said Theresa Payton, a former White House chief information officer under President George W. Bush, who now runs her own cybersecurity firm.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/concerns-espionage-rise-trump-musk-04	2025/03/24
Trump Allies Beg White House to Get Musk to Shut Up About Social Security	Fuck that guy	Alies of President Donald Trump in the Republican Party, on Wall Street, and in corporate board rooms have asked the White House to put a stop to Elon Musk's proclamations on Social Security, according to an NBC News report. Now months into the process, House and Senate Republicans are still trading barbs and accusing each side of slowing down progress on President Donald Trump's top legislative priority — a sweeping bill linking a tax overhaul to energy, defense and border policies. When GOP lawmakers return to Washington Monday, they will be under fierce pressure to show meaningful progress toward delivering on that agenda in the narrow, three-week window they have before leaving town again. Speaker Mike Johnson has set an ambitious goal of finalizing a budget blueprint with the Senate and getting it passed in the House by the week of April 7. Yet nearly every key decision remains unsettled. They include how deep to cut into social safety-net spending, how to placate swing-seat lawmakers over a key tax break, how to account for the cost of extending existing tax cuts and how many more breaks they can pile on top.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-allies-beg-white-house-154248778	2025/03/24
House vs. Senate tensions jam up the Trump agenda	Government-Funding	President Trump continued his push to unwind the U.S. Department of Education on Friday, announcing that the management of the entire federal student loan portfolio and of the department's "special needs" programs would be moved to other federal agencies immediately. Appearing in the Oval Office with Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, Trump said, "I've decided that the SBA Small Business Administration, headed by Kelly Loeffler, a terrific person, will handle all of the student loan portfolio. We have a portfolio that's very large," Trump said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-vs-senate-tensions-jam-up-the-trump-agenda	2025/03/24
Trump says Education Department will no longer oversee student loans, 'special needs'	Government-DOE	Hundreds of filings inside the federal government's student aid department have sparked concern among workers and student loan advocates, who warn that the student loan system is at risk. "They got rid of all of the quality checkers. It's only a matter of time [before] they cause the whole system to fail," said one senior official who was spared by the cuts. They requested to remain anonymous for fear of retaliation.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/24/115x-s1-5336330/trump-education-depart	2025/03/24
US education department insiders warn student loan system at risk. 'The gatekeepers are gone'	Government-DOE	"If this was a bank, and they fired all the quality assurance team, their regulator would have shut them down," the official said. "It's the opposite of safety."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-education-department-insiders-warn-1	2025/03/24
Seniors won't complain if they miss a Social Security check, Lutnick says	Government-SSA	Commerce secretary Howard Lutnick suggested this week that only "fraudsters" would complain about missing a monthly Social Security check, and that most people wouldn't mind if the government simply skipped a payment. More than 70 million Americans get a Social Security benefit every month, and for many, those checks are their only income. That's what Lutnick seemed to be getting at: "Anybody who's been in the payment system, in the process system, knows the easiest way to find the fraudster is to stop payments and listen, because whoever screams is the one cheating. ... 80-year-olds, 90-year-olds, they trust the government, they trust, ok, maybe it got screwed up, big deal, they're not going to call and scream at someone — but someone who's stealing always does."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/21/social-security-lutnick-doge-checks	2025/03/24

		Among these changes are plans to cut thousands of jobs, close offices and enact new policy — including more stringent identity checks that could require in-person office visits. Advocates warn these sweeping moves could lead to seniors and people with disabilities having a harder time getting help with their crucial benefits.			
The Social Security Administration's many proposed changes are worrying advocates	Government-SSA	For years, advocates say the Social Security Administration has struggled to keep up with its group workloads. Besides retirement services, the agency runs programs that provide survivor benefits and disability benefits and supplemental income for the very poor.	https://www.ppr.org/2025/03/22/mw-41-5330263/social-security-administ	2025/03/24	
Three arrested after three killed and 19 injured in New Mexico mass shooting	Guns- Mass shooting	Police have arrested three people in connection with a mass shooting on Friday night at an "unmanned car show" in Las Cruces, New Mexico that left three people killed and at least 15 others injured.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/22/mass-shooting-new	2025/03/24	
		More US states are reporting measles cases as the Texas outbreak expands, surpassing last year's total, and vaccine misinformation and hesitancy. The Texas outbreak could take a year to get under control, one health official said — during which time it may spread to more states. Yet the parents of the six-year-old girl who died of measles in Texas have spoken against measles vaccination as misinformation continues to proliferate, including from figures such as the US health secretary, Robert F. Kennedy Jr.			
More US states report measles cases amid vaccine misinformation	Health-Measles	On Thursday, several other states reported updates on measles. Ohio reported its first case of 2025 and Maryland announced two new cases. Both states have limited the cases to international travel. Alabama also announced that an unvaccinated child with measles traveled through the state, while Kansas has confirmed eight cases of measles among children this month. Measles cases have also been confirmed in Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/23/measles-spread-v	2025/03/24	
		"Measles is one of the most contagious diseases in the world," Lucia Donatelli, chief of Maryland's Center for Immunization, told reporters on Thursday evening.			
Fungus labeled 'urgent threat' by CDC is spreading rapidly, hospital study finds	Health-warning	The CDC has called Candida auris "an urgent antimicrobial resistance threat" because it's resistant to anti-fungal drugs, making it hard to treat an infection once it occurs. "If you get infected with this pathogen that's resistant to any treatment, there's no treatment we can give you to help combat it. You're all on your own," Melissa Nolan, an assistant professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of South Carolina, told Nexstar.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fungus-labeled-urgent-threat-cdc-130000	2025/03/24	
'This is not your grandmother's Easter Egg Roll': White House seeks corporate sponsorships for Easter event	Highest bidder	People with a healthy immune system may be able to fight off infection on their own, but Candida auris mainly spreads in health care settings, where people are sick and vulnerable. People with catheters, breathing tubes, feeding tubes and PICC lines are at the highest risk because the pathogen can enter the body through these types of devices.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/not-grandmother-easter-egg-roll-120552	2025/03/24	
		The White House, through an outside event production company called Harbinger, is soliciting corporate sponsors for this year's Easter Egg Roll, which is prompting major concerns from brands experts and shock from former White House officials from both parties.			
		The sponsorship offers range from \$75,000 to \$200,000, with the promise of logo and branding opportunities, according to a letterhead document to potential sponsors and obtained by CNN.			
		The post-second world war taboo on acquiring territory through force or by the threat of force is being unravelled by a generation of political leaders, led by expansionist threats from Donald Trump that are unprecedented for a US president.			
		Experts are warning that a combination of the Russian aggression against Ukraine and Trump's comments explicitly pushing for the US to acquire Greenland, Canada, the Panama canal and Gaza is fueling a permissive environment that threatens long-recognized borders and the international rules-based order that has existed since the end of the war.			
Trump's expansionism threatens the rules-based order in place since second world war	International Relations	The norm, enshrined in article 2 of the UN charter of 1945, states that "all members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state".	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/23/trump-expansionis	2025/03/24	
		Austrian authorities said Monday that they uncovered a Russian-steered campaign aimed at spreading disinformation about Ukraine following the detention in December of a Bulgarian woman accused of spying for Russia.			
		Austria's domestic intelligence agency unearthed evidence of the operation as it analyzed devices found in a search of the woman's home, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. It said the investigation showed that a few weeks after Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, a cell working for Russian intelligence was set up and planned a large-scale disinformation campaign in German-speaking countries, particularly Austria.			
Austria says it has uncovered a Russian-steered campaign to spread disinformation	International-Russia	The group was active online but also used stickers and graffiti with content such as far-right symbols and nationalist statements meant to look like pro-Ukrainian activists were responsible for them, according to the Interior Ministry.	https://bbcnews.co.com/international/news/Story/austria-uncovered-russi	2025/03/24	
		For more than 100 years, people in Stanstead, Quebec have been able to walk into Derby Line, Vermont to enter the border-straddling Haskell Free Library and Opera House — no passport required.			
		But municipal and library officials said on Friday that U.S. authorities have unilaterally decided to end the century-old unwritten agreement. Coming at a time of heightened tensions between the two countries, the decision is prompting an outpouring of emotion in communities on both sides of the border, which in places has been marked simply by flower pots.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/quebec-vermont-barack-obama-y	2025/03/24	
US decision to limit Canadian access to border-straddling library prompts outpouring of emotion	Petty ass bullshit	He's remaining defiant as Democratic lawmakers and outside groups pile on calls for him to step aside. But Schumer, who dealt a key blow to former President Biden's reelection bid, argued he's "absolutely" not making the same mistake Biden did when he hesitated to step down.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/24/schumer-not-stepping-down-demo	2025/03/24	
Schumer says he's staying put amid growing resignation pressure	Politics	Finland, Denmark and Germany urged cautionary planning for trans and nonbinary travelers seeking to enter the U.S. following an executive order requiring the federal government to recognize only two sexes: male and female.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/23/allies-issue-us-travel-guidelines-fin	2025/03/24	
Trump's transgender rights rollback prompts allies to adjust travel warnings	Rainbow threats	Arkansas Republicans have proposed a bill that would allow lawsuits against people who support transgender youth's social transitions, including by using their preferred name and pronouns or by giving them a gender nonconforming haircut.			
		H.R. 1688, the so-called "Vulnerable Youth Protection Act," would allow minors or their parents to sue anyone who even acknowledges a minor's gender identity, including "without limitation changes in clothing, pronouns, hairstyle, and name." Lawsuits are permitted up to 15 years after the alleged conduct, with damages of \$10,000, or up to \$10 million if they have received gender-affirming care.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-proposes-bill-punish-supporting-trans-122	2025/03/24	
GOP proposes bill that would punish supporting trans youth through new names and haircuts	Rainbow threats	The alleged Venezuelan gang members deported by the Trump administration earlier this month are likely to suffer "significant harm" in El Salvador, a federal judge asserted Monday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/24/boasberg-venezuelans-salvadoran	2025/03/25	
Venezuelans Trump deported facing 'significant harm' in prison, judge says	Borders and immigration	U.S. tourists and permanent residents from around the world have been arrested, detained and deported under the Trump administration's immigration crackdown.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/20/tourists-us-residents-detained-amar	2025/03/25	
Tracking the foreign nationals detained by ICE as tourists or U.S. residents	Borders and immigration	The Trump administration received pointed questions from a judge over how it's implementing a rarely-used wartime law to deport Venezuelans suspected of being Tren de Aragua gang members. A president last invoked the Alien Enemies Act after the attack on Pearl Harbor, designating Japanese, German and Italian nationals as "alien enemies" during World War II.			
		"Nazis got better treatment under the Alien Enemies Act than what has happened here," D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals judge Patricia Millett said during a hearing at the court on Monday. "And they had hearing boards before they were removed."	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/24/mw-41-5338784/lopezella-alien-enemies	2025/03/25	
Judge contends Nazis got more due process than Trump deportees did	Borders and immigration	Venezuela has announced that it will resume accepting flights of its citizens who were deported by U.S. immigration authorities.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/23/mw-41-5338005/venezuela-resume-acc	2025/03/25	
Venezuela says it will start accepting repatriation flights from the U.S. again	Borders and immigration	The Alabama public library service board of trustees recently voted to withhold state funding from the Fairhope public library after complaints from conservative parents about books in the teen section. In the same meeting, the board voted to immediately dismiss the executive director of the state library agency, who had been planning to resign.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/24/alabama-fairhope	2025/03/25	
Alabama board defunds local library in first action under new book ban law	Censorship	Democratic Rep. Jim Himes (Conn.) said he thinks the Trump administration is acting "with an unbelievable cocktail of incompetence and illegality."			
		"What people worry about is that this administration acts with an unbelievable kind of cocktail of incompetence and illegality," Himes said of the deportation and the Department of Government Efficiency.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-democrat-trump-administration-ac	2025/03/25	
House Democrat: Trump administration acting 'with an unbelievable cocktail of incompetence and illegality'	Constitutional Crisis	Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) said democracy in the United States is "at risk," calling President Trump a "lawless, angry man" during an interview that aired Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."			
		When asked by host Kristen Welker whether he believes the U.S. is in a constitutional crisis, Schumer said he does.			
		"Democracy is at risk," he said. "Look, Donald Trump is a lawless, angry man. He thinks he should be king. He thinks he should do whatever he wants, regardless of the law, and he thinks judges should just listen to him."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/schumer-says-us-constitutional-crisis-14	2025/03/25	
Schumer says US in constitutional crisis, calls Trump a 'lawless, angry man'	Constitutional Crisis	Legal scholars say the president's menacing attacks, some of which Trump's biggest campaign backer, the billionaire Elon Musk, has echoed, are aimed at silencing critics of his radical agenda and undercut the rule of law in authoritarian ways that expand his own powers.			
		"Trump's moves are from the authoritarian playbook," said the Harvard law school lecturer and retired Massachusetts judge Nancy Gertner. "You need to delegitimize institutions that could be critics. Trump is seeking to use the power of the presidency to delegitimize institutions including universities, law firms, judges and others. It's the opposite of American democracy."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/24/trump-judges-impe	2025/03/25	
'The authoritarian playbook': Trump targets judges, lawyers ... and law itself	Constitutional Crisis	Top Justice Department officials told a federal judge on Monday that the Trump administration is invoking the state secrets privilege to avoid giving him information about deportation flights from earlier this month that are at the center of a legal dispute over whether the government flouted his judicial commands.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-invoking-state-secre	2025/03/25	
Trump administration invoking state secrets privilege over deportation flight information sought by federal judge	Constitutional Crisis	Members of Congress in both parties exploded in anger Monday after the editor-in-chief of The Atlantic revealed he was inadvertently included in a highly sensitive Trump administration Signal chat on airstrikes in Yemen.			
		People identifying as Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, national security adviser Michael Waltz and Vice President Vance were among the 18 people in the Signal chat, per The Atlantic's Jeffrey Goldberg.			
		"At this time, the message thread that was reported appears to be authentic, and we are reviewing how an inadvertent number was added to the chain," National Security Council spokesperson Brian Hughes said in a statement.			
		Rep. Don Bacon (R-Neb.), another Armed Services Committee member and a former Air Force brigadier general, told Axios, "I've accidentally sent the wrong person a text. We all have."			
Heads should roll: Congress erupts over stunning Trump admin leak	Dumb and Dumber	But, he added, "The unconscionable action was sending this info over non-secure networks." "None of this should have been sent on non-secure systems. Russia and China are surely monitoring his unclassified phone," Bacon said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/24/atlantic-yemen-signal-hegseth-jeffe	2025/03/25	
		A message to the group, from "Michael Waltz," read as follows: "Team — establishing a principles [sic] group for coordination on Houthi, particularly for over the next 72 hours. My deputy Alex Wong is pulling together a tiger team at deputies/agency Chief of Staff level following up from the meeting in the Sit Room this morning for action items and will be sending that out later this evening."			
		The principals had apparently assembled. In all, 18 individuals were listed as members of this group, including various National Security Council officials, Steve Wilkoff, President Trump's Middle East and Ukraine negotiator, Susan Wiles, the White House chief of staff, and someone identified only as "S.M." which "I took to stand for Stephen Miller. I appeared on my own screen only as 'JG.'"			
		After receiving the Waltz text related to the "Houthi PC email group," I consulted a number of colleagues. We discussed the possibility that these texts were part of a disinformation campaign, initiated by either a foreign intelligence service or, more likely, a media-gaffly organization, the sort of group that attempts to place journalists in embarrassing positions, and sometimes succeeds. I had very strong doubts that this text group was real, because I could not believe that the national-security leadership of the United States would communicate on Signal about imminent war plans. I also could not believe that the national security adviser to the president would be so reckless as to include the editor in chief of The Atlantic in such discussions with senior U.S. officials, up to and including the vice president.			
The Trump Administration Accidentally Texted Me Its War Plans	Dumb and Dumber	The Atlantic's editor in chief, Jeffrey Goldberg, reported in a nearly 3,500-word story published Monday that the most senior national-security leaders of the United States included him in a group chat on Signal about upcoming military strikes in Yemen. "I didn't think it could be real," he wrote. "Then the bombs started falling."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-defense-secretary-accidentally-text	2025/03/25	
Trump's Defense Secretary Accidentally Texted War Plans to The Atlantic: 'I Didn't Think It Could Be Real,' Editor Says	Dumb and Dumber	"From an operational security perspective, this is the highest level of f—up imaginable," Buttfigue, a Navy veteran, wrote in a post on X, responding to the report in The Atlantic on Monday.			
		"These people cannot keep America safe," he continued.			
Buttfigue assails leak as 'highest level of f—up imaginable'	Dumb and Dumber	Goldberg also said he "could not believe that the national security adviser to the president would be so reckless as to include him in the discussions with senior U.S. officials."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/buttfigue-assails-leak-highest-level-2121	2025/03/25	
		Yes, the chat is real — and bizarre. A lot of what if questions.			
5 takeaways from Trump officials war planning group chat breach	Dumb and Dumber	Exposed: Tensions with Rep. Pence and Vance's differences with Trump. Democrats express outrage. Republicans left red-faced. Trump contends he still has confidence in Waltz.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/5-takeaways-trump-officials-war-2217004	2025/03/25	

Trump's Brain Trust Accidentally Sent War Plans to a Journalist	Dumb and Dumber	Donald Trump installed a former Fox News host with a history of alleged erratic behavior as Secretary of Defense. What could go wrong? Well, we're barely two months into the president's term and Pete Hegseth seems to have texted presumably classified plans to bomb Yemen into a group chat that inadvertently included the editor in chief of The Atlantic.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-brain-trust-accidentally-sent-19433	2025/03/25
5 revelations from the Trump administration's war plan texts	Dumb and Dumber	Vance pushed back against bombing the Houthis. Trump's vice president doesn't think he gets it. National security leaders likely shared classified information. The administration has feelings about Europe. Let loose the emjoi of war.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/5-revelations-trump-administration-war-1	2025/03/25
Outrage after White House accidentally texts journalist war plans: 'Huge screwup'	Dumb and Dumber	The reporting exposes not only a historic mishandling of national security information but a potentially illegal communication chain in which sensitive military plans about airstrikes on Houthi rebels in Yemen were casually shared in an encrypted group chat with automatic delete functions. "It has made us look weak to our adversaries," the California congressman Ro Khanna told the Guardian. "We need to take cybersecurity far more seriously and I look forward to leading on that."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/24/journalist-trump-ve	2025/03/25
What top Trump officials have said about mishandling classified information	Dumb and Dumber	As the top Democrat on the House intelligence committee, Jim Himes has overseen countless classified briefings. But the Signal group chat leak of impending war plans has made him "horrified". "If true, these actions are a brazen violation of laws and regulations that exist to protect national security, including the safety of Americans serving in harm's way," he said. "These individuals know the calamitous risks of transmitting classified information across unclassified systems, and they also know that if a lower-ranking official under their command did what is described here, they would likely lose their clearance and be subject to criminal investigation".	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/24/journalist-trump-ve	2025/03/25
The mystery of Trump's tariff bomb	Economy-Tariffs	National security adviser Mike Waltz and Secretary of State Marco Rubio have called for "consequences" for individuals who improperly shared classified materials, regardless of their intention. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth lambasted Biden for "tipically" mishandling classified documents and suggested that if he had behaved similarly, he would have expected to be "court-martialed".	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/24/trump-tariff-verzuets-ol	2025/03/25
DoorDash Is Now Offering Klarna Payments & Fans Are Divided	Economy-Warnings	The condemnatory language these senior administration officials have used about prior breaches of protocol in handling sensitive materials adds a layer of irony to what experts are calling an unconscionable misuse of classified information.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/doordash-now-offering-klarna-payme	2025/03/25
Trump wants Greenland. But much of the island is vanishing	Environment-Climate crisis	Trump has called April 2 "the big one" and "Liberation Day," referring to the wide-ranging levies expected to be announced and potentially take effect a week from Wednesday.	https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/trump-greenland-ice-m	2025/03/25
Weather tracker: Severe thunderstorms threaten flooding in northern Australia	Environment-Flooding	Zoom in: The White House might spare specific sectors from the broad tariffs on April 2, as Bloomberg and the Wall Street Journal reported. That's a turnaround from Trump's threats to the auto and pharmaceutical industries.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/mar/24/weather-tracke	2025/03/25
Fighting WNC wildfires a 'nightmare' due to Helene damage to roads, down trees	Environment-Wildfires	High winds, makeshift roads and countless downed trees left by Hurricane Helene have made fighting the trio of wildfires in Polk County a "nightmare," county officials said. Two of the fires — Black Cove and Fish Hook — started because of downed power lines after strong winds last week. The cause of the Deep Woods fire is not under investigation, according to the North Carolina Forest Service.	https://www.bpr.org/bpr-news/2025-03-24/fighting-wnc-wildfires-a-night	2025/03/25
State of emergency declared as wildfires rage out of control in the Carolinas	Environment-Wildfires	As of Monday morning, the Black Cove Fire has burned 2,076 acres and is at 0% containment. The Deep Woods fire has burned 2,545 acres and is at 0% containment. And the Fish Hook fire has burned 199 acres and is at 50% containment.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/state-emergency-declared-wildfires-rage-	2025/03/25
One of the last surviving Tuskegee Airman remembers struggle for recognition amid Trump's DEI purge	Erasing history	Many areas across the state have seen fires this weekend. A statewide burning ban (5) in place. Do not burn outdoors at all: the state emergency management agency warned in a social media post. Earlier, the agency had urged people to quickly leave evacuation zones, saying visibility in those areas could be reduced, evacuation blocked — and residents "trapped, injured or lost."	https://apnews.com/article/surviving-tuskegee-airman-colorado-racism-	2025/03/25
Elon Musk's Space Business Partner is Poised to Take Over NASA	Fuck that guy	With members of a trailblazing Black Air Force unit passing away at advanced ages, efforts to remain true to their memory carry on despite sometimes confusing orders from President Donald Trump as he purges federal diversity, equity and inclusion programs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-space-business-partner-1400	2025/03/25
FBI creates Tesla threats task force	Fuck that guy	Cpl. James H. Harvey III, 101, is among the last few airmen and support crew who proved that a Black unit — the 332nd Fighter Group of the Tuskegee Army — could fight as well as any other in World War II and the years after.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/24/tesla-fbi-task-force-vandalism	2025/03/25
Watchdog warns DOGE cuts threaten financial system	Fuck that guy	He went on to become the first Black jet fighter pilot in Korean airspace during the Korean War, and a decorated one after 126 missions. He was one of four Tuskegee Army men who won the first U.S. Air Force Gunney Meet in 1949, a forerunner of today's U.S. Navy "Top Gun" school.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/24/fbi-task-force-vandalism	2025/03/25
Former head of Social Security says Elon Musk and DOGE are wrong about the agency	Fuck that guy	"They said we didn't have any ability to operate aircraft or operate heavy machinery. We were inferior to the white man. We were nothing," Harvey said. "So we showed them."	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/24/mu-41-5337999/elon-musk-doge-social	2025/03/25
Why DOGE is struggling to find fraud in Social Security	Fuck that guy	President Donald Trump's pick for NASA administrator, billionaire Jared Isaacman, is highly unusual — or it would at least be usual for a normal administration. Isaacman has a contract worth tens of millions of dollars, or more, with Elon Musk's spacecraft and satellite company, SpaceX. Isaacman, a pilot and commercial astronaut, has traveled to space twice on SpaceX spacecraft.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/why-doge-struggling-fraud-social-132003	2025/03/25
US could default on debt as soon as July: Analysis	Government-Funding	The Senate Commerce Committee has not yet scheduled a hearing on Isaacman's nomination.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-could-default-debt-soon-132425140	2025/03/25
Trump will nominate acting CDC director Susan Monarez for the position, White House officials says	Government-CDC	According to Isaacman's financial disclosure, his agreement with SpaceX for his Polaris Program, his private spaceflight program, is worth more than \$50 million. The agreement is for "space flight services & strategic agreements."	https://apnews.com/article/cdc-trump-nominee-susan-monarez-113243	2025/03/25
As Trump works to cut FEMA, data shows there was a major disaster declaration every four days in 2024	Government-FEMA	The FBI has created a task force dedicated to investigating Tesla attacks, FBI Director Kash Patel confirmed on X on Monday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-works-cut-fema-data-14054888	2025/03/25
US postmaster general resigns with immediate effect USPS head Louis DeJoy resigns amid reported clash over DOGE access to mail system	Government-USPS	"This is domestic terrorism," Patel said. "Those responsible will be pursued, caught, and brought to justice."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/fridley-	2025/03/25
How bird flu has devastated one American farm	Health- Bird flu	The task force will operate in conjunction with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/24/postmaster-general	2025/03/25
		A government watchdog has a new warning about DOGE personnel cuts at a key regulatory agency: Fewer workers could jeopardize bank oversight.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/douls-d	2025/03/25
		The inspector general for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation — one of the nation's main bank regulators and the body that insures depositors' funds — said a smaller agency will have to contend with the same duties of a larger one: examining the health of 4,500 banks under its purview.		
		"With fewer examiners but the same responsibility to conduct statutorily required exams in 2025, it may be difficult for the FDIC to complete these examinations by the end of the year," the inspector general said in a new report.		
		If you want to go in and put in efficiencies to bring down the size of the agency, you can do that. But there's a smart way to do it, and there's a stupid way to do it. Asthine said. "And we're doing it the way that 22-year-old fat boys that have never seen the system think is a good idea, and that's a mistake."		
		Asthine warns that DOGE workers aren't familiar with Social Security's functionalities or Common Business-Oriented Language (CBOL), a 50-year-old code used by the Social Security Administration that some of the DOGE workers may not have worked with before. Asthine says he doesn't condemn Musk and his team for not knowing the code, but he does fault Musk for not admitting to error.		
		But some of the biggest examples of allegedly wasteful spending held up by Musk and DOGE so far have been overblown or inaccurate. Musk's assertion that tens of millions of dead people over 100 years old are receiving Social Security benefits was so off-base that it had to be tamped down by the agency's acting head, who had been promoted because of his willingness to cooperate with DOGE. "These individuals are not necessarily receiving benefits," acting Social Security commissioner Lee Dudek said.		
		But less than 1 percent of Social Security's payments in recent years were determined to be improper — often the result of an accidental oversight or change in benefit status, according to a report last year by the agency's inspector general. That works out to about \$9 billion a year, and more than two-thirds of the mistaken payments were eventually clawed back. Another agency audit, which looked only at payments to retired workers, survivors and people with disabilities, found fraud was listed as the cause behind just 3 percent of improper benefit payments.		
		The federal government could default on its debt as soon as July, a new forecast from the Bipartisan Policy Center warns, raising pressure on Congress for action.		
		Monarez has been serving as the CDC's acting director since January and came from another federal agency, the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health. Monarez, 50, holds a doctorate in microbiology and immunology from the University of Wisconsin, and her postdoctoral training was in microbiology and immunology at Stanford University.		
		Some current and former CDC employees who have spoken with The Associated Press said in the last two months Monarez has widely been seen as a conduit for RHS directives. They also said she hasn't held "all-hands" meetings at the agency and has not been a highly visible leader.		
		"She has communicated almost nothing with staff," said one current employee, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of being fired.		
		"We're seeing hurricane season last longer, we're seeing spring severe weather season get more significant and we're seeing the fire season go year-round now," Crowell told CNN at the time. "The agency is 'more engaged in wildfire response than we ever have been before.'"		
		It's not just FEMA's perception that threats are increasing — there were 90 declarations of "major disasters" in 2024.		
		It translates to a major disaster declaration every four days.		
		Researchers also found that 41% of the US population lived in a county where a major disaster or emergency was declared — about 137 million people.		
		The Trump administration plans to scrap the disaster relief Federal Emergency Management Agency. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem reportedly said during a Cabinet meeting on Monday.		
		Noem said that her department would move to "eliminate" FEMA, she said, according to Senator and reports by other media.		
		The US postmaster general, Louis DeJoy, who said earlier this month that he had asked the government, officials seem led by the idea, for assistance with a number of issues, is now resigning as Monday, the AP news said.		
		U.S. postmaster general Louis DeJoy resigned from his position Monday, earlier than expected after reportedly refusing to give Elon Musk's DOGE broad access to agency computer systems.		
		There used to be 3,000 hens on Kakadoode Farm — scratching, pecking, following the farmworkers around. Creating a din so loud you could barely hear someone yell from the other end of the coop. Now there are none.		
		But the rampant spread of the virus increases the likelihood that it could mutate into a version that's far more dangerous to humans and can be passed easily between them, creating another pandemic. And for domestic birds like chickens — which contract the virus through direct contact with infected birds or contaminated surfaces — the virus has a mortality rate of nearly 100%.		
		The USDA, along with some animal health officials, has advised limiting outdoor access for poultry given the risk from wild birds — but the virus is also striking farms where birds are only kept indoors. While some birds may display symptoms, the USDA says, others can die suddenly without any warning.		
		Just days before the chickens started to die, another farmer had warned the Thomases that bird flu was spreading in southern Illinois. But he said some farmers never reported it, because they didn't want the USDA to come in, shut down and quarantine their operations.	https://www.bbcnews.com/news/us-news/bird-flu-kakadoode-farm-ggg	2025/03/25

		Researchers are developing an injection that creates a contraceptive implant in the body using an approach that could herald a new way of delivering drugs over long periods of time. Now scientists say they have completed proof-of-concept experiments for a new type of long-lasting implant that self-assembles in the body. While not yet tested in humans, the researchers behind the work say the approach could bring benefits beyond the field of birth control, offering a simple way to administer long-acting drug delivery systems without the need for invasive procedures – an appealing prospect for parts of the world with poor medical infrastructure. "It's suitable for any poorly soluble hydrophobic drug, especially where long-acting delivery is needed. This includes treatments for HIV, TB, schizophrenia, chronic pain, or metabolic disease," said Dr Giovanni Traverso, a co-author of the study from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a gastroenterologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in the US. After widespread outcry last year, the Iranian authorities said they would suspend enforcement of the new, strict, hijab laws, which impose draconian penalties – including fines and prison sentences – on women found in breach of the mandatory dress code. Yet women in Iran are reporting that state surveillance has been steadily increasing. Last week, the UN's fact-finding mission reported on Iran's increasing reliance on digital surveillance such as its Nazer mobile application, a state-backed reporting platform that allows citizens and police to report women for alleged violations.		
Scientists develop injection for long-lasting, contraceptive implant	Health- Reproductive rights		https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/mar/24/scientists-develop-injection	2025/03/25
Drones, informers and apps: Iran intensifies surveillance on women to enforce hijab law	Human rights		https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/mar/24/iran-pd	2025/03/25
Trump senior adviser files defamation suit against The Daily Beast	Information Blackout	Senior Trump political adviser Chris LaCivita has filed a defamation suit against The Daily Beast, alleging that the outlet published "malicious" and "damaging" reporting about him during the 2024 campaign "with reckless disregard for the truth." The lawsuit is the latest example of those in President Trump's orbit aggressively targeting news organizations they regard as unfair and adversarial.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/24/trump-lacivita-lawsuit-daily-beast-de	2025/03/25
Supreme Court declines to hear challenge to landmark press freedom case	Information Blackout	The Supreme Court on Monday declined to hear a case seeking to challenge the 1964 precedent that protects news outlets from litigation for publishing critical information about public figures. Conservative justices have called for the Supreme Court to revisit New York Times v. Sullivan, which determined that a plaintiff must demonstrate "actual malice" in defamation lawsuits against the press.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/24/supreme-court-not-sullivan-press-free	2025/03/25
New York Times denounces Trump's 'intimidation tactics' against reporters	Information Blackout	Explaining its decision to defend its reporters, the Times said people shouldn't lose sight of Trump and his administration's real goal as they intensify their efforts to crack down on the free press, spokesman Charles Staffender said. "The administration wants to make it more difficult for reporters to bring to light important information that the president would rather stay secret," he said. "And they want to undermine public confidence in journalists who ask difficult questions and publish uncomfortable truths." Two California researchers said Friday that a U.S. government health publication instructed them to remove data on sexual orientation from a scientific manuscript that had been accepted for publication. The researchers also said they were told to remove the words "gender," "cisgender" and "equitable" from their paper, which looked at smoking among rural young adults.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-reporters-new-york-times-40a334b51	2025/03/25
Researchers say the US government tried to erase sexual orientation from their findings	Information Blackout	Instead of complying, the researchers withdrew their paper from Public Health Reports, the official journal of the U.S. Surgeon General and U.S. Public Health Service. President Donald Trump said Monday that he will impose tariffs of 25% on any nation that purchases oil from Venezuela. "Venezuela has been very hostile to the United States and the freedoms which we espouse. Therefore, any Country that purchases Oil and/or Gas From Venezuela will be forced to pay a Tariff of 25% to the United States on any Trade they do with our Country," Trump said in a post on Truth Social.	https://apnews.com/article/science-trump-executive-order-gender-c44f	2025/03/25
Trump says any country buying Venezuelan oil will face a 25% tariff	International Relations		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-country-buying-venezuelan-1	2025/03/25
Denmark's defense committee head said he regrets choosing the F-35: 'We must avoid American weapons if at all possible'	International Relations	The chairman of Denmark's parliamentary defense committee said he regrets choosing the F-35 for his country, citing fears that the US may threaten to cease support for the fighter.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/denmarks-defense-committee-head-said	2025/03/25
Israel's latest war plans: To occupy Gaza and rule Palestine	International- Israel	The Israeli military has drawn up plans for a major ground invasion into Gaza to fully occupy the territory within a few months and establish military rule there, according to two people who reviewed the war plans. This comes as Israel has returned to war in Gaza, ending a two-month ceasefire last week and carrying out intensive airstrikes targeting Hamas officials that has driven up the death toll in the territory past 50,000, according to Gaza health officials. Defendants included U.S. Army whistleblower Chelsea Manning, CIA whistleblowers Jeffrey Sterling and John Kiriakou, and NSA whistleblowers Thomas Drake, Edward Snowden, and Daniel Hale. In my opinion, these cases were politicized against leaks that embarrassed the government, exposed its ineptitude, or revealed illegal conduct. But that is a far cry from what Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard is threatening to do. She recently announced that she has ordered an investigation into "politically motivated leaks." Ironically, in Espionage Act cases, a defendant's motivation does not come into play until the sentencing phase. It doesn't matter if someone leaked to score political points, or whether they did so because it was in the public's interest to know what their government was doing in secret. Thus, while the government was not typically required to prove an intent to harm national security (or actual harm to national security), in order to win an Espionage Act conviction, the government still clung to the "damage to national security" narrative. To abandon that narrative would imply that the leak prosecutions were simply an attempt to silence whistleblowers and chill the journalists who published their stories. Gabbard's pursuit of politically motivated leaks, however, flies directly in the face of the First Amendment. The First Amendment actually enumerates political speech above all other forms of individual expression. While there are a number of categories of unprotected speech (obscenity, sex threats, incitement, defamation, etc.), political speech — no matter how outrageous or offensive — is still protected from government action.	https://www.ppr.com/2025/03/24/mex-41-5337789/israel-gaza-invasion-ha	2025/03/25
Tulsi Gabbard's new anti-leak hysteria is what she used to warn against	Political Cesspool	Armed whistleblowers at brain, constituents are now empty chattering their Republican representatives to share their frustrations in the absence of their political leaders. GOP bosses have told their members not to appear at town hall meetings to avoid having to face down voters' fury at the policies pushed by the administration of President Donald Trump. Voters are especially outraged at Elon Musk's effort to gut the federal government and the civil service. During the congressional recess that came to an end on Sunday, local activists held events where voters could voice their opinions even if their congressional representatives chose not to attend the events they were invited to.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tulsi-gabbard-anti-leak-hysteria-0848099	2025/03/25
Voters 'empty chair' Republicans who are skipping town halls across the country as anger grows about Musk and Russia	Political Cesspool		https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/repulit	2025/03/25
US supreme court sharply divided on Louisiana race-based redistricting case	Supreme Court	The US supreme court appeared sharply divided on Monday on whether it should strike down Louisiana's congressional map because the state added a second majority-black district. The case, Louisiana v. Chavis, arrived at the supreme court after years of legal wrangling over Louisiana's congressional map. It centers on the drawing of the state's sixth congressional district, a majority-black district that stretches in a diagonal slash across the state and is currently being represented by a Democrat.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/24/supreme-court-louis	2025/03/25
Trump stacks DOJ with his former personal lawyers	Trump Bulthit	President Trump on Monday appointed Alina Habba to serve as interim U.S. attorney for the District of New Jersey — making her the latest of his personal lawyers to gain a government position. Trump has given top administration roles, including the nation's highest law enforcement role — U. S. attorney general — to lawyers who have defended him in court. Before her appointment Monday, Habba had been serving as counselor to the president since the start of Trump's second term. And yet, due to quirks in how Trump has pursued some of his most malicious and destructive initiatives, it turns out that Secretary of State Marco Rubio is playing an unexpectedly critical role in a surprising number of them. And this is unfolding often in violation of Rubio's own once-cherished principles. Here's a rundown. - Abducted Ukrainian children - Lawless deportations - Evidence-free arrests. - Decimating USAID The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said it is pausing review of green card applications for some refugees and asylum, leaving in limbo those who came to the U.S. after fleeing unrest. The directive from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) would impact refugees already approved to come to the United States, as well as those who were granted asylum after petitioning for the protection in immigration court. "We never hide anything. I can tell you that their city's safer.... It's safer now because [of the] actions of ICE." We arrested 370 illegal aliens in Boston and the surrounding counties, not just Boston," Horan said. "Majority of them were criminals. We had, you know, numerous collateral arrests. And I've said it before on this show and I'll keep sayin' it: Collateral arrests are gon' be ... people who aren't criminals that are found when we're lookin' for the criminal are gonna be taken into custody."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/24/trump-administration-personal-lawy	2025/03/25
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DHS suspends green card processing for refugees, asylees	Borders and immigration		https://www.yahoo.com/news/dhs-suspends-green-card-processing-19	2025/03/26
Trump's Border Car Admits ICE is Arresting Plenty of Innocent People	Borders and immigration		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-border-car-ice-makes-shocking-1547	2025/03/26
How to protect your phone and data privacy at the US border	Borders and immigration	The short answer is that yes, CBP can search your devices. Constitutional protections are generally weaker at US borders, including airports. You can try to opt out, but depending on your specific circumstances, you might not be willing to risk the potential ramifications of not complying, which can include the confiscation of your devices. An unsubstantiated conspiracy theory that claims the US government is controlling the weather, or its citizens, by spraying dangerous "chemicals" from airplanes has now made its way into several state legislatures where it could manifest into real-life laws. It's an example of how unproven and off-the-wall theories are bubbling into mainstream discourse under the Trump administration, many of which show distrust in the government. This effort in particular could prevent actual scientists and engineers from slowing the breakneck pace of global warming, which is inflicting a devastating toll on Americans in the form of extreme weather.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/mar/26/phone-search-pr	2025/03/26
State lawmakers are looking to ban non-existent 'chemicals'. It could have real-life side effects.	Cesspool- Conspiracy	President Trump suggested Tuesday night the Jan. 6 rioters he pardoned could get compensation payments. Trump maintained during the Newsmax interview that those at the Capitol were there "peacefully and patriotically" and said "a lot of the people that are in the government now talk about" compensating them "because a lot of the people in government really like that group of people." Facing pressure from his right flank to take on judges who have ruled against President Donald Trump, Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., on Tuesday floated the possibility of Congress eliminating some federal courts. As Donald Trump demands that federal courts and judges get out of his way, Republicans in Congress seem prepared to use their powers to kneecap the judicial branch's ability to check the president. On Monday morning, House Judiciary Committee Chair Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) told Fox News that Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) has endorsed legislation crafted by the GOP that would stop "federal district judges [from] issuing injunctions applying to the entire country," and limit them to "the parties of the case in that respective jurisdiction." Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) introduced the legislation in question, the "No Rogue Rulings Act," in February as federal judges halted many of Trump's ostensibly unconstitutional executive orders.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/state-lawmakers-looking-ban-non-120056	2025/03/26
Trump says compensation fund being discussed for pardoned Jan. 6 rioters	Cesspool- January Six		https://www.axios.com/2025/03/26/trump-jan-6-rioters-compensation-fu	2025/03/26
Speaker Mike Johnson floats eliminating federal courts as GOP ramps up attacks on judges	Constitutional Crisis		https://www.rbcnews.com/politics/congress/speaker-mike-johnson-float	2025/03/26
Republicans Are Moving to Cripple the Judiciary So Trump Can Do What He Wants	Constitutional Crisis	Last week, Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) who sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee, wrote on social media that he plans to introduce legislation aimed at checking what he called a "dramatic abuse of judicial authority." President Trump's downplaying of the ESGpatgate scandal as a mere "glitch" is the latest entry in a long-running — and ever-expanding — legacy of indifference toward America's secrets. No president has expressed such open disdain for the U.S. intelligence community or the security protocols designed to protect it. But even after facing criminal charges in 2023, Trump has never suffered enduring political consequences.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-moving-cripple-judiciary-trum	2025/03/26
Trump's legacy of loose lips hangs over Signal scandal	Dumb and Dumber		https://www.axios.com/2025/03/26/trump-signal-classified-information	2025/03/26
Waltz takes 'full responsibility' for Signal group chat scandal	Dumb and Dumber	National security adviser Mike Waltz said Tuesday he takes "full responsibility" for the scandal involving the use by senior officials of an unclassified commercial chat app to discuss plans to strike Yemen. President Trump made clear he does not plan to fire Waltz for establishing the Signal group and inadvertently adding Atlantic magazine editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg to it, telling Newsmax on Tuesday night he believed a "lower level" employee who works for his national security adviser had added the journalist's number. Administration officials have said no classified information was shared during the conversation.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/26/signal-group-chat-leak-waltz	2025/03/26

		Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and other Trump administration officials are being sued by a government watchdog group for using Signal to discuss military plans to strike Houthi targets in Yemen. The big picture: American Oversight alleges in its lawsuit that the chat on the unclassified commercial app that mistakenly included The Atlantic's editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg violated federal records laws. American Oversight said in a statement it's seeking to "recover unlawfully deleted messages and prevent further destruction." "The Federal Records Act requires federal officials to preserve communications related to official government business," the nonprofit said. Generally, agencies ensure retention of messages sent on apps like Signal by setting policies requiring officials and personnel to forward them to official systems for proper archival or take other steps to preserve their content." The attempt by President Donald Trump and top leaders of his administration to downplay a security breach that revealed military strike plans in a Signal group chat including a journalist stand in stark contrast to their reaction to Hillary Clinton's use of a home server as secretary of state. This time, they've largely focused their fire not on sweeping potential security lapses, or punishments as a result, but on the journalist who was errantly added to the group list and reported on it: editor-in-chief for The Atlantic, Jeffrey Goldberg. Some of the text's participants who spoke out against Clinton haven't commented publicly at all about the Signal leak.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/26/signal-chat-trump-officials-lawsuit-by	2025/03/26
Read: Trump officials sued over Signal chat	Dumb and Dumber			
		Trump insisted Tuesday that no classified information was divulged in the group chat, though Goldberg wrote that messaging revealed "precise information about weapons packages, targets, and timing" of strikes in Yemen. The White House's National Security Council has said it is investigating. When asked if anyone would be fired as a result of the freestorm, Trump responded: "We've pretty much looked into it. It's pretty simple, to be honest ... It's just something that can happen. It can happen." Trump attacked The Atlantic as well as Goldberg and doubled down on the success of the airstrikes. "Well, I mean, look, we look at everything and, you know, they've made a big deal out of this because we've had two perfect months," Trump said. Waltz said he had technical experts — rather than the FBI — looking into the matter and told Trump, "We're going to keep everything as secure as possible. No one in your national security team would ever put anyone in danger." You're heavy about this by now. Said author—"The Atlantic's editor in chief, Jeffrey Goldberg—somehow was added to an extremely sensitive discussion, on the nongovernmental messaging app Signal, about a planned U.S. attack on the Houthis in Yemen. The chat, seemingly initiated by National Security Advisor Michael Waltz, appeared to include Secretary of State Marco Rubio (designated by his initials, "MARR"), the vice president ("JD Vance"), the defense secretary ("Pete Hegseth"), the Treasury secretary ("Scott B"), Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard ("TCG"), and other Trump-administration principals. Presumably, the discussion was not meant to include Goldberg, or "JG," as he was identified. Rep. even Leavitt admitted error at least to a degree, stating that the White House was investigating "how Goldberg's number was inadvertently added to the thread." The Signal chat group "appears to be authentic," the White House National Security Council spokesperson Brian Hughes said in a statement yesterday, confirming what he'd told Goldberg for the story. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson assured reporters that "Team Trump would 'make sure it doesn't happen again.'" "This is an outrageous national security breach, and heads should roll," Pennsylvania Representative Chris Deluzio, who sits on the Armed Services Committee, told Axios. "We need a full investigation and hearing into this on the House Armed Services Committee ASAP."	https://ignereas.com/articles/trump-hegseth-waltz-signal-leak-clinton-amy	2025/03/26
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A Raza Moment of Bipartisan Disbelief	Dumb and Dumber			
		"Heads should roll": Democrats and Republicans calling for action in the wake of Signal text leak The extraordinary action made some of the nation's top national security officials look like hypocrites — and possible violators of the law. Waltz, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, CIA Director John Ratcliffe and Secretary of State Marco Rubio — all of whom were in the chat — have spent years criticizing top Democrats for improperly handling classified information, most notably former President Joe Biden and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. "If it was anyone other than Hillary Clinton, they would be in jail right now," Hegseth said in 2016 while a Fox News anchor. "Because the assumption is in the intelligence community, if you are using unclassified means, there is ... likelihood that foreign governments are targeting those accounts." Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) on Monday dismissed any potential disciplinary action for the national security adviser Mike Waltz and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth after news broke that the pair and other Trump administration officials discussed plans for an attack against Houthis rebels in Yemen on a text chain that mistakenly included the editor-in-chief for The Atlantic. Asked by The Hill if Waltz, who apparently added The Atlantic's Jeffrey Goldberg to the group chat on Signal, Hegseth, who according to Goldberg shared the sensitive details ahead of the offensive, should be disciplined, Johnson responded "no, no of course not." Rep. Don Bacon (R-Neb.) said there's "no doubt" that Russia and China were monitoring the U.S. officials' devices used for a war plan text chat. "I will guarantee you, 99.99 percent with confidence, Russia and China are monitoring those two phones," Bacon told CNN's Manu Raju. "So I just think it's a security violation, and there's no doubt that Russia and China saw this stuff within hours of the actual attacks on Yemen or the Houthis." "They intentionally put highly classified information on an unclassified device," he told CNN. "I would have lost my security clearance in the Air Force for this and for a lot less." President Donald Trump and his team held a secret Mar-a-Lago dinner on the same day as the U.S. bombing of Yemen, which top administration officials reportedly planned in a group chat that mistakenly included a journalist. Just hours after the U.S. military's strike on Houthis forces was carried out on Mar. 15—killing at least 53 people, including children—Trump, his billionaire advisor Elon Musk, and Musk's four-year-old son flew down to the president's Florida club for a "candlelight" dinner, according to Wired.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/heads-roll-democrats-republicans-calling	2025/03/26
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Trump Held a Secret Mar-a-Lago Dinner After Group War Chat	Dumb and Dumber			
		As it turns out, including a reporter in your national security leader group chat about military strikes isn't the only way to compromise sensitive information on Signal. NPR reported on Tuesday that days after the Trump administration's preposterous and dangerous national security fumble, the Pentagon issued a warning against using the messaging app due to a phishing vulnerability. "A vulnerability has been identified in the Signal messenger application," a department-wide email obtained by NPR reads. "Russian professional hacking groups are employing [Signal's] linked devices' features to spy on encrypted conversations." The publication says the memo states that Russian hacking groups are "targeting Signal Messenger to spy on persons of interest." Donald Trump defended his embattled national security adviser on Tuesday and said the leak of highly classified military plans was "the glitch in two months", as security intensified into how top US officials shared operational details for bombing Yemen in a group chat.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-held-secret-mar-lago-161718065	2025/03/26
The Pentagon warns government officials that Signal is being targeted by Russian hackers	Dumb and Dumber			
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Trump dismisses Signal security failure as 'the only glitch in two months'	Dumb and Dumber			
		Tuesday's hearing was supposed to discuss the 2025 Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community. Instead, the hearing zeroed in on how the leading members of the intelligence community had found themselves entangled in such a colossal screw-up. Ratcliffe and Gabbard were grilled for almost two hours by Democrats. You could almost forget that FBI Director Kash Patel had also been summoned to testify. Goldberg and Ratcliffe both claimed that no classified materials had been shared in the text discussion. At the same time, Gabbard refused to confirm that she'd even been in the chat, so the content of the phrase "I do not recall" was used liberally by both witnesses, and the DNI repeatedly declined to answer questions because the incident is "under review by the National Security Council." At one point Ratcliffe seemed to indicate that he no longer had access to the chat while skirting a question about its contents.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-dismisses-signal-security-failure-1	2025/03/26
Dems Slam Trump Intel Chiefs to Their Faces Over Group-Chat Fiasco	Dumb and Dumber			
		It's all reminiscent of Trump's test term, when real news stories were rejected by right-wing opinion outlets time and time again. And as we learned back then, the president's media consumption has a huge impact on the personnel and policy decisions he makes. Many pro-Trump media figures are taking their cues from Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, who sounded like he revered to his former role as Fox host when he blasted Goldberg as a "discredited so-called journalist who's made a profession of peddling hoaxes." Hegseth likely used the word "hoax" strategically since it viscerally appeals to Trump. The president has a long history of trying to disarm damaging stories by claiming they are "hoaxes," regardless of reality. The vice has become a signal to Trump fans to fire into real estate stories. Florida is looking at the possibility of loosening some child labor laws to replace unindustrial workers. If the bill passes, children as young as 14 would be allowed to work overnight shifts, even on school days. State law currently prohibits them from working earlier than 6.30 a.m. or after 11 p.m. Last week, at a panel discussion alongside Trump border czar Tom Homan, DeSantis said, "Why do we say we need to import foreigners, even import them illegally, when you know, teenagers used to work at these resorts, college students should be able to do this stuff," according to the Tampa Bay Times. The economic vibes have taken a decisive turn for the worse over the last several weeks. The big question now is whether actual activity will follow. This week has brought yet another round of "soft" indicators that show slumping confidence in what lies ahead for the economy, amid a fast-changing policy landscape. It still is unclear whether it amounts to signal or noise in terms of what actually lies ahead for jobs, incomes, and growth.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dems-slam-trump-intel-chiefs-174456173	2025/03/26
The biggest scandal of Trump 2.0 is no scandal at all on MAGA media	Dumb and Dumber			
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Florida wants to loosen child labor laws to make up for loss of migrant workers	Economy-Child labor			
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The economic vibes are getting worse	Economy-Incomes			
		When Donald Trump won November's election, a small team working on a key new US government tool charting impacts of the climate crisis scrambled into action. They hastily renamed the resource to remove the word "climate" and quietly released it without fanfare in December, before Trump's return to the White House. However, the usual precautions taken by staff at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (Fema) weren't enough to save the tool, which they had relabeled as the Future Risk Index. Hereby these have hit record highs in the US, with the unprecedented loss of colonies pushing many beekeepers close to ruin as scientists scramble to identify the main cause of the huge declines. Commercial beekeepers have reported losing more than 60% of their colonies, on average, over the winter, according to an ongoing Project Apis m. survey that covers more than two-thirds of America's managed bees.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/26/economy-confidence-vibes	2025/03/26
Trump's 'climate' purge deleted a new extreme weather risk tool. We recreated it	Environment-Climate crisis			
		This enormous rate of decline is higher than record reductions seen last year and is on track to be the "biggest loss of honeybee colonies in US history", according to Scott McArt, an associate professor of entomology at Cornell University. President Donald Trump's nominee to lead the Social Security Administration faced questions Tuesday at his confirmation hearing about efforts by the Department of Government Efficiency to close field offices and cut back on phone service at the beleaguered agency. Frank Bisignano, a self-professed "DOGE person," was called to account for recent upheaval at the Social Security Administration, which provides benefits to roughly 72.5 million people, including retirees and children. The agency has taken center stage in the debate over the usefulness of DOGE calls to taxpayer services and their effect on Social Security, the social welfare program long regarded as the third rail of national politics — touch it and you get shocked. President Donald Trump gathered his Cabinet secretaries for a third known meeting Monday morning with Elon Musk in attendance, granting his department leaders for their cost-cutting measures even as he acknowledged they may not be "popular."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/26/honeybees-deaths	2025/03/26
US honeybees deaths hit record high as scientists scramble to find main cause	Environment-Pollinators			
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		Earlier this month, a Department of Agriculture employee who works remotely was given a list of possible locations for their upcoming mandatory return to office. One location was described as a "storage unit." Confused, the employee drove to the address, which turned out to be, in fact, a storage facility. When the employee asked the facility's owner why it might show up on a list of federal office spaces, the owner laughed and told the employee that the federal government does rent a unit there — to store a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service boat. It doesn't have heat, windows or power. Federal workers have been ordered back into offices only to face shortages of desks, computer monitors, parking and even toilet paper. Others are still waiting to find out if they will be assigned to a building near where they live or asked to relocate across the country in the coming weeks.		
Federal workers ordered back to office find shortages of desks, Wi-Fi and toilet paper	Government Jobs	Some civil servants say the return to office mandate feels like an indirect way to get them to quit, and flies in the face of a years-long push by the federal government, protesting the COVID pandemic, to encourage teleworking. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was rocked by five high-level departures on Tuesday in the latest turmoil for the nation's top public health agency. The departures were announced at a meeting of agency senior leaders. The Atlanta-based CDC has two dozen centers and offices. The heads of five of them are stepping down, and that follows three other departures in recent weeks. This means close to a third of the agency's top management is leaving or left recently.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/26/mx-a1-5338945/federal-workers-return-	2025/03/26
5 high-level CDC officials are leaving in the latest turmoil for the public health agency	Government Jobs	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is pulling back \$11.4 billion in funds allocated in response to the pandemic to state and community health departments, nongovernment organizations and international recipients, the Department of Health and Human Services confirmed Tuesday. "The COVID-19 pandemic is over, and HHS will no longer waste billions of taxpayer dollars responding to a non-existent pandemic that Americans moved on from years ago," HHS Director of Communications Andrew Nixon said in a statement. "HHS is prioritizing funding projects that will deliver on President Trump's mandate to address our chronic disease epidemic and Make America Healthy Again." — Then and now, Morocco had a distinct vision of foreign aid, according to people who worked with him and Morocco's own words. "He was hell bent like he is today on finding and validating his preconceived notion that [foreign aid] is all corrupt, it's all dirty," said a former senior official who worked with Morocco at USAID. As he pursued that vision at USAID in 2020, according to more than half a dozen current and former USAID officials, Morocco established a confrontational style in the workplace, bullying heads with more senior Trump political appointees, including ambassadors, who held a different view of U.S. foreign aid — as an extension of American power and a key element of its diplomacy and defense.	https://gcnnews.com/articles/cdc-public-health-5-high-senior-managers-300752/	2025/03/26
CDC is pulling back \$11B in Covid funding sent to health departments across the U.S.	Government- CDC	The quick and sweeping actions that decimated the agency and dismantled the bulk of its \$40 billion foreign aid programs had the hallmarks of a relatively unknown member of the new Trump administration: Pete Marocco. Marocco was appointed as the Director of Foreign Assistance at the State Department and Deputy Administrator for USAID. His signature appeared on many of the administration's directives, including orders to cancel 5,200 of USAID's anti-poverty and health-care programs and to shrink the agency's workforce to a couple of hundred people. — "He was hell bent like he is today on finding and validating his preconceived notion that [foreign aid] is all corrupt, it's all dirty," said a former senior official who worked with Morocco at USAID. As he pursued that vision at USAID in 2020, according to more than half a dozen current and former USAID officials, Morocco established a confrontational style in the workplace, bullying heads with more senior Trump political appointees, including ambassadors, who held a different view of U.S. foreign aid — as an extension of American power and a key element of its diplomacy and defense.	https://www.rbcnews.com/health/health-news/cdc-pulling-back-11b-cov	2025/03/26
What to know about U.S. measles cases as outbreak worsens	Health- Measles	In 2024, the U.S. recorded 285 measles cases and no deaths from the disease, per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). But slathering or getting rid of the payments would be a big financial hit for providers, and especially hospitals, who vehemently disagree that the payments are wasteful. State-directed payment arrangements approved as of last August are projected to cost more than \$110 billion per year, a nearly 60% increase over cost projections from early 2023.	https://www.axios.com/2025/02/28/measles-outbreak-texas-infection-3a	2025/03/26
Conservatives push to cut extra Medicaid payments to hospitals	Health- Medicaid	A small portion of these arrangements are driving most of the increase, according to independent Medicaid advisers to Congress. The text message debate over the U.S. attacks on the Houthis is the latest example that Vice President Vance is the Trump team's chief antagonist of Europe — both publicly and behind the scenes. It's unusual for a VP to become such a lightning rod on foreign policy — especially so early in a presidency. But the text discussion among U.S. officials before this week's strikes shows the depth of Vance's belief that America gives too much support to Europe — a conviction Vance believes is inelastic and often run by corrupt elites. "3 percent of US trade runs through the suz," Vance texted in the chat. "40 percent of European trade does."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/26/congress-medicare-payments-hosp	2025/03/26
Vance's anti-Europe obsession runs deep in texting debate	International Relations	Canada has updated its travel advisory for the U.S. following the Trump administration's immigration crackdown. By the numbers: About one million "snowbirds" visit the U.S. every year, according to the Canadian Snowbird Association. A network of companies operated by a secretive Chinese tech firm has been trying to recruit recently laid-off U.S. government workers, according to job ads and a researcher who uncovered the campaign. Max Lesser, a senior analyst on emerging threats with the Washington-based think tank Foundation for Defense of Democracies, said some companies placing recruitment ads were "part of a broader network of fake consulting and headhunting firms targeting former government employees and AI researchers."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/26/vance-anti-europe-obsession	2025/03/26
Canada joins other countries in updating travel advisories for U.S.	International Relations	The U.S. reached agreements with Russia and Ukraine on ensuring "safe navigation" in the Black Sea and on "developing measures for implementing" a ban on strikes against energy facilities in Russia and Ukraine, the White House said on Tuesday. The Ukrainian defense ministry confirmed an agreement was reached on an unconditional ceasefire in the Black Sea. Shortly after, the Kremlin issued a statement laying out new conditions and stressing its agreement to the ceasefire is contingent on lifting of some of the sanctions imposed on Russia. 1. Like Trump and RPK, Jr., being a celebrity is part of his career path. 2. The future of Medicaid is up in the air. 3. Oz's plans for Medicare are fuzzy. 4. He thinks being healthy is a "patronic duty." 5. He's widely expected to be confirmed.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/25/canada-us-travel-advisory-updated-	2025/03/26
Exclusive: Secretive Chinese network tries to lure fired federal workers, research shows	International Relations	The U.S. reached agreements with Russia and Ukraine on ensuring "safe navigation" in the Black Sea and on "developing measures for implementing" a ban on strikes against energy facilities in Russia and Ukraine, the White House said on Tuesday. The Ukrainian defense ministry confirmed an agreement was reached on an unconditional ceasefire in the Black Sea. Shortly after, the Kremlin issued a statement laying out new conditions and stressing its agreement to the ceasefire is contingent on lifting of some of the sanctions imposed on Russia. 1. Like Trump and RPK, Jr., being a celebrity is part of his career path. 2. The future of Medicaid is up in the air. 3. Oz's plans for Medicare are fuzzy. 4. He thinks being healthy is a "patronic duty." 5. He's widely expected to be confirmed.	https://www.reuters.com/world/china/secretive-chinese-network-tries-lu	2025/03/26 Government jobs
Russia lays out new conditions after U.S. says, ceasefire in the Black Sea was agreed	International- Russia	So when the California biotech firm announced in a statement this week that it had entered the federal bankruptcy process with the goal of finding a buyer, one question was raised for the more than 15 million users of the service: What's going to happen to my data? Ivana Ilic Sunderic had never heard anything quite so alarming and disturbing at a protest as the sound that broke a commemorative silence during a huge anti-government rally in Serbia's capital, Belgrade. It was "a subdued sound lasting only 2-3 seconds but very unusual and very frightening, like a sound from hell," she said. Ilic Sunderic was not alone in describing the panic. Hundreds of others have offered similar accounts, triggering accusations that the police, military or security services under the tight control of authoritarian Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic used an acoustic crowd control weapon to target peaceful protesters.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/25/russia-ukraine-black-sea-ceasfire-3e	2025/03/26
5 things to know as Dr. Oz gets one step closer to leading Medicare and Medicaid	Political- Ceasepol	The weapons, which are illegal in Serbia, emit sound waves which can trigger sharp ear pain, disorientation, eardrum ruptures or even irreversible hearing damage. When Marty Makary officially became Food and Drug Administration commissioner Tuesday night, he inherited the explosive matter of misperstone access — an issue that hung over and complicated his confirmation process. Even studying the safety of the medication, which many studies have found is safe and effective, could immediately draw criticism from Democrats and the scientific community. But anti-abortion groups, who argue there are no major safety concerns with the pill, generally want restrictions on its use reimposed by the FDA, including an in-person dispensing requirement, to eliminate tele-prescribing. Some have argued that the agency's approval of the drug should be revoked altogether.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/03/25/g-a1-556796	2025/03/26
How to delete your 23andMe data after the company filed for bankruptcy	Privacy	The weapons, which are illegal in Serbia, emit sound waves which can trigger sharp ear pain, disorientation, eardrum ruptures or even irreversible hearing damage. When Marty Makary officially became Food and Drug Administration commissioner Tuesday night, he inherited the explosive matter of misperstone access — an issue that hung over and complicated his confirmation process. Even studying the safety of the medication, which many studies have found is safe and effective, could immediately draw criticism from Democrats and the scientific community. But anti-abortion groups, who argue there are no major safety concerns with the pill, generally want restrictions on its use reimposed by the FDA, including an in-person dispensing requirement, to eliminate tele-prescribing. Some have argued that the agency's approval of the drug should be revoked altogether.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/25/mx-a1-5339655/how-delete-23andme-d	2025/03/26
Like a sound from hell? Was an illegal sonic weapon used on protesters in Serbia?	Protest	The weapons, which are illegal in Serbia, emit sound waves which can trigger sharp ear pain, disorientation, eardrum ruptures or even irreversible hearing damage. When Marty Makary officially became Food and Drug Administration commissioner Tuesday night, he inherited the explosive matter of misperstone access — an issue that hung over and complicated his confirmation process. Even studying the safety of the medication, which many studies have found is safe and effective, could immediately draw criticism from Democrats and the scientific community. But anti-abortion groups, who argue there are no major safety concerns with the pill, generally want restrictions on its use reimposed by the FDA, including an in-person dispensing requirement, to eliminate tele-prescribing. Some have argued that the agency's approval of the drug should be revoked altogether.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/26/mx-a1-5341188/sonic-weapon-serbia-3v	2025/03/26
FDA commissioner's abortion pill minefield	Reproductive rights	Threading the needle between both sides will be impossible. A Republican-backed bill touted as an attempt to bring clarity to Kentucky's near-total abortion ban was vetoed Tuesday by Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear, who said it would do the opposite by undermining the judgment of doctors while further imperiling the lives of pregnant women in emergency situations. Beshear, an abortion-rights supporter who is seen as a potential candidate for the White House in 2028, followed the advice of abortion-rights supporters who urged the governor to reject the measure. Kentucky's GOP supermajority legislature will have a chance to override Beshear's veto when lawmakers reconvene Thursday for the final two days of this year's 30-day session.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/26/3e-abortion-pill-minefield-makary	2025/03/26
Kentucky governor vetoes GOP abortion bill, says it undermines doctors and endangers pregnant women	Reproductive rights	Trump said on Truth Social his administration believes this is "the farthest-reaching executive action taken in the history" of the U.S. to "Secure our Elections" — and it's likely to face legal challenges, with Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold's (D) among those already calling the order "unlawful." While Trump's order is called "Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections," UCLA law professor Rick Hasen wrote in a Tuesday blog post the action was an "executive power grab" that would disenfranchise "millions" of voters. "The aim here is voter suppression pure and simple," Hasen said. The order calls for updating the federal form voters can use to register to vote, to include a requirement that voters show proof of citizenship, like a passport, to a local or state official. Voting rights advocates, however, warn outdated databases can erroneously list naturalized citizens as noncitizens. Past efforts by states to purge noncitizens from voter rolls have sometimes swept up eligible U.S. citizens. Yet Republicans have made requiring documentary proof of citizenship a policy priority. The executive order borrows heavily from the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, known as the SAVE Act, a Republican-backed bill. House Republicans have signaled that they intend to pass it in their chamber but it faces difficult odds in the Sen. Senate. Noncitizen voting, which is already a felony in federal elections that can lead to prison time and deportation, is exceedingly rare. Still, Trump falsely claimed in 2024 that it might happen in large enough numbers to sway the outcome of the presidential race, and it has been a top conservative priority in recent months.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kentucky-governor-vetoes-gop-abortion-7	2025/03/26
Trump signs order to overhaul federal elections process	Voting Fucker	While Trump's order is called "Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections," UCLA law professor Rick Hasen wrote in a Tuesday blog post the action was an "executive power grab" that would disenfranchise "millions" of voters. "The aim here is voter suppression pure and simple," Hasen said. The order calls for updating the federal form voters can use to register to vote, to include a requirement that voters show proof of citizenship, like a passport, to a local or state official. Voting rights advocates, however, warn outdated databases can erroneously list naturalized citizens as noncitizens. Past efforts by states to purge noncitizens from voter rolls have sometimes swept up eligible U.S. citizens. Yet Republicans have made requiring documentary proof of citizenship a policy priority. The executive order borrows heavily from the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, known as the SAVE Act, a Republican-backed bill. House Republicans have signaled that they intend to pass it in their chamber but it faces difficult odds in the Sen. Senate. Noncitizen voting, which is already a felony in federal elections that can lead to prison time and deportation, is exceedingly rare. Still, Trump falsely claimed in 2024 that it might happen in large enough numbers to sway the outcome of the presidential race, and it has been a top conservative priority in recent months.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/25/trump-elections-executive-order-3d	2025/03/26
Trump's new executive order could upend voting	Voting Fucker	A federal judge has decided not to order temporary air conditioning be installed in all Texas prisons, allowing a lawsuit against the state to move forward while admitting that the problem will be costly to fix. In an order issued late Wednesday, U.S. District Court Judge Robert Pitman agreed inmates who sued the state could win their case once it moves ahead and said the conditions behind bars are unconstitutional.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/26/g-a1-559277/trump-voting-citizenship-ex	2025/03/26
Trump's executive order on elections is far-reaching. But will it actually stick?	Voting Fucker	A federal judge has decided not to order temporary air conditioning be installed in all Texas prisons, allowing a lawsuit against the state to move forward while admitting that the problem will be costly to fix. In an order issued late Wednesday, U.S. District Court Judge Robert Pitman agreed inmates who sued the state could win their case once it moves ahead and said the conditions behind bars are unconstitutional.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-executive-order-elections-far-004	2025/03/26
Federal judge says heat in Texas prisons is unconstitutional, does not order immediate A/C	ACAB	The Court's view of the excessive heat is likely serving as a form of unconstitutional punishment," Judge Robert Pitman wrote in an order issued late Wednesday. After a University of Washington lab technician and green card holder was recently detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, her family is speaking out. Lewellyn Owen, 34, who's had legal permanent status in the U.S. for 50 years, was arrested at the airport in Seattle and placed into ICE custody after coming back from a trip to her native Philippines in late February. She has a hearing scheduled for July, but her loved ones are calling for her release, telling NBC News that she is the glue that holds the family together.	https://www.kut.org/texas/2025-03-26/texas-prison-heat-lawsuit-federal	2025/03/27
Family calls for release of woman legally in U.S. for 50	Borders and immigration	After a University of Washington lab technician and green card holder was recently detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, her family is speaking out. Lewellyn Owen, 34, who's had legal permanent status in the U.S. for 50 years, was arrested at the airport in Seattle and placed into ICE custody after coming back from a trip to her native Philippines in late February. She has a hearing scheduled for July, but her loved ones are calling for her release, telling NBC News that she is the glue that holds the family together.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/family-calls-release-woman-legally-1566	2025/03/27

Trump's move to end an immigration program hits a powerful Republican base of voters	Borders and immigration	The Trump administration's decision last week to revoke temporary legal status for thousands of Cuban immigrants is pulling Cuban American Republicans, most of whom vocally support the president, in the difficult political position of either backing an end to a popular program in their community — or disagreeing with Trump.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-move-end-immigration-program-1	2025/03/27
Appeals court sides with judge who blocked deportations under wartime authority	Borders and immigration	A three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has denied the White House's push to restart deportations under a rarely used wartime authority. By a vote of 2 to 1, the judges on Wednesday left in place a lower court order that temporarily blocked the Trump administration from quickly deporting alleged Venezuelan gang members under the Alien Enemies Act of 1798.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/26/us-1-56392/appeals-circuit-alien-enem	2025/03/27
Judge says Justice Department attacked her character to 'impugn the integrity of US judicial system'	Constitutional Crisis	A federal judge in Washington who has caught the ire of President Trump for his role in the case involving the deportation of alleged gang members will also preside over a case involving the administration's use of a messaging app to discuss military operations. Chief Judge James Boasberg will oversee a new lawsuit brought against several senior national security officials after a reporter was unintentionally added to a Signal group chat where the planned bombing of Houli targets in Yemen was discussed. Intelligence experts say the use of the chat group to discuss such operational matters is highly unusual. The White House denies that the matters discussed were classified.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-says-justice-department-attacked-2	2025/03/27
Federal judge who drew Trump's anger picks up new case against administration	Constitutional Crisis	Elon Musk's crackpot team of engineers is probing the mystery of how President Donald Trump's national security adviser accidentally added a journalist to an unsecured group chat discussing potentially classified military intelligence.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/26/us-1-5341540/boasberg-trump-signal	2025/03/27
Elon Musk's DOGE Goons Ordered to Probe War Chat Trainwreck	Dumb and Dumber	"What was the technical glitch? These thumbs. These thumbs added you, and that's the technical glitch," CNN political commentator Ashley Allison said during a Tuesday round-table discussion on the investigation. "Talk about waste, fraud, and abuse," Allison added.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-doge-goons-ordered-1203233	2025/03/27
Trump blasts 'witch hunt' as Yemen chat scandal mounts	Dumb and Dumber	US President Donald Trump on Wednesday dismissed a scandal over leaked plans for Yemen air strikes as a "witch hunt" and defended his embattled Pentagon chief and calls for a death penalty for him to quit.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/magazine-publishes-us-attack-plan-1330	2025/03/27
U.S. intel leaders are grilled again about the leaked Signal chat as more details emerge	Dumb and Dumber	"The conversation was candid and sensitive," but no classified information was shared, Gabbard said. She added, "There were no sources, methods, locations or war plans that were shared." "I've seen things much less sensitive be presented to us with high classification," said Rep. Joaquín Castro, D-Texas. "And to say that it isn't a lie to the country."	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/26/us-1-5341358/intelligence-leaders-sig	2025/03/27
How Europeans are reacting to the Yemen war plans group chat	Dumb and Dumber	The revelation that senior intelligence and defense officials in the Trump administration discussed details of a military operation in Yemen on a Signal app group chat has prompted a variety of reactions across Europe, including an acknowledgment that the scornful tone about Europe that administration officials employed will simply cement a continuing deterioration of trans-Atlantic ties. "I think what might be a shock," says Olivia O'Sullivan, director of the U.K. in the World Programme at the Chatham House think tank in London, "is this sense of a deeper anti-Europe feeling — not just frustration that Europe isn't shouldering practical burdens, which, after all, still betrays this sense that we are part of an alliance together, that we share values; this sense that voices very close to the president making these momentous decisions are kind of fundamentally opposed to the way Europeans see itself or its values."	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/26/us-1-56663/signal-yemen-war-plans-eu	2025/03/27
An unbelievable cocktail of incompetence: a U.S. representative on Signal messages	Dumb and Dumber	Rep. Jim Himes of Connecticut, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, told Morning Edition that the information shared in the text exchange should have been classified "at the highest levels." "This is just an unbelievable cocktail of incompetence and [an] awful handling of critical information," Himes said.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/26/us-1-5338796/atlantic-releases-texts	2025/03/27
The Atlantic's Jeffrey Goldberg says 'public interest' served by full Signal chat release	Dumb and Dumber	But the leak of operational details lands a little differently with military veterans and especially with active-duty troops, who can be discharged and prosecuted for much lower-level leaks. Security breaches like what happened in the Signal group chat are called "spillage" by the military. "What typically happens in a spillage as serious as this is they're immediately fired," says Kevin Carroll, who served 20 years in the Army, and in the CIA, and at the Department of Homeland Security in the first Trump administration. He says there's no doubt what would have happened to an active-duty officer who had participated in the Signal chat.	https://www.wbur.org/hershanow/2025/03/26/jeffrey-goldberg-the-atla	2025/03/27
Trump officials downplay the Signal leak. Some military members see a double standard	Dumb and Dumber	An unstoppable force — President Trump's famed "never back down" mentality — has met an immovable object: the cold, hard Signalgate receipts published by The Atlantic.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/27/us-1-5341552/signal-leak-military-dou	2025/03/27
Signalgate scrambles MAGA's messaging machine	Dumb and Dumber	The MAGA movement's ability to bend reality through brute force is facing its stiffest test yet, courtesy of the most explosive and widely read story of Trump's second term.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/signal-scandal-trump-maga-influenc	2025/03/27
Walmart CEO Doug McMillon says customers are exhibiting 'stressed behaviors'—and it's already tanked the company's valuation by \$22 billion	Economy-Stress	Consumer confidence is falling and it's hurting retailers big and small. It has even come for the world's largest retailer, Walmart, which lost nearly \$22 billion off its valuation on Tuesday.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/walmart-ceo-doug-mcmillon-says-1722	2025/03/27
9 million student loan borrowers are about to see their credit scores drop	Economy-student loans	Uncertainty about the economy can be partly to blame. Consumer confidence hit a 12-year low and concerns about tariffs and inflation, the Conference Board reported Tuesday. This was the fourth consecutive month consumer confidence fell. The index fell to 65.2, which is "well below the threshold of 80 that usually signals a recession ahead."	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/9-million-student-loan-borrowers-are-a	2025/03/27
Trump imposes sweeping auto tariffs in latest trade crackdown	Economy-Tariffs	Borrowers have been required to make normal monthly payments on their student loans for well over a year, since the Biden administration ended the COVID-era pause on the program. But they temporarily benefited from a so-called "onboarding" phase, during which loan servicers were not allowed to report late or missed payments to credit agencies.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/26/trump-tariffs-autos-cars	2025/03/27
Dynamic hurricane season predicted for Atlantic in 2025	Environment-Hurricane	For those who are behind, the impact on their creditworthiness could be significant. In its report, the New York Fed's researchers found that a student loan delinquency can knock more than 150 points from the FICO score of someone with around average credit. For subprime borrowers — those with scores below 660 — it can subtract 87 points.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dynamic-hurricane-season-predicted-atla-2025	2025/03/27
Tech issues hit DOGE's 9 things' email requirement for federal employees	Fuck that guy	President Trump on Wednesday announced 25% tariffs on autos and auto parts that are not produced in the U.S., effective April 2.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tech-issues-hit-doge-5-205159600.html	2025/03/27
Top Republicans say they're out of the loop as DOGE dismantles Social Security Administration	Fuck that guy	The auto industry has always loomed as one of the biggest potential casualties of the administration's trade policies, and these levies threaten to put new pressure on consumers as prices inevitably rise.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/top-republicans-theyre-loop-doge-150136	2025/03/27
DOGE says it needs to know the government's most sensitive data, but can't say why	Fuck that guy	The Atlantic hurricane season is fast approaching, and early indications have forecasters worried that it will have similarities to the 2024 season, which was one of the most devastating and costliest on record.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/26/us-1-5338842/doge-data-access-priv	2025/03/27
Lawmakers were set to bring over \$15 billion back to their home states. Then Congress passed the GOP's government funding bill.	Government funding	"A rapid intensification of storms will likely be a major story yet again this year as sea-surface temperatures and ocean heat content (OHC) across most of the basin are forecast to be well above average," D'Adina said. The OHC measures not only the temperature of the water but also how deep the warm water extends. A deep pool of warm water provides much more fuel for hurricanes than a shallow layer of warmth near the ocean's surface.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lawmakers-were-set-bring-over-1447267	2025/03/27
Senate Republicans warn to hiking the debt limit in their upcoming party-line bill	Government funding	A number of employees across multiple agencies have received bounce-back emails indicating that the mailbox they were directed to email at the Office of Personnel Management is full, thus preventing them from sending their reports, according to multiple emails received by ABC News.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-republicans-warn-hiking-debt-185	2025/03/27
Former Social Security Chief Courts Florida Seniors Enraged by Musk's Cuts	Government-SSA	Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency is moving to dismantle the Social Security Administration with office closures, cutbacks on phone services and new rules requiring in-person visits for future prospective beneficiaries to register.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/26/social-security-cuts-doge-phone-t	2025/03/27
Social Security postpones and partially rolls back ID changes	Government-SSA	Any DOGE is making those changes without consulting or notifying some of the most senior lawmakers on Capitol Hill who oversee Social Security, including GOP allies of President Donald Trump.		

		The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld a Biden-era federal regulation that essentially bans manufacturers from selling so-called ghost guns. These are build-it-yourself gun kits, mainly bought online, that include all the parts of a gun but are untraceable because, when assembled, they have no serial numbers.		
Supreme Court upholds federal regulation banning 'ghost guns'	Guns- Laws	Writing for the court majority, Justice Neil Gorsuch said that under the broad language of the 1968 Gun Control Act, the ATF was well within its authority in requiring those who make or sell gun kits to mark their products with serial numbers, keep records of their sales, and conduct background checks on buyers. None of these requirements was in place for unmarked guns prior to 2022, and as Gorsuch pointed out, the consequence was an explosion of ghost guns found at crime scenes across the country. Indeed, in 2017 law enforcement agencies submitted only about 1,600 ghost guns to the federal government for tracing, but by 2021, that number had jumped to 19,000. The Trump administration is canceling billions of dollars in grant funding to state and local health departments without warning, throwing their programs into disarray. The move casts doubt on states' ability to continue substance use disorder support programs and prevent emerging infectious diseases, among other efforts.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/26/us-s-1-5341404/supreme-court-ghost-guns	2025/03/27
Trump admin cancels over \$12B in health care grants	Health Funding	West Virginia will no longer allow the sale of food products that use any of seven listed food dyes or two preservatives effective Jan. 1, 2028. The new regulations signed into law Monday by Gov. Patrick Morrisey (R) will also ban schools from using the additives in meals by this fall.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/trump-admin-cancels-state-health-grants	2025/03/27
West Virginia governor signs ban on food dyes	Health- Food dye	Unvaccinated children with measles are experiencing complications due to an alternative treatment promoted by the anti-vaxer in charge of our nation's healthcare. As the New York Times reports, overuse of Vitamin A — health secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s purported measles cure, alongside cod liver oil, which contains the same vitamin — has led to liver damage and yellowed skin in children infected with measles.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/west-virginia-governor-signs-ban-153924	2025/03/27
Parents Followed RFK Jr.'s Crackpot Advice and Had to Send Their Kids to the Hospital With Yellowed Skin	Health-misinformation	It seems the political scion's endorsement of the supplement also translated to a belief that taking it preventively can help protect children from infection. As the NYT notes, taking too much Vitamin A is especially dangerous because, unlike other vitamins, it stays stored in the fat and isn't flushed out the urine. Ultimately, overuse can lead to Vitamin A toxicity, which can cause everything from headaches and nausea to the yellow-hued skin and liver issues doctors are seeing in their unvaccinated patients.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/parents-followed-rfk-jr-s-crackpot-180420	2025/03/27
Kansas lawmakers want to loosen vaccine requirements amid a measles outbreak in the state	Health-vaccines	An outbreak of measles in southwest Kansas continues to grow. State health data shows 23 people in six counties have tested positive for measles since the start of this year. Data released on Wednesday showed the number of cases and counties affected by the spread have doubled. The ongoing spread of the illness in Kansas comes as state lawmakers in Topeka are considering a bill that includes loosening vaccine requirements in child care regulations. - Republicans say they've lost trust in NPR and PBS to provide balanced coverage. - Public criticism from a former NPR editor acted as a blueprint for Republicans. - Democrats say Republicans are trying to distract from real news and shut down contrary opinions. - Lawmakers heard that public broadcasting is the only source of news and emergency broadcasts in some parts of the country.	https://www.kcur.org/health/2025-03-25/kansas-lawmakers-want-to-loo	2025/03/27
4 lawmakers from PBS and NPR's testimony on Capitol Hill	Information Blackout	Brazil's former President Jair Bolsonaro must stand trial over an alleged coup plot to overturn his 2022 election loss to successor Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, the country's Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/bolsonaro-brasil-coup-attempt-trial-4	2025/03/27
Bolsonaro must stand trial over alleged coup plot, Brazil's top court rules	International-Brazil	Under President Trump, the Justice Department is beginning to step away from legal actions that had begun during the Biden administration to combat racial discrimination in elections. This month, attorneys for the U.S. government dropped two lawsuits over the rights of voters of color in Southern states. Weeks earlier, the Justice Department withdrew a request to take part in Monday's Supreme Court oral arguments for a Louisiana constitutional redistricting case that some legal experts fear could further weaken the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965. Utah Gov. Spencer Cox has signed a bill that makes sweeping changes to the state's popular mail voting program, including removing a grace period for postmarked ballots that arrive after Election Day.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/26/us-1-5339591/npr-cha-congress-hear	2025/03/27
Under Trump, the Justice Department is stepping away from some voting rights cases	Voting Fuckery	The new law is part of a larger effort by Republicans to limit the window in which mail ballots can be counted during an election.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/27/us-1-5332178/utah-mail-voting-law	2025/03/27
A new Utah law is Republicans' latest effort to limit mail ballot return	Voting Fuckery	Federal immigration enforcement has turned to college campuses, where it is targeting those who have expressed pro-Palestinian views in a strategy First Amendment and immigration advocates say is stifling free speech. A senior State Department official previously told Axios' Marc Caputo that more than 300 foreign students have had their student visas revoked in the three weeks since Rubio's "Catch and Release" program began operations. What he's saying "We do it every day," Rubio said during a press conference in Guyana Thursday. "Every time I find one of these lunatics, I take away their visa."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/rubio-state-department-more-than-3	2025/03/28
Rubio says U.S. may have pulled more than 300 visas	Border and immigration	The Trump administration is standing its ground in the ongoing dispute about whether it willfully violated a court order last week, arguing in a court filing late Tuesday that a federal judge's directive to turn around two deportation flights was not a binding order.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/rubio-state-department-more-than-3	2025/03/28
DOJ contends judge didn't have authority to order return of 2 deportation flights	Border and immigration	The Atlantic published the full sequence of texts among President Donald Trump's top national security officials discussing pending military strikes against Houthi militants in Yemen in mid-March — a chain to which The Atlantic's editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg was accidentally added. Even as President Donald Trump insisted "it's not really an FBI thing," the reality is that the FBI and Justice Department for decades have been responsible for enforcing Espionage Act statutes governing the mishandling — whether intentional or negligent — of national defense information like the kind shared on Signal, a publicly available app that provides encrypted communications but is not approved for classified information. The Justice Department has broad discretion to open an investigation, though it remains unclear whether Attorney General Pam Bondi, who introduced Trump at a Justice Department event this month, would authorize such an inquiry. Trump administration officials insist that the details shared were not classified, though the Espionage Act technically criminalizes the mishandling of any information deemed to be closely held national defense information even if not classified.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/rubio-state-department-more-than-3	2025/03/28
Announcing the Trump administration's Yemen war plans from their Signal group chat	Dumb and Dumber	When Atlantic magazine editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg expressed what is being called "Signalgate" —reporting on a group chat he got national defense information even if not classified. When Atlantic magazine editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg expressed what is being called "Signalgate" —reporting on a group chat he got national defense information even if not classified.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/rubio-state-department-more-than-3	2025/03/28
Trump says Signal chat isn't 'really an FBI thing.' The FBI has a long history of such inquiries	Dumb and Dumber	When Atlantic magazine editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg expressed what is being called "Signalgate" —reporting on a group chat he got national defense information even if not classified. When Atlantic magazine editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg expressed what is being called "Signalgate" —reporting on a group chat he got national defense information even if not classified.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/rubio-state-department-more-than-3	2025/03/28
Why Jeffrey Goldberg Was Taking a Big Risk in Breaking the 'Signalgate' Story	Dumb and Dumber	But for some within the West Wing, there was a sense of a serious mistake. Many in the administration recall the stopgapness and chaos of Trump's first term and have prided themselves on conducting a smoother and more professional operation so far this time around. The episode with the group chat evoked the disorganization of Trump 1.0, officials said. When Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt took to X this morning to downplay the contents of the thread, some Trump allies privately expressed fear that she was opening up the White House to further problems. If the facts did not ultimately match her characterization, there was less immediate scrutiny of Hegseth among Trump allies, the defense secretary resonates with the president's taste in a way that Waltz does not. Still, the two officials told me that—unless the story truly snowballs in the days ahead—Trump is unlikely to push out his national security adviser. Opics, and not national security, are paramount in Trump's reasoning.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/rubio-state-department-more-than-3	2025/03/28
Trump Goes After the Messenger	Dumb and Dumber	Now that the group chat coagula has made headlines and its alleged members are busy being grilled by the Senate Intelligence Committee, we're here to ask the important question: Who the hell did Waltz think "JG" was when he added him to the group? Trump on Tuesday blamed "one of Michael's people on the phone" for Goldberg's inclusion, but even if that's true, that doesn't explain who they thought that third participant was. If the working group was really as "small" as the title claims, wouldn't it be weird if a key person just ghosted on them?	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/rubio-state-department-more-than-3	2025/03/28
If Not Atlantic Editor Jeff Goldberg, Who Did Pete Hegseth's Group Chat Think "JG" Was?	Dumb and Dumber	The federal judge hearing the lawsuit over the Trump administration's Signal chat scandal set a Monday deadline for the government to explain how it will preserve the vanishing messages in question on the app. Public watchdog American Oversight sued to preserve the records after top security officials inadvertently added the editor-in-chief of The Atlantic to their chat on Signal, which deletes messages after a set period of time.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/signal-chat-case-judge-messages	2025/03/28
Signal chat records must be preserved, federal judge tells Trump administration	Dumb and Dumber	It's what happened to a longtime Department of Homeland Security employee who told colleagues she inadvertently sent unclassified details of an upcoming Immigration and Customs Enforcement operation to a journalist in late January, according to former ICE chief of staff Jason Houser, one former DHS official and one current DHS official. (The two officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they do not want to endanger their current or future career opportunities.) But unlike Waltz and Hegseth, who both remain in their jobs, the career DHS employee was put on administrative leave and told late last week that the agency intends to revoke her security clearance, the officials said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/signal-chat-case-judge-messages	2025/03/28
A DHS staffer faces serious punishment for accidentally adding a reporter to a group email	Dumb and Dumber	The Atlantic on Tuesday published the full contents of what Goldberg and other members of the chat received from Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth roughly two hours before airstrikes began against Houthi targets in Yemen. The message includes specific information on timing, aircraft, and numbers of the operation — information that would normally be highly classified and only distributed through secure communication channels. "Hegseth is doing a great job, he had nothing to do with this," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office, despite screenshots showing the defense secretary sharing plans for U.S. strikes in Yemen with the Signal chat earlier this month. Trump continued, "Hegseth? How do you bring Hegseth into it? He had nothing to do with it. Look, look — it's all a witch hunt."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/signal-chat-case-judge-messages	2025/03/28
Trump Says Pete Hegseth Had 'Nothing To Do' With War Plans That Hegseth Texted to Journalist	Dumb and Dumber	People in the EU are being advised to stockpile enough food, water and essentials for 72 hours as part of a European strategy that aims to increase readiness for catastrophic floods and fires, pandemics and military attacks. "We are saying to member states: 72 hours of self-sufficiency is what we recommend," Hagia Lahbib, the European commissioner for preparedness and crisis management, told reporters. Asked about what citizens should stockpile, she referred to a video on her social media, in which she presents an emergency bag. The US could be plunged back into an era of toxic acid rain, an environmental problem thought to have been solved decades ago, due to the Donald Trump administration's rollback of pollution protections, the scientist who discovered the existence of acid rain in North America has warned. While drastic improvements in America's air quality have seemingly consigned acid rain to a problem belonging to a bygone era, Likens said if rules curbing toxic emissions from power plants, cars and trucks are aggressively scaled back, the specter of old acid rain again looms in the US. A 7.7 magnitude earthquake rocked Thailand and neighboring Myanmar midday on Friday, killing at least three people in Bangkok and burying dozens when a high-rise building under construction collapsed, and prompting Myanmar to declare a widespread state of emergency.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/signal-chat-case-judge-messages	2025/03/28
Stockpile 72 hours of supplies in case of disaster or attack, EU tells citizens	Emergency Prep	Myanmar's military-run government declared a state of emergency in six regions and states, including the coastal Naypyaw and Mandalay, but with the country in the midst of a prolonged bloody civil war it was not clear how help would get to many regions.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/signal-chat-case-judge-messages	2025/03/28
US could see return of acid rain if pollution rules are quashed, says scientist who first discovered it	Environment-Acid rain	The Red Cross said downed power lines are adding to challenges for their teams trying to reach Mandalay and Sagaying regions and southern Shan state. The International Seabed Authority (ISA) has worked for more than a decade to draw up regulations for a future deep-sea mining industry. Those efforts continued this week as negotiators from around the world convened at ISA headquarters in Kingston, Jamaica. Now, though, one mining firm says it plans to move forward — with or without a rulebook in place. The Metals Company, a Canadian startup, says it will seek approval this year to launch the world's first deep-sea mine in the eastern Pacific Ocean, by working with one of the few countries that never joined the ISA: the United States. By 2030, Coca-Cola products will account for an estimated 602m kilograms of plastic waste entering the world's oceans and waterways each year, according to a stark new analysis published Wednesday by the non-profit Oceana. That is enough plastic to fill the stomachs of 18m whales. As a complex storm system unfolds, AccuWeather meteorologists warn that daily rounds of severe weather, including the risk of tornadoes, will first develop over the Mississippi Valley this weekend then shift toward the Atlantic coast by early next week. While the situation is not quite as volatile as some prior severe weather outbreaks this month, where there have been more than 1,500 preliminary incidents of severe weather, including more than 220 tornadoes, the daily events can escalate to put a number of lives in danger and pose a significant risk to property.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/signal-chat-case-judge-messages	2025/03/28
Earthquake rocks Thailand and Myanmar, triggering the collapse of a Bangkok high-rise	Environment-Earthquake	The wildfire burning Thursday in western North Carolina is now the "highest priority fire in the U.S.," the state Forest Service said as millions of residents across the parched region remained under alert for wildfires.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/signal-chat-case-judge-messages	2025/03/28
There's no rulebook for deep-sea mining. One company wants to push forward anyway	Environment-Mining			
Coca-Cola plastic waste in oceans expected to reach 602m kilograms a year by 2030	Environment-Pollution			
At least 100 million at risk for severe weather from Saturday to Monday	Environment-Severe Weather			
Blaze scorching western North Carolina is now 'highest priority fire in the US'	Environment-Wildfires			

Doge shutters federal workplace mediator agency after Trump order	Fuck that guy	The Elon Musk-run "department of government efficiency" (Doge) in effect shuttered a 70-year-old federal agency that mediates labor disputes on Wednesday – saving an estimated 0.014% of the federal budget. "This is a revolution, and I think it might be the biggest revolution in the government since the original revolution," Musk, flanked by seven DOGE colleagues, told Fox News. He holds "special government employee" status, which means he can work on government business for 130 days in every 365-day period. Fox host Bret Baier asked Musk if he had any plans to stay on past that 130-day window.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/mar/26/doge-labor-agency	2025/03/28
Elon Musk, in first DOGE team interview: 'This is a revolution.'	Fuck that guy	"I think we will have accomplished most of the work required to reduce the deficit by \$1 trillion within that timeframe," he said. President Trump's newly announced 25% import tariffs on foreign cars will increase vehicle prices by thousands of dollars for cars coming from Germany, Japan, and South Korea, as well as for the U.S.-assembled autos that use foreign-made parts, according to most auto industry experts. However, one company likely to fare better than others is Tesla, the electric vehicle manufacturer led by close Trump administration adviser Elon Musk, industry analysts say.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/musk-doge-revolution	2025/03/28
Trump's new tariffs on imported cars could have a clear winner: Tesla	Fuck that guy	On Monday, March 24, Catherine Eschbach, the new head of a civil rights agency within the Labor Department, sent an email to her staff introducing herself and announcing her plans to downsize the agency and investigate whether the work it's been engaged in for decades is constitutional. Eschbach comes to OFCCP after most recently working at private law firm Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, where she represented SpaceX in an ongoing legal battle between SpaceX and the National Labor Relations Board, an independent agency that investigates and adjudicates unfair labor practice charges. The CEO of SpaceX, Elon Musk, is also a senior adviser to President Trump. The NLRB was examining the firings of eight SpaceX employees when the company, represented by lawyers including Eschbach, filed suit last year against the agency arguing that its structure was unconstitutional. The board dropped its opposition to SpaceX's arguments on constitutionality in court after Trump fired one of its members, but it's unclear how or when that case will be resolved.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/27/mus-1-5342460/tariffs-tesla-imports-mu	2025/03/28
A lawyer who represented SpaceX looks to downsize federal contracting watchdog	Fuck that guy	Eschbach comes to OFCCP after most recently working at private law firm Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, where she represented SpaceX in an ongoing legal battle between SpaceX and the National Labor Relations Board, an independent agency that investigates and adjudicates unfair labor practice charges. The CEO of SpaceX, Elon Musk, is also a senior adviser to President Trump. The NLRB was examining the firings of eight SpaceX employees when the company, represented by lawyers including Eschbach, filed suit last year against the agency arguing that its structure was unconstitutional. The board dropped its opposition to SpaceX's arguments on constitutionality in court after Trump fired one of its members, but it's unclear how or when that case will be resolved.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/27/mu-1-5341509/lawyer-represented-mu	2025/03/28
Fired FTC commissioner sounds 'blinking red alarm' over apparent rise of billionaire power under Trump	Fuck that guy	In an interview with the Guardian, Bedoya expressed fear that his firing is a sign of billionaires' growing power over the federal government. "This isn't about progressive versus conservative," he said. "This is about the rule of law versus the rule of billionaires." Hundreds of protests at Tesla showrooms are planned across the US and internationally on Saturday. Organizers have dubbed it Tesla Takedown's Global Day of Action, the latest and largest in a series of demonstrations that began shortly after Donald Trump was inaugurated. Organizers say the rallies will take place in front of more than 200 Tesla locations worldwide, including nearly 50 in California alone.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/28/trump-firing-ftc-ally	2025/03/28
Global anti-Elon Musk protests planned at nearly 200 Tesla showrooms locations	Fuck that guy	Two Senate GOP committee chairs sent letters to top Trump officials on Thursday raising concerns about recent budget cut moves and how a reporter ended up in a group chat in which sensitive military details were shared. Trump's aggressive efforts to slash government spending using executive power and the ongoing Signal group chat scandal have sparked serious concern among some GOP lawmakers.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/28/senate-republicans-letters-trump-sig	2025/03/28
Top Senate Republicans demand answers from Trump	Government Funding			
RFK Jr plans 10,000 job cuts in restructuring of US health department	Government Jobs	US health secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr said on Thursday he will significantly cut the size of the department he leads, reducing about 10,000 full-time jobs and closing regional offices. The Trump administration wants to eliminate the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), reportedly aiming to end its role in funding long-term rebuilding efforts after disaster and seeding communities with funds to prepare emergencies.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/27/rfk-jr-health-depart	2025/03/28
Kristol: Noem looks to scrap FEMA and eliminate funding for emergency ops and long-term rebuilding	Government- FEMA	Officials are looking to rebrand FEMA, put some of its functions under White House control, and narrow the federal role in disaster response to immediate life-saving and providing emergency supplies, while funding states to carry out the rest of its expanded disaster operations. As a result, field offices have gotten so understaffed that managers have doubled up as receptionists, answering calls at the front desk because there aren't enough people to handle the phones, according to the report in the Washington Post. Phone lines have been jammed, with beneficiaries waiting as long as four or five hours to connect with a customer service representative. Congressional offices and the AARP have noted a spike in calls from constituents concerned about their Social Security benefits. The Social Security Administration's website has also crashed several times.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/noem-looks-scrap-fema-eliminate-20250328	2025/03/28
The Social Security crisis, briefly explained	Government- SSA	The current mess was largely anticipated. Martin O'Malley, the former Democratic governor of Maryland who served as Social Security commissioner during the Biden administration, has warned that DOGE's actions threaten to collapse the system and interrupt benefits. Georgia lawmakers are trying to get up to creating a statewide vote date to select information on students who might commit violence, even as they push forward other parts of a school safety bill aimed at preventing a school shooting like the one in September at Apalachee High School.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/social-security-crisis-briefly-explained-17	2025/03/28
Georgia lawmakers won't seek student database after deadly high school shooting	Gun Violence	The push to share information was driven by the belief among many that the Barrow County school system didn't have a full picture of the warning signs displayed by the 14-year-old accused in the fatal shootings of two students and two teachers. But there was loud opposition from both Democratic and Republican constituents that the database would create a permanent blacklist with no due process that could treat racial and religious minorities unfairly.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/georgia-lawmakers-wont-seek-student-09	2025/03/28
The fate of addiction treatment hangs in the balance, with Kennedy's DHS overhaul	Health- Addiction	A little-known federal agency that touches the lives of people across the United States by funding the 588 crisis line, naloxone distribution and addiction treatment may be weakened and possibly eliminated in the proposed overhaul of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Scores of poultry operations in the US have been reinfected by bird flu since 2022, costing hundreds of millions of dollars in federal payouts, according to documents obtained by the Guardian. The recurring outbreaks highlight the need for more aggressive prevention, including poultry vaccination and changes to how poultry is farmed, experts say.	https://agnews.com/articles/the-addiction-mental-health-rf-kennedy-a83	2025/03/28
Bird flu vaccines for US poultry farms highlight need for vaccines, experts say	Health- Bird flu	At least 56 poultry operations, including chicken and turkey farms, in the US have been infected twice by bird flu, according to depopulation and refection records from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Another 17 poultry farms have had three rounds of infections. More than half – 11 – of these farms are located in South Dakota. The others are located in Minnesota, Colorado and North Dakota. The US government payout estimate is more than \$76n to these farms. Up to 2.8 million more children and adults will die from HIV-related causes before 2030 because of aid cuts by countries including the US and Britain, a new study has found. A resurging resurgence of the HIV epidemic would have "devastating consequences" globally, researchers warned, after estimating between 4.4m and 10.8m extra new infections in the next five years due to the cuts.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/mar/28/bird-flu-us-poultry-far	2025/03/28
Aid cuts predicted to cause 2.8 million more HIV-related deaths by 2030 – study	Health- HIV	Up to 2.8 million more children and adults will die from HIV-related causes before 2030 because of aid cuts by countries including the US and Britain, a new study has found. A resurging resurgence of the HIV epidemic would have "devastating consequences" globally, researchers warned, after estimating between 4.4m and 10.8m extra new infections in the next five years due to the cuts.	https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/mar/28/aid-cut	2025/03/28
Exhibit takes visitors inside the annex where Anne Frank lived	History	But this isn't exactly a home — it's a re-creation of the annex where Anne Frank and her family hid from Nazis for more than two years. Currently on display at the Center for Jewish History in New York, it's the first time such an exhibit is available outside of Amsterdam. President Trump signed an executive order Thursday aimed at reshaping the Smithsonian Institution and removing what he deems "improper ideology" from its museums, education and research centers and the National Zoo.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/27/a-1-56607/exhibit-takes-visitors-inside	2025/03/28
Trump targets Smithsonian funding for programs with 'improper ideology'	Information Blackout	Titled "Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History," the order states, "Once widely respected as a symbol of American excellence and a global icon of cultural achievement, the Smithsonian Institution has, in recent years, come under the influence of a divisive, race-centered ideology. This shift has promoted narratives that portray American and Western values as inherently harmful and oppressive." It goes on to say "Museums in our Nation's capital should be places where individuals go to learn – not to be subjected to ideological indoctrination or divisive narratives that do harm to our shared history." Iran delivered a formal written response to President Trump's letter proposing new nuclear talks and threatening consequences if a deal is not reached swiftly. Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Thursday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/28/smithsonian-trump-executive-order	2025/03/28
Iran responds to Trump's nuclear talks proposal as U.S. sends bombers to region	International Relations	Trump and his top advisers have left the door open for talks while also using the threat of military force. No one wants to talk to Usha Vance—at least no one in Greenland. US officials have reportedly been traveling around the Danish-controlled territory looking for locals who wanted to receive a visit from the Second Lady, according to a report from Danish TV 2.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/iran-us-nuclear-talks-trump-letter	2025/03/28
U.S. officials went door-to-door in Greenland to find anyone who wanted to be visited by the Vances. They found no one.	International Relations	Greenlanders' response? No thanks. Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said that Canada's old relationship with the United States, "based on deepening integration of our economies and tight security and military cooperation, is over". Speaking to reporters in Ottawa after a cabinet meeting, Carney said Canadians must "fundamentally reexamine our relationship" in the face of US President Donald Trump's tariffs.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/greenland-response-17	2025/03/28
Canada PM Mark Carney says old relationship with US 'is over'	International- Canada	President Trump's dramatic rug pull of Rep. Elise Stefanik's (R-N.Y.) UN ambassador nomination has given House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) a new series of headaches. Johnson has to reassure GOP lawmakers after their president said he's nervous about a Trump +20 district. He also must reintegrate Stefanik, who was planning to bolt town next week, into a leadership lineup that's full. Stefanik was crushed and scrambled to reverse Trump's decision before he announced on Truth Social, according to people familiar with the matter.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/canada-pm-carney-says-us-relationship-over-1607	2025/03/28
Fallout coming for House GOP over Trump's rug pull on Stefanik	Political Cesspool	Stefanik has waited for months on her nomination due to the House GOP's tiny margin. The Florida special elections are Tuesday, but the administration has gotten cold feet about its margin ahead of crucial votes. The federal government last week suspended delivery of roughly seven truckloads of eggs, dairy and meat headed to Vermont County's regional food bank. The shipments, some of a reported tens of thousands suspended nationwide, were expected within the next few months, said Monica White, president and CEO of Food Share, an Oxnard-based nonprofit. As of last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture changed the status of the roughly 176,000 pounds of food, she said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/28/vice-stefanik-mike-johnson-trump-u	2025/03/28
Trump pulls Elise Stefanik's nomination after last-minute panic	Political Cesspool	Stefanik has waited for months on her nomination due to the House GOP's tiny margin. The Florida special elections are Tuesday, but the administration has gotten cold feet about its margin ahead of crucial votes. The federal government last week suspended delivery of roughly seven truckloads of eggs, dairy and meat headed to Vermont County's regional food bank. The shipments, some of a reported tens of thousands suspended nationwide, were expected within the next few months, said Monica White, president and CEO of Food Share, an Oxnard-based nonprofit. As of last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture changed the status of the roughly 176,000 pounds of food, she said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/trump-elise-stefanik-nomination-on	2025/03/28
Feds suspend truckloads of eggs, milk, meat and cheese headed to Vermont County food bank	Political Cesspool	Bankrupt genetic testing firm 23andMe Holding Co. won permission from a judge to try to sell information about customers' medical and ancestry-related data, a move that is considered the most valuable asset in the industry case — and has become a source of privacy and safety concerns among the company's collapse. A crowd of protesters on each side of the abortion debate flooded a windowless Georgia Capitol hallway Wednesday with chants and signs as lawmakers held a hearing on a bill that would ban the procedure in almost all cases.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/feds-suspend-truckloads-eggs-milk-1430	2025/03/28
Bankrupt 23andMe's DNA Data Gets Seta Nod as Concerns Linger	Privacy	The bill would make most abortions a crime from the point of fertilization, at which point one would be considered a person, and classify the procedure as a homicide. It would expand Georgia's broad "personhood" law, which gives rights such as tax breaks and child support to unborn children. At least five states have personhood laws. Georgia already bans abortions after finding a "detectable human heartbeat," which can happen as early as six weeks into pregnancy, when many women still don't know they are pregnant. Still, a flurry of religious leaders said the measure doesn't go far enough. If you're a foreign leader or a CEO about to meet with President Trump — or if you want to avoid his vengeance — come bearing gifts. Government officials and business leaders around the world have gotten the message and are strategizing about how to give Trump rest or perceived wins to try to smooth out any relationship bumps with the new administration, and avoid economic or legal penalties. Some privately have compared him to a mob boss. Tributes are required, and the shakeabouts come with the full weight of the U.S. government.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/bankrupt-23andme-dna-data-gets-nod-222	2025/03/28
Want good relations with Trump? Bring a gift	Trump Buhfart	The bill would make most abortions a crime from the point of fertilization, at which point one would be considered a person, and classify the procedure as a homicide. It would expand Georgia's broad "personhood" law, which gives rights such as tax breaks and child support to unborn children. At least five states have personhood laws. Georgia already bans abortions after finding a "detectable human heartbeat," which can happen as early as six weeks into pregnancy, when many women still don't know they are pregnant. Still, a flurry of religious leaders said the measure doesn't go far enough. If you're a foreign leader or a CEO about to meet with President Trump — or if you want to avoid his vengeance — come bearing gifts. Government officials and business leaders around the world have gotten the message and are strategizing about how to give Trump rest or perceived wins to try to smooth out any relationship bumps with the new administration, and avoid economic or legal penalties. Some privately have compared him to a mob boss. Tributes are required, and the shakeabouts come with the full weight of the U.S. government.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/28/trump-gifts-good-relations	2025/03/28

		Artificial intelligence is playing an increasingly dominant role in how students navigate school, and some teachers are warning the technology could be hurting their critical thinking skills. ... Parnaby, who teaches A.P. Language and Composition, noted the AP test her students take emphasizes the "concept of a line of reasoning," requiring students to demonstrate critical thinking by constructing logically flowing arguments in their essays. Relying on AI Chatbots take shortcircuiting critical thinking muscles and not developing the ability to produce those kinds of argumentative essays. "It's like expecting to run a mile when you've only ever run a 40-yard dash," Parnaby said.			
Teachers warn AI is impacting students' critical thinking	Technology- AI	Trump administration economic officials had mixed message by consumers Sunday: Tariffs won't raise prices, but even if they do you'll be fine when we cut taxes.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/30/teachers-ai-students-critical-thinking	2025/03/31	
Trump team's message: Don't worry about prices, tax cuts are coming	Trump Economy	Anecdote-driven "soft" economic data has been negative for weeks, and now the "hard" data that shows the underlying performance of the economy is slipping too.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/30/trump-tariffs-taxes-consumer	2025/03/31	
Trump "pissed off" at Putin, threatens new tariffs	International Relations	President Trump said in an interview with NBC News he is "pissed off" with Russian President Vladimir Putin and threatened to put secondary tariffs on Russian oil if he deems it to be "Russia's fault" that a deal is not struck to end the war in Ukraine. "If Russia and I are unable to make a deal on stopping the bloodshed in Ukraine, and if I think it was Russia's fault — which it might not be — but if I think it was Russia's fault, I am going to put secondary tariffs ... on all oil coming out of Russia," he said. There is at least some cross-aisle consensus on the Trump administration's Signal leak that dominated headlines last week. Democrats and at least a couple Republicans agree it warrants further investigation, but they break on what the consequences should be.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/30/trump-putin-ukraine-tariffs	2025/03/31	
Signalgate tensions remain high for some lawmakers	Dumb and dumber	"There's two questions," Lankford said. "One is, how did a reporter get in this conversation? And the second one is, how do members of the administration talk to each other when they're on the road on things that are clearly timely?" In February, the White House began designating the pool of reporters who accompany Trump in light spaces like the Oval Office and Air Force One — another function the WHCA had controlled for generations. WHCA said in response: "In a free country, leaders must not be able to choose their own press corps."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/30/signal-leak-democrats-republicans	2025/03/31	
Scoop: White House to take charge of briefing-room seating chart	Information Blackout	Major legacy outlets will still be included. But expect some to have diminished visibility compared with their customary spots in the first few rows. "We want to balance disruption with responsibility," the official said. The resistance of 2025 may not be wearing a pink knitted cap — but it's alive in town halls, streets, campuses and car dealerships across the country. "One of the miscalculations ... in their flood-the-zone strategy is when you flood the zone, you hit everyone," said Maurice Mitchell, the national director of the progressive Working Families Party.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/30/white-house-press-briefing-seating	2025/03/31	
The Trump 2.0 resistance: Alive, but evolved	Realist	That's brought previously uninvolved people into resistance efforts, Mitchell said. Members of varied local labor organizations, parents concerned about education funding cuts, veterans and even some disaffected Trump voters, among others, have rallied behind shared frustrations, he said. "These are pretty divergent communities of people who didn't have a cause to come together, but have a cause to come together now," he said. President Trump told NBC News Sunday there are methods by which he could serve a third term in the White House — a highly improbable idea some MAGA allies have endorsed. Still Trump, in a Sunday morning call with NBC's Kristen Welker, suggested there are ways he could make a third term happen but added "It is far too early to think about it."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/30/trump-doge-protests-resistance-act	2025/03/31	
Trump says he's "not joking" about seeking a third term	Constitutional Crisis	Welker presented an option by which Vice President Vance would run for office and then pass the presidency off to him, to which Trump replied, "Well, that's one." He continued, "But there are others too. There are others." Asked if he could expand on other options, the president replied, "No." President Trump said in an interview with NBC News nothing is off the table in his desire to acquire Greenland — including "military force."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/30/trump-third-term	2025/03/31	
Trump doesn't rule out military force to acquire Greenland	International Relations	"No, I never take military force off the table," Trump said in a Saturday phone interview with NBC News' Kristen Welker. "But I think there's a good possibility that we could do it without military force." Asked what message annexing Greenland would send to Russian President Vladimir Putin and the rest of the world, the president replied, "I don't really think about that. I don't really care." U.S. Customs and Border Protection has the authority to conduct warrantless device searches at the border, including in international airports, according to the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF). Rose said he recommends deleting sensitive information such as licenses, credit card information or photos of children from phones before traveling. "Just assume that phone is not going to be yours at some point during your trip," he said. "What are you comfortable with somebody else having access to?" ... "The internet was not built with security in mind," he said. "It was built for open communication, and over time we've lacked security on."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/30/trump-military-force-greenland-info	2025/03/31	
What to know about safeguarding phone data while traveling	Privacy	Law enforcement can require people to unlock their cellphones with facial recognition and fingerprint identification, but not with numerical passcodes. "A police officer cannot make you input your passcode/password to unlock your cellphone because doing so would force you to produce the contents of your mind, according to Betsy Law in Nebraska and Iowa. "The Fifth Amendment protects against this type of self-incrimination." While promoting his "Make America Healthy Again" agenda, Health and Human Services Sec. Kennedy suggested that Gov. Patrick Morrisey (R) should have public weigh-ins with a celebration when he loses 30 pounds. "I'm going to put him on a really rigorous regime. We're going to put him on a carnivore diet," Kennedy said on Friday in Martinsburg.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/30/protecting-phone-data-information	2025/03/31	
RFK Jr. body shames W.Va. governor	Political Cesspool	"Raise your hand if you want Gov. Morrisey to do a public weigh-in once a month," he continued as the crowd applauded. "Then when he's lost 30 pounds, I'm going to come back to the state and do a celebration and a public weigh-in with him." "You're welcome, Denise," Kennedy added, referring to the governor's wife.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/29/rfk-jr-body-shames-west-virginia-go	2025/03/31	
Musk shuffles \$80 billion in assets, reshapes govt — just another week at the office	Fuck that guy	What did you do this week? Did you restructure an entire country, sit for a national TV interview and casually reorganize about \$80 billion of your own assets on the spot? The U.S. Institute of Peace, a government-funded think tank, has terminated nearly all of its U.S.-based employees and is drawing up plans to fire its remaining overseas employees, escalating an ongoing legal battle over whether President Trump has the authority to dismantle organizations created and funded by Congress.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/29/musk-xi-assets-doge	2025/03/31	
U.S. Institute of Peace staff is laid off, escalating legal battle with Trump administration	Government Jobs	As a measles outbreak in West Texas and New Mexico continues to grow, and other states report outbreaks of their own, some pediatricians across the U.S. say they are seeing a new trend among concerned parents: vaccine enthusiasm. ... Fox-Levine says the recent interest in the MMR vaccine — which protects against measles, mumps and rubella — is a refreshing change in a state where vaccine hesitancy has been growing.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/30/mx-1-5345912/us-institute-of-peace-st	2025/03/31	
As measles cases rise, some parents become vaccine enthusiasts	Health- Measles	Florida's kindergarten vaccination rates to protect against measles fell to 88.1% in the 2023-2024 school year — below the 95% vaccination rate considered necessary to protect against outbreaks. So seeing a demand for vaccines is "exciting," she says. In Santa Fe County, N.M., last month, local police leaders stood before a packed auditorium and showed photos of their uniforms so residents would know what they look like — and, more pointedly, what ICE does not. "Whatever happens around the country, whoever is president, you are our community. We are your officers," Santa Fe Police Chief Paul Joyce said with the help of a Spanish interpreter. "It is a fundamental human right that you feel safe in your home regardless of where you're from."	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/03/30/mx-1-5343	2025/03/31	
Police say ICE tactics are eroding public trust in local law enforcement	ACAB	It's a delicate message — and one that differs widely nationwide. There are around 18,000 law enforcement agencies across the country, and they vary in how they work with ICE, if they do at all. According to a survey released by the journal Nature on Thursday, more than 1,200 respondents who identified as scientists said they were considering leaving the U.S. and relocating to Europe or Canada because of President Trump's actions. Approximately 1,650 people completed the survey, which was posted on the journal's website, social media and an e-mailed newsletter, according to the journal. "There's another bucket of folks as well, and those are folks who are just worried in general about the intimidation, fear and harassment that they are facing," she says. "This could be a result of the kind of work that they're doing. They might be doing work around issues of diversity, equity, [and] inclusion, trying to broaden participation in our STEM or science, technology, engineering, math fields. These could be folks working on issues of climate change, of vaccine safety."	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/29/mx-1-5304236/police-say-ice-tactics-ai	2025/03/31	
Countries boost recruitment of American scientists amid cuts to scientific funding	Science and research	Motta traces a direct line from Trump's comments five years ago to public opinion trends that persist to this day. "It's the efforts that President Trump made to portray COVID-19 as not being that serious that led to polarization," Motta said. University of Washington biologist Carl Bergstrom, who studies the spread of infectious diseases and misinformation, calls the COVID-19 pandemic "a big opportunity for people pushing anti-vax propaganda to get their foot in the door with new segments of the population." Kennedy, the nation's top health official, has previously made negative statements about bird flu vaccines that vaccine experts have called false and inaccurate. More recently, he made heterodox suggestions that poultry farms should consider no longer culling infected chickens, but scientists have raised alarms that such a plan could allow the virus to mutate in dangerous ways. His spokesperson defended the proposal to The New York Times as a way to protect humans from getting infected from sick chickens.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/29/mx-1-5343966/countries-boost-recruit	2025/03/31	
COVID gave rise to vaccine skepticism. That may affect preparedness for next pandemic	Health- Vaccines	Motta, of Boston University, said he is concerned that elected officials are continuing to politicize public health issues. As judges take a closer look at how DOGE is operating, and what authority it exercises across the federal bureaucracy, among the many questions they're asking is whether DOGE is actually a government agency itself. The answer to that question, pedantic as it may sound, could have major ramifications, including whether DOGE is subject to public records laws and other statutes that require some oversight of executive branch activity.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/29/mx-1-5329792/covid-vaccine-skepticis	2025/03/31	
Is DOGE actually an agency? The answer could have major ramifications	Fuck that guy	A month ago, James Carville, the highly influential Democratic strategist, advised his party to "play dead" and allow President Trump and his Republican allies who control Congress to self-destruct under the weight of unpopular policies. House Democrats are rejecting the strategy outright. Heading into the high-stakes battle over Trump's sweeping domestic agenda, Democratic leaders are instead launching a farcical, in-your-face battle over the GOP's plans for tax cuts, tougher immigration laws and steep reductions in federal spending, vowing to take the fight directly to the public in hopes that voter backlash will sink the Republican wish list before it can reach the president's desk.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-actually-agency-answer-could-1200	2025/03/31	
Democrats reject advice to 'play dead,' vow hard fight against Trump's domestic agenda	Politics	A federal judge temporarily blocked the Trump administration Friday from deporting people who have exhausted legal appeals to countries other than their own without first being allowed to argue that it would jeopardize their safety. U.S. District Judge Brian E. Murphy ruled that people with final orders of removal must have "a meaningful opportunity" to argue that being sent to a third country presents a level of danger deemed worthy of protection. His order remains in effect until the case advances to the next stage of arguments.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/democrats-reject-advice-play-dead-1600	2025/03/31	
US Judge temporarily halts deportations to third countries without a chance to challenge	Borders and immigration		https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-judge-temporarily-halts-deportations-d	2025/03/31	

		An expense of Gulf Coast federal waters larger than the state of Colorado was unlawfully opened up for offshore drilling leases, according to a ruling by a federal judge, who said the Department of Interior did not adequately account for the offshore drilling leases' impacts on planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions and an endangered whale species. Environmental groups, the federal government and the oil and gas industry are now discussing remedies. Earth Justice Attorney George Torgun, representing the plaintiffs, said one outcome on the table is invalidating the sale of leases worth \$250 million across 2,500 square miles (6,475 square kilometers) of Gulf federal waters successfully bid on by companies.				
Biden administration offshore oil and gas lease in Gulf Coast is unlawful, federal judge says	Environment-Fossil fuels	Food banks across Michigan are bracing for food shortages this year after the federal government stopped \$4.3 million worth of shipments, including chicken, eggs and cheese — even as many report that the need for food assistance is increasing. "For us to fill that on our own would cost about \$850,000," said Kristen Sokol, senior director of advancement communications for Cleaners. "Now, if we were unable to fill that 1.4 million-pound shortfall, which includes things like produce, milk, meat and shell staple items, that would ultimately mean that we would be able to serve 25,000 houses fewer this year." But beyond the stock market, housing experts see plenty of reasons to be skeptical about the end of an arrangement that dates back to the depths of the financial crisis. The biggest one? Privatization will probably send mortgage rates higher. "We can debate how much of a cost it will be," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "That's a legitimate debate, but rates are going to go higher." The Trump administration is considering sweeping changes to a crucial piece of the US housing ecosystem at a time when affordability is near an all-time low and home sales are mired in a years-long slump. While Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac don't make mortgages, they play a crucial role in lending by buying up mortgages from banks and other lenders and packaging them into bonds. The system frees up money for more loans. Along the winding back roads and Appalachian hollows of West Virginia, in a state where Trump won 70% of the votes cast in November, his administration's vow to cut back on government spending is being keenly felt. Much of it has now been frozen, cut back or eliminated — including at least \$1.5 billion in USDA funds for schools and food banks. "The federal government is the engine of money, while the states are the distributors of money," said James L. Perry, professor emeritus at Indiana University, who studies federal grant administration. "This has become more pronounced as the federal budget has grown." The cuts now force states to come up with funding from their own budgets — or shutter programs altogether, Perry said. States like West Virginia — where more than half the \$19.2 billion annual budget for fiscal 2025 relies on federal funds — are particularly hard-hit. Despite a mountain of scientific evidence concluding there's no link between autism and vaccines, noted anti-vaccine figure and health secretary Robert Kennedy Jr. is trying to double down on the long-debated theory. As the Washington Post reports, fellow anti-vaccine crackpot David Geier — who has published articles claiming that mercury in vaccines is tied to autism, and was previously reprimanded by state authorities in Maryland for practicing medicine without a license — is joining Kennedy's department as a "senior data analyst" to work on a study once again examining the topic of autism and vaccines.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/biden-administration-offshore-oil-gas-234	2025/03/31		
Feds cancel \$4.3M worth of poultry, cheese, eggs to Michigan food banks	Cruelty is the point		https://www.yahoo.com/news/feds-cancel-4-3m-worth-100228310.html	2025/03/31		
Trump and Treasury's big challenge: Privatize Fannie and Freddie without making mortgages more expensive	Economy-Housing		https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trump-and-treasury-s-big-challenge-pvt	2025/03/31		
Federal funding cuts ripple through the heart of Trump country	Government Funding		https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-funding-cuts-ripple-heart-1002284	2025/03/31		
Government Hires Crackpot to "Study" Nonexistent Link Between Vaccines and Autism	Health-Vaccines		https://www.yahoo.com/news/government-hires-crackpot-study-nonexist	2025/03/31		
Critics see Trump attacks on the 'Black Smithsonian' as an effort to sanitize racism in US history	Information Blackout		https://www.yahoo.com/news/critics-see-trump-attacks-black-04015504	2025/03/31		
Trump roars down multiple paths of retribution as he vowed. Some targets yield while others fight	Trump Bullyh		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-roars-down-multiple-paths-120401	2025/03/31		
Honeybee Deaths Surge in U.S.: 'Something Real Bad Is Going On'	Environment-Pollutants		https://www.yahoo.com/news/honeybee-deaths-surge-u-something-184	2025/03/31		
A battle over religion and schools in Oklahoma could decide the future of the First Amendment	Separation of church and state		https://www.yahoo.com/news/a-battle-over-religion-schools-oklahoma-02	2025/03/31		
'A huge blow': USDA cuts threaten to throw Wisconsin's local food supply into disarray	Government Aid		https://www.yahoo.com/news/a-huge-blow-usda-cuts-threaten-14003700	2025/03/31		
Wisconsin judge won't stop Musk's \$1 million payments to voters. Attorney general appeals	Voting Fucker		https://www.yahoo.com/news/wisconsin-judge-won-t-stop-100108935.h	2025/03/31		
State Department formally notifies Congress it is effectively dissolving USAID	Government-USAID		https://www.yahoo.com/news/state-department-formally-notifies-congre	2025/03/31		
Trump Executive Order Says States Must Use Voting Machines That Don't Actually Exist	Voting Fucker		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-executive-order-says-states-13000	2025/03/31		
Pete Hegseth's wife reportedly attended meetings with foreign defense officials	Political Cesspool		https://www.yahoo.com/news/pete-hegseth-wife-reportedly-attended-14	2025/03/31		
Global stock markets fall as new Trump tariffs loom	Economy-Tariffs		https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025mar/31/trump-tariffs-globa	2025/03/31		
Trump's counter-terror cuts will harm fight against far right, experts warn	Cesspool-Far right		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/30/trump-counter-terr	2025/03/31		
Alarm as Florida Republicans move to fill deported workers' jobs with children: 'It's insane, right?'	Economy-Child labor		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/30/florida-republicans	2025/03/31		
Hundreds of thousands of Canadians face power outages due to ice storm	Environment-Severe Weather		https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/mar/30/canada-ontario-ottawa	2025/03/31		
The US right is coming for disabled people. Here's why that threatens everyone	Trump Bullyh		https://www.theguardian.com/globe/2025/mar/27/us-disability-rights-ub	2025/03/31		
Earthquake compounds humanitarian crisis in Myanmar, where death toll has passed 1,700	Tragic		https://apnews.com/article/myanmar-thailand-earthquake-e6151c108d4	2025/03/31		

Evacuations in California as huge wildfire rages through 1,000 acres	Environment- Wildfires	A wildfire raging through California's Eastern Sierra region has scorched 1,000 acres and triggered evacuations across multiple counties. From 2009 to 2019, avoidable mortality increased by an average of 33 deaths per 100,000 people across the United States, according to an article published in JAMA last week. In the same decade that avoidable deaths increased in the United States, they dropped by an average of nearly 23 deaths per 100,000 across all other countries in the study. Among countries in the European Union, there was an average decrease of 25 avoidable deaths per 100,000 people from 2009 to 2019.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/california-fire-evacuations-2025-03-31/	2025/03/31	
As avoidable deaths slowed globally, they rose in the U.S.	Health- Mortality	Regulators typically measure community risk by looking at the primary health effects of individual chemicals, an approach that often fails to address their combined risks, said Keeve Nachman, the study's senior author. Residents in disadvantaged communities are exposed to a toxic stew of chemicals daily, and they "don't just breathe one at a time, [they] breathe all the chemicals in the air at once," said Peter DeCarlo, another of the study's authors.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/wellness/2025/03/31/mortality-avoidable/	2025/03/31	
Why the health risks from air pollution could be worse than we thought	Environment- Health	A member of Elon Musk's DOGE team — fired from the Treasury Department after the discovery of racist social media posts — has been working for weeks on sensitive systems at the Department of Health and Human Services, new government disclosures revealed Saturday. Marko Elez, whom Musk vowed to rehire after Trump allies pushed back on his termination, rejoined the administration in February as a Labor Department employee before he was detailed on March 5 to HHS, the administration acknowledged earlier this week in answers to a court-ordered demand for information in connection with a pending lawsuit.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2025/03/31/elon-musk/	2025/03/31	
DOGE's Marko Elez is back on U.S. payroll	Fuck that guy	In addition to HHS, Elez is detailed to the Department of Government Efficiency core staff at the White House, as well as at least four other government agencies, according to the documents filed Saturday in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-marko-elez-back-u-222956381.html	2025/03/31	
ICE Barrios's Private Jet Bill for Stunt Photo Tour Revealed	Political Cesspool	Taggers in South Dakota paid a whopping \$150,000 for Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem to jet-set across the country last year, an analysis from the Associated Press found. The Trump administration is revoking students' immigration status without notifying them or their schools, according to Zetco. Citing documents and interviews with university officials, Zetco reported that "Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) appears to be manually revoking students' immigration status — an authority typically left to university staff."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-barrios-private-jet-bill-133835663.html	2025/03/31	
ICE is Canceling Students' Legal Status Without Informing Them or Their Schools: Report	Borders and immigration	Sometimes, ICE is not even informing the university or student that the status has been revoked, meaning students could be detained by immigration without any warning. Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) said on Sunday that Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard and CIA Director John Ratcliffe "led repeatedly" about messages in a Signal group chat in which top members of the Trump administration discussed an attack on Yemen. "Intelligence officials told your committee this week that no classified information was shared. Do you believe that directors Ratcliffe and Gabbard were truthful when they testified before your committee?" NBC News's Kristen Welker asked Bennet on "Meet the Press."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-canceling-students-legal-status-1956/	2025/03/31	
Gabbard, Ratcliffe 'lied repeatedly' about Signal chat messages, Bennet says	Dumb and dumber	"No, I think they lied repeatedly to our committee and to the House committee. Kristen, let me try to make this as simple as I can," Bennet replied. "I think the American people know this. If this material was not classified, literally nothing that I've ever heard as a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee over all these years is classified."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gabbard-ratcliffe-lied-repeatedly-signal-1/	2025/03/31	
The 22nd Amendment: Why Trump can't be elected a third time	Constitutional Crisis	The 22nd Amendment bars presidents from being elected to a third term. Amending the Constitution is an arduous path that's unlikely to succeed — but Trump told NBC News there are "methods" by which he could serve again.	https://www Axios.com/2025/03/31/22-amendment-trump-third-term-jd-1/	2025/04/01	
Rainstorms are getting more intense amid climate change	Environment- Storms	Rainstorms are getting more intense in many U.S. cities amid human-driven climate change, a new analysis finds. Hourly rainfall intensity increased between 1970 and 2024 in nearly 90% of the 144 locations analyzed, per a new report from Climate Central, a research and communications group. Among the cities with an increase, hourly rainfall intensity rose by an average of 15%. MAGA media is railing against an international "deep state" following a series of setbacks for overseas allies of President Trump.	https://www Axios.com/2025/04/01/rainstorms-intense-climate-change/	2025/04/01	
MAGA media's criticism of the "deep state" goes global	Cesspool- Deep state	Trump's loyal movement has sought to steadily expand its influence abroad, allying itself with right-wing parties and leaders in Europe, Latin America and Asia. Now, they're denouncing legal challenges faced by some of those allies and are egged on by a leader in the White House eager to intervene in other countries' affairs to enforce his worldview. There have been growing calls from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle for an investigation into the Signal scandal, with Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee the latest to call for an independent probe in a letter to Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard on Monday.	https://www Axios.com/2025/04/01/maga-media-global-deep-state-trump/	2025/04/01	
White House says Signal case is "closed," as investigation calls grow	Dumb and dumber	"As the president has made it very clear, Mike Waltz continues to be an important part of his national security team and this case has been closed here at the White House as far as we are concerned," Leavitt told reporters on Monday. The Trump administration is being sued over its efforts to make sweeping changes to federal elections that would include a proof of citizenship requirement, with Democratic and advocacy groups filing two separate lawsuits on Monday. Both the suit from Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.), the DNC and other Democratic groups and the one from the nonprofits argue President Trump's executive order that also aims to prevent states from counting mail-in ballots that arrive after Election Day is unconstitutional.	https://www Axios.com/2025/04/01/signal-investigation-cf-white-house/	2025/04/01	
Road: Trump admin sued by Democrats, nonprofits over elections order	Voting Fucker	Elon Musk visited the CIA headquarters on Monday for talks on government efficiency, the spy agency director of public affairs Liz Lyons told Axios.	https://www Axios.com/2025/04/01/trump-elections-citizenship-proof-law/	2025/04/01	
Elon Musk visited the CIA to discuss DOGE measures	Fuck that guy	Unlike other government departments, DOGE isn't going to get unlimited access to CIA databases or internal systems because most of it is top secret, a source familiar with the issue said. Canadians' desire to visit the U.S. is absolutely tanking, new data suggests. President Trump's tariffs and insistence that Canada should become the 51st American state is fueling a remarkable rally-round-the-flag effect. Canadian patriotism is skyrocketing alongside disdain for all things American throughout the Great White North. Advance bookings for Canada U.S. flights in April-September are down over 70% compared to this time last year, per aviation data firm OAG. In the 12 months since the first human case, at least 70 people have been infected. There was one death linked to a human infected with bird flu in Louisiana.	https://www Axios.com/2025/04/01/elon-musk-cia-visit-doge/	2025/04/01	
Canadians' demand for U.S. travel is cratering	International Relations	So far, the outbreak has had a devastating impact on animals with 168 million birds affected in every state. Since March of last year, nearly 1,000 cattle herds have been infected as well. The risk to the general public has so far remained low, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Yet, health officials and experts have long warned that as the virus continues to spread in the environment, it leads to greater chances of mutating and potentially adapting to spread between people, which has not occurred yet. "I rise with the intention of disrupting the normal business of the United States Senate for as long as I am physically able," Booker said at the outset of his remarks. "I rise tonight because I believe sincerely that our country is in crisis." "In just 71 days, the president of the United States has inflicted so much harm on Americans' safety, financial stability, the core foundations of our democracy," Booker said. "These are not normal times in America. And they should not be treated as such in the United States Senate."	https://www Axios.com/2025/03/31/canadians-us-travel/	2025/04/01	
12 months and 70 cases since the first human bird flu infection: Are we any safer?	Health- Bird flu	The speech is not a filibuster because Booker is not blocking legislation or a nomination. The Democratic senator's speech will keep the Senate floor open — and floor staff working as well as US Capitol police personnel — for as long as he continues speaking, but lawmakers had concluded voting on Monday before he began his remarks. Republican lawmakers have accused Vice President JD Vance of trying to obstruct President Donald Trump's foreign policy after leaked chat messages showed him questioning the wisdom of Trump's decision to bomb Yemen. Nearly a week after The Atlantic published a shocking report about top administration officials coordinating military plans in an unsecured group chat, Republicans on Capitol Hill "still have their jaws on the floor with how actively the VP worked to try and undo a Trump decision," a senior official told NBC News. Scientists who want to learn more about a tiny flower recently discovered in West Texas are hoping it will bloom again in a couple of weeks after rain finally fell in the area. Dubbed the woolly devil, the flower with furry leaves, purplish-striped petals and pops of yellow is a new genus and species in the same family as sunflowers and daisies: Asteraceae. It was discovered near a Big Bend National Park, known for its rugged terrain of desert, canyons and mountains, on the border with Mexico.	https://www Axios.com/2025/04/01/12-months-70-cases-since-032244225.html	2025/04/01	
Cory Booker's marathon Senate floor speech stretches into the night in protest over Trump actions	Politics- filibuster	The Social Security Administration said it's investigating the cause of recent incidents that have prevented beneficiaries from accessing their online accounts, after the portal went down temporarily. The MYSSA portal, which allows Social Security recipients to manage their benefits online, experienced a "full outage" Monday morning, according to a system notice sent to agency employees. With Robert F. Kennedy Jr. having served as Health and Human Services secretary for about a month and a half, the Wall Street Journal's editorial board said he is already "undercutting" his critics through his far-reaching actions. "Mr. Geier has spent decades spreading the discredited theory, embraced by Mr. Kennedy, that thimerosal in vaccines causes autism and neurological damage in children," the Journal wrote. "Mr. Geier has also accused the CDC of concealing vaccine safety data and claimed that better nutrition and hygiene—not vaccines—are responsible for the disappearance of deadly infectious diseases," they added. "If Mr. Kennedy truly wants an independent, impartial review of vaccine data, Mr. Geier is the wrong man for the job. The study's results look preordained."	https://www Yahoo.com/news/democrat-takes-off-marathon-senate-232/	2025/04/01	
Shocked GOP Insiders Accuse Vance of Working Against Trump	Political Cesspool	Republican lawmakers have accused Vice President JD Vance of trying to obstruct President Donald Trump's foreign policy after leaked chat messages showed him questioning the wisdom of Trump's decision to bomb Yemen. Nearly a week after The Atlantic published a shocking report about top administration officials coordinating military plans in an unsecured group chat, Republicans on Capitol Hill "still have their jaws on the floor with how actively the VP worked to try and undo a Trump decision," a senior official told NBC News. Scientists who want to learn more about a tiny flower recently discovered in West Texas are hoping it will bloom again in a couple of weeks after rain finally fell in the area. Dubbed the woolly devil, the flower with furry leaves, purplish-striped petals and pops of yellow is a new genus and species in the same family as sunflowers and daisies: Asteraceae. It was discovered near a Big Bend National Park, known for its rugged terrain of desert, canyons and mountains, on the border with Mexico.	https://www Yahoo.com/news/shocked-gop-insiders-accuse-vance-123/	2025/04/01	
Scientists hope a newly discovered flower will return after rain in West Texas	Environment- Plants	The Social Security Administration said it's investigating the cause of recent incidents that have prevented beneficiaries from accessing their online accounts, after the portal went down temporarily. The MYSSA portal, which allows Social Security recipients to manage their benefits online, experienced a "full outage" Monday morning, according to a system notice sent to agency employees. With Robert F. Kennedy Jr. having served as Health and Human Services secretary for about a month and a half, the Wall Street Journal's editorial board said he is already "undercutting" his critics through his far-reaching actions. "Mr. Geier has spent decades spreading the discredited theory, embraced by Mr. Kennedy, that thimerosal in vaccines causes autism and neurological damage in children," the Journal wrote. "Mr. Geier has also accused the CDC of concealing vaccine safety data and claimed that better nutrition and hygiene—not vaccines—are responsible for the disappearance of deadly infectious diseases," they added. "If Mr. Kennedy truly wants an independent, impartial review of vaccine data, Mr. Geier is the wrong man for the job. The study's results look preordained."	https://www Yahoo.com/news/scientists-hope-newly-discovered-flower-1/	2025/04/01	
Social Security Website Crashes as Agency Pushes Users Online	Government- SSA	The Journal's board expressed concerns that Kennedy's actions would result in a brain drain at HHS, citing the abrupt departure on Friday of Peter Marks, who led the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER). The recent firings of career Justice Department lawyers by the White House is a sign of President Donald Trump's tightening grip over the law enforcement agency known for its long tradition of political independence. On Friday, an assistant U.S. attorney in Los Angeles was fired without explanation in an terse email from the White House Presidential Personnel Office shortly after a right-wing activist posted about him on social media, according to a person familiar with the matter. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were concerned about potential retribution.	https://finance Yahoo.com/news/social-security-website-crashes-agency-20250401/	2025/04/01	
White House abruptly fires career Justice Department prosecutors in latest non-shattering move	Government Jobs	That followed the White House's firing last week of a longtime career prosecutor who had been serving as acting U.S. attorney in Memphis, Tennessee. Senator Chuck Grassley is introducing a bill to stop judges from issuing nationwide injunctions, which experts say are an essential part of the judicial branch's ability to check the power of the executive branch. Grassley, a 91-year-old Republican from Iowa and president pro tempore of the Senate, is introducing a bill to end nationwide injunctions because they "have become a favorite tool for those seeking to obstruct [President Donald Trump's] agenda," according to an op-ed he wrote for the Wall Street Journal.	https://www Yahoo.com/news/white-house-abruptly-fires-career-20232/	2025/04/01	
Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley plans a bill to stop judges from carrying out their checks-and-balances powers	Constitutional Crisis	Leaders at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ordered staff this week not to release their experts' assessment that found the risk of catching measles is high in areas near outbreaks where vaccination rates are lagging, according to internal records reviewed by ProPublica. A CDC spokesperson told ProPublica in a written statement that the agency decided against releasing the assessment "because it does not say anything that the public doesn't already know." She added that the CDC continues to recommend vaccines as "the best way to protect against measles." But what the nation's top public health agency said next shows a shift in its long-standing messaging about vaccines, a sign that it may be falling in line under Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a longtime critic of vaccines: "The decision to vaccinate is a personal one," the statement said, echoing a line from a column Kennedy wrote for the Fox News website. "People should consult with their healthcare provider to understand their options to get a vaccine and should be informed about the potential risks and benefits associated with vaccines."	https://www Yahoo.com/news/republican-sen-chuck-grassley-plans-181/	2025/04/01	
The CDC buried a measles forecast that stressed the need for vaccinations	Health- measles	Leaders at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ordered staff this week not to release their experts' assessment that found the risk of catching measles is high in areas near outbreaks where vaccination rates are lagging, according to internal records reviewed by ProPublica. A CDC spokesperson told ProPublica in a written statement that the agency decided against releasing the assessment "because it does not say anything that the public doesn't already know." She added that the CDC continues to recommend vaccines as "the best way to protect against measles." But what the nation's top public health agency said next shows a shift in its long-standing messaging about vaccines, a sign that it may be falling in line under Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a longtime critic of vaccines: "The decision to vaccinate is a personal one," the statement said, echoing a line from a column Kennedy wrote for the Fox News website. "People should consult with their healthcare provider to understand their options to get a vaccine and should be informed about the potential risks and benefits associated with vaccines."	https://www Yahoo.com/news/cdc-buried-measles-forecast-stressed-11/	2025/04/01	

		As confidence in the economic outlook fades, consumers are slowing their spending, and businesses are lowering their earnings forecasts. ... The Conference Board's expectations index in its latest consumer confidence survey fell to a 12-year low. The index plunged to 85.2, which is "well below the threshold of 80 that usually signals a recession ahead." As consumers grow weary of the economic headwinds, companies across industries are feeling the heat. Some are dropping earnings forecasts while others remain on watch as tariffs, inflation, and consumer behavior impact their business.				
Companies are slashing their earnings forecasts as consumer confidence about the future reaches 12-year low	Economy-Crisis	FedEx lowered its full-year forecast for adjusted profit to \$18-\$18.60 per share from \$19 to \$20, which is already down from a December forecast for \$20-\$22. A severe winter storm killed at least seven people and left almost half a million energy customers without power Monday morning as strong winds and heavy rain caused havoc from the mid-Atlantic to the South. Four people were killed in Michigan, two died in Indiana and one person was killed in Oklahoma, officials said. An EF-2 tornado in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, on Monday ripped the house off a roof but caused no injuries.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/companies-slashing-earnings-forecasts-20250401	2025/04/01		
7 dead, hundreds of thousands without power as storms pound the Midwest	Environment-Storms	As the Wall Street Journal reports, the mercurial CEO is doing much in his power to push NASA to skip its planned journey to the Moon and focus on Mars instead, highlighting his long-term ambitions of establishing a human presence there. Exerting his will at the agency could soon become even easier, with billionaire tech founder — and deep-pocketed SpaceX space tourist — Jared Isaacman expected to be sworn in as NASA administrator within the coming months.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/deadly-storm-triggers-alert-millions-110958-20250401	2025/04/01		
Elon Musk Secretly Working to Take Over NASA	Fuck that guy	Prescription drugs have been exempt from tariffs in the past. But Donald Trump looks poised to change that as early as April 2. That could result in shortages for critical drugs for Americans, warn experts. Buprenorphine, used to treat major depressive disorder; ibaltizumab, for patients with multi-drug-resistant HIV; and sotolol, to treat a life-threatening heart rhythm problem; those are just some of the medicines manufactured in Canada and sent to the U.S. U.S. might be impacted by the tariffs. China launched major military drills around Taiwan on Tuesday, simulating attacks and maritime blockades, in what Beijing called a warning after Taiwan's president labeled China a hostile foreign foe.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-secretly-working-over-144737-20250401	2025/04/01		
Trump wants to tariff Canadian-made drugs. Experts warn U.S. patients could pay the price	Economy-Health	West Virginia Gov. Patrick Morrisey last week unveiled a shake-up to a federally subsidized broadband program that gained little notice. That came as no surprise. It sounded like an unremarkable announcement about a government project receiving an extension. But below the surface, the news marked the first instance of a state taking action at the direction of the Trump administration to upend a multi-billion-dollar pool of money to potentially benefit White House adviser Elon Musk.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/stop-trump-wants-tariff-canadian-made-002-20250401	2025/04/01		
China practices attacks and blockades in fresh military exercises around Taiwan	International-Crisis	For the past four years, states including West Virginia have been working with the federal government to finalize plans to extend underground fiber-optic cables to the estimated 22 million Americans without at-home internet. But the Trump administration is overhauling the \$42 billion federal grant program known as Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program to be "tech neutral," meaning open to satellite internet service. This comes despite telecommunications experts insisting that fiber is the fastest, more affordable way to connect underserved communities.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/01/tw-41-5743418/china-military-exercises-taiwan	2025/04/01		
Trump's changes to a \$42 billion broadband program could be a win for Musk's Starlink	Fuck that guy	The Institute of Museum and Library Services has placed its entire staff on administrative leave. The IMLS is a relatively small federal agency, with around 70 employees, that awards grant funding to museums and libraries across the United States.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/28/tw-41-5338563/musk-starlink-broadband	2025/04/01		
Entire staff at federal agency that funds libraries and museums put on leave	Information-Blackout	Immigrant rights advocates say the U.S. government is using a checklist of "unreliable indicators" to decide whether Venezuelan men are members of the gang Tren de Aragua and subject to removal under the Alien Enemies Act, a rarely-used wartime law.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/21/tw-41-5334115/doiye-institute-of-museum-and-library-services	2025/04/01		
Advocates say flawed 'checklist' targets Venezuelans for deportation under archaic wartime act	Borders and immigration	"The government's checklist suggests that tattoos and other unreliable indicators are playing an enormous role in Venezuelan men ending up in a brutal Salvadoran prison, perhaps for the rest of their lives," Lee Geleint, the deputy director of the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, told NPR Monday. "Individuals must have a right to contest their designation as gang members, even if this wartime authority can be used during peacetime." A few years ago, Hyundai Motor Group triumphantly announced it would be opening a new plant near Savannah, Ga. — a plant that would exclusively make electric vehicles. But at the plant's grand opening last week, as executives and politicians praised Hyundai's multibillion-dollar investment in the region, the thousands of jobs that came with it, and the plant's advanced manufacturing technology, something was conspicuously missing from all the speeches. The word "electric" wasn't mentioned once. That's not just a shift in rhetoric. Over the last few years, Hyundai has changed its plans. Instead of being a dedicated EV plant, it will also make hybrids. "When we started this project, originally, everybody thought, 'OK, the world is going to be fully electric,'" Mufcoz told reporters after the grand opening ceremony. (He's now the CEO of the entire global company.) "We were also thinking that way. But soon we realized that the pace of electrification was not going to be as fast as everybody thought."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/01/tw-41-5345838/advocates-say-flawed-checklist-targets-venezuelans	2025/04/01		
Hyundai's plans for its new Georgia plant reveal an industry hedging its bets on EVs	Economy-Factory	EV sales grew slower than companies had anticipated. Hybrids, meanwhile, took off. "So then very quickly, we decided we're going to produce also hybrid vehicles here," Mufcoz said. The U.S. Supreme Court appeared openly divided on Monday about West Virginia's refusal to exempt Catholic Charities from making payments into the state's mandatory unemployment system. Monday's case was brought by a single chapter of Catholic Charities in northern Wisconsin, which claims that it should be able to opt out of the mandatory state unemployment compensation system and instead join an alternative church system, which is cheaper. Catholic Charities counters that its mission is to carry out the gospel of the church to help people, and that it is thus entitled to a religious exemption from the mandatory state tax system. If it wins this case, the decision could — potentially at least — lead to a major exodus from the state system in Wisconsin and from similar state programs in 46 other states. And that, in turn, could destabilize the federal-state unemployment compensation program that has existed for decades. The DOGE staffer who resigned from his post over old racist tweets — and who broke data-sharing rules, an audit found — has been rehired to work with sensitive data at several federal agencies. The staffer is Marko Elez, a Department of Labor employee detailed to the DOGE entity within the White House, according to a Saturday court filing. It says the Labor Department is aware of four other agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), where Elez is also detailed or employed.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/21/tw-41-5342658/hyundai-georgia-plant-4	2025/04/01		
Supreme Court seems ready to let religious groups opt out of unemployment compensation laws	Supreme Court	The court filing provides an accounting of the access that Elez and other DOGE employees have inside certain sensitive and secure databases. And it comes as federal judges in other cases have found that the Elon Musk-led effort has likely broken the law and has been largely unable to explain why it needs such sweeping data access. Mobile medical units and clean drinking water are among the greatest needs in central Myanmar days after Friday's measure 7.7 magnitude earthquake, according to an official from the International Rescue Committee. "People are sleeping outside, and the hospitals are overcrowded and the people living there are experiencing a lack of clean water," said Mohamed Riyas, acting country director for Myanmar at the International Rescue Committee.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/31/tw-41-5345838/supreme-court-catholic-charities	2025/04/01		
DOGE staffer who shared Treasury data now has more access to government systems	Fuck that guy	The death toll has already exceeded 2,000 people, according to state media, with the number expected to rise as bodies are uncovered in the rubble. The earthquake has created a crisis on top of another crisis. The country has been in a civil war since 2021 and the fighting has not stopped, despite the natural disaster.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/31/tw-41-5347038/doqe-data-access-jabou	2025/04/01		
Mobile medical units, clean water needed in Myanmar quake zone, aid officials say	Tragic	1. 9 million borrowers may be heading for default 2. The S.A.V.E. repayment plan is as good as dead 3. Income-driven repayment plans are finally back open 4. Public Service Loan Forgiveness remains unchanged for now 5. There's likely more confusion ahead 6. With student loans potentially moving agencies, borrowers need to be their own advocates	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/21/tw-41-5347770/trump-student-loan-forgiveness	2025/04/01		
6 things borrowers should know about federal student loans right now	Economy-student loans	US voters are headed to the polls on Tuesday in Wisconsin and Florida in elections that some see as a test of Donald Trump's popularity and the political clout of his billionaire ally Elon Musk. The most closely watched contest is a battle for a seat on Wisconsin's seven-member supreme court. Conservatives are trying to flip ideological control of the court, which currently has a 4-3 liberal majority. The contest, which features liberal judge Susan Crawford facing off against conservative Brad Schimel, will have huge consequences in the state.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/01/wisconsin-florida-voters	2025/04/01		
Wisconsin and Florida voters head to polls in test of Trump's popularity	Special elections	Members of Elon Musk's so-called "department of government efficiency" (DOGE) reportedly gained access to a payroll system over the weekend that processes salaries for about 276,000 federal employees across various government agencies, despite warnings from senior staff about the potential risks.	https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/apr/01/jingdi-tra	2025/04/01		
Musk's DOGE gains access to federal payroll system despite staff warnings	Fuck that guy	Officially, the death toll from the quake has passed 2,000. Unofficially, many fear it could be thousands more. The US Geological Survey estimated that deaths could climb beyond 10,000. "They have to bury people with 10 bodies per grave," says Aye Mye of the situation in Saganing. "When there isn't enough space there, they have to take them to Mandalay for cremation, but there aren't enough furnaces there either."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/31/doqe-musk-federal	2025/04/01		
India trains thousands of medics to promote vaccine in huge push to end cervical cancer	Health-Vaccines	Tens of thousands of doctors across India are being trained to promote the HPV vaccine, in a push to eliminate cervical cancer in the country. They will check with mothers attending medical appointments that they intend to vaccinate their daughters, and visit schools and community centres armed with facts and slideshows to counter vaccine disinformation.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/01/myanmar-earthquake-toll	2025/04/01		
"It's beyond description": Bodies pile up in mass graves as Myanmar grapples with quake toll	Tragic	The federal government has cancelled dozens of grants to study how to prevent new HIV infections and expand access to care, decimating progress toward eliminating the epidemic in the United States, scientists say. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) terminated at least 145 grants related to researching advancements in HIV care that had been awarded nearly \$450m in federal funds. The cuts have been made in grants over the last month.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/31/trump-administration-cuts	2025/04/01		
Trump makes sweeping HIV research and grant cuts: 'Setting us back decades'	Health-Research	The reproductive health provider Planned Parenthood said the Trump administration would cut federal family planning funding as of Tuesday, affecting birth control, cancer screenings and other services for low-income people. Planned Parenthood said that nine of its affiliates received notice that funding would be withheld under a program known as Title X, which has supported healthcare services for the poor since 1970.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/31/trump-planned-parenthood	2025/04/01		
Trump officials to cut Planned Parenthood family planning funds	Reproductive Rights	"The biggest mistake of the last eight years is that we somehow failed to give credibility to Donald Trump's whims and impulses, but we know it's true," David Joly, a former Republican member of Congress, told MSNBC. "January 6 was a perfect example. If he says he's not ruling it out, then he's not ruling it out, and we should consider it a constitutional threat." Democrats have attacked Trump for his rhetoric, claiming it follows a pattern of authoritarian posturing by the president. "This is what dictators do," said Ken Martin, the chair of the Democratic National Committee. "In three months, Trump has crashed the stock market and spiked costs. Now, he's scheming for a third term instead of doing anything to make Americans' lives better."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/31/trump-running-third-term	2025/04/01		
Contempt as Trump claims he can run for third term: 'This is what dictators do'	Constitutional Crisis	The Trump administration accidentally sent a Salvadoran immigrant to a notorious Salvadoran prison and says it can't do anything to get him back.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-41-5347770	2025/04/01		
Trump admin accidentally sent Maryland father to Salvadorian mega-prison and says it can't get him back	Borders and immigration	On Monday, in a filing in Maryland federal court, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) admitted to mistakenly sending Kimer Armando Abrego Garcia to El Salvador's notoriously brutal CECOT prison.		2025/04/01		

Health insurance CEO admits to hiring private investigators to dig up dirt on patients, doctors and politicians	Economy-Health	The CEO of a Texas health insurance company was fired after admitting before a DOGE panel of state lawmakers that he hired private investigators to spy on customers and obtain sensitive details about their lives. Sanders acknowledged Wednesday that private investigators were hired to surveil and glean background information on state lawmakers, journalists, healthcare providers, and patients. While the embattled health insurance firm was already facing lawsuits for declining coverage, a series of private investigations allegedly started in 2017 when Sanders took over as CEO. Republicans lost a Wisconsin state Supreme Court race Tuesday evening, a warning sign for President Trump and the MAGA agenda ahead of 2026. The GOP also survived a late scare in a Florida special election. But losing in Wisconsin — letting Democrats keep their 4:3 court majority — has major ramifications for voting and abortion rights, along with future House redistricting.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/mark-sanders-spy-2025-04-01/	2025/04/01
1 takeaways from Wisconsin and the Florida special elections	Special Elections	1. 2026 looks scary for MAGA without Trump on the ballot. 2. Democrats are flooding cash into races 3. Republicans dodged a bullet in Florida Liberation Day has arrived. At 4:00 p.m. ET President Trump is expected to announce his plans for broad-based tariffs. If these taxes are as high as some reports indicate, the economic fallout could be enormous.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/wisconsin-florida-special-elections-9/	2025/04/02
Liberation Day is here. Brace yourself.	Economy-Tariffs	Little is actually known about what the president will announce. That uncertainty has crushed sentiment among companies and consumers, which could signal a downturn in spending and growth, though those hard data haven't yet come through.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/trump-tariffs-liberation-day	2025/04/02
Trump seriously considering Iran's offer of indirect nuclear talks	International Relations	The White House is seriously considering an Iranian proposal for indirect nuclear talks, while at the same time significantly boosting U.S. forces in the Middle East in case President Trump opts for military strikes, two U.S. officials tell Axios. President Trump's tariffs and taunts may be the last straw for snowbirds who are already finding it more expensive to live south of the border, real estate agents say. "My Canadian seniors are worried. They feel like they have to take a break from the U.S. for now and see where I go," Alexandra DuFort, a broker who helps snowbirds buy and sell condos in Florida, tells Axios.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/trump-iran-talks-bomb-threats	2025/04/02
Canadian snowbirds are selling their U.S. homes	International Relations	She's working with about 35 Canadian sellers — more than three times the usual for this time of year — and no buyers. Tariff pain is not shared equally. The less money you make, the more President Trump's proposed higher taxes on imports will hurt. The lowest income households could see their disposable income fall by as much as 5.5%, in a scenario of 20% across-the-board tariffs where other countries retaliate with levies of their own, per an analysis from the Yale Budget Lab.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/canada-trump-tariffs-home-sell	2025/04/02
Trump tariffs would hit lower-income Americans hardest	Economy-Tariffs	For the highest-income households, that drop is just 2.1%.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/trump-tariffs-low-income	2025/04/02
Tariffs will squeeze manufacturers and jobs may not follow	Economy-Tariffs	In the short run, U.S. manufacturers are going to hurt from these tariffs, and whether they lead to more jobs in the long term is an open question. U.S. manufacturers may produce their products here, but they also import a lot of things to make their goods.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/trump-tariffs-jobs-manufacturers	2025/04/02
Ship-killing NMESIS heads to Philippines as China protests Typhoon	International Relations	The U.S. will deploy ship-sinking missile launchers in the Philippines this spring as part of a military exercise also involving Australia and Japan. The planned appearance of the Navy-Marine Expeditionary Ship Interdiction System, or NMESIS, at Balikatan 2025 comes amid games of chicken in the South China Sea.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/philippines-china-missiles-nmesis-bp	2025/04/02
HHS assas day of chaos as layoffs hit scientists, policy experts	Government-HHS	Veterinarians, population researchers, records officers and neuroscientists were all swept up in a chaotic series of layoffs Tuesday that effectively ended the government's health establishment as we know it. The sheer breadth of the cuts and reshuffling may not be apparent for weeks. But in the immediate aftermath, health care industry players and former federal workers say the workforce reductions will almost certainly affect drug approvals, low-income assistance, disease tracking and biomedical research once held up as the gold standard.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/hhs-layoffs-rfk-scientists-experts	2025/04/02
Trump's day of clarity, but without the clarity	Economy-Tariffs	The new consensus among business owners and economists is that President Trump's colossal trade announcement Wednesday is just the start, not the end, of global economic uncertainty.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/liberation-day-trump-tariffs	2025/04/02
Dem-backed candidate wins Wisconsin Supreme Court race in rebuke to Trump, Musk	Special Elections	Susan Crawford, a Democratic-backed judge, beat back a well-funded Republican candidate to secure a seat on Wisconsin's Supreme Court on Tuesday night, according to AP. Crawford's win is a rebuke to President Trump and billionaire Elon Musk, who poured millions into the race — and it will maintain the court's liberal tilt in a key swing state.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/wisconsin-supreme-court-race-rebuff	2025/04/02
Mike Johnson scraps his whole week after brutal defeat	Political Cesspool	Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) canceled half a week's worth of House votes after failing to contain a revolt over proxy voting within his own party. It was Johnson's biggest legislative blow of 2025 thus far — and the first where President Trump wasn't providing him reinforcement.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/mike-johnson-anna-paulina-luna-jr	2025/04/02
Booker sets record for longest Senate speech ever with anti-Trump marathon	Politics-Senate	Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) now holds the record for the longest Senate speech ever: 25 hours and four minutes. Booker's record-breaking speech turned attention back to Democrats as the party tries to find the most effective way to counter Trump. Booker targeted a wide array of MAGA policies, from the GOP's plan to cut taxes to Trump's bashing of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Congressional Democrats are in the minority in both chambers and have few tools to stop the Trump policies. The dynamic has angered Democratic voters and activists, who have demanded more from lawmakers. But Booker's show of force signals a potential change in that dynamic.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/01/booker-sets-record-for-longest-sen	2025/04/02
Cory Booker's epic Senate speech puts Democrats back in the spotlight	Politics-Senate	Sen. Cory Booker's (D-N.J.) record marathon speech on the Senate floor won the founding Democratic Party something it has desperately needed in the Trump era: attention and the applause of its base. Top Democrats believe they are in their deepest hole in nearly 50 years after losing the White House, Senate and House, and the party's base has grown impatient with leaders who haven't confronted President Trump more aggressively. Booker said his speech highlights the "recklessness" of the Trump administration, which has plowed ahead with efforts to radically reshape the federal government and its workforce.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/01/cory-booker-democrats-speech-sen	2025/04/02
2 mothers bring the House to a halt over push to allow proxy voting for new parents	Politics-House	Two moms brought business on the floor of the House of Representatives to a grinding halt on Tuesday over their push to allow remote voting for new parents. "We said don't *** with moms," Rep. Brittany Pettersen, D-Colo., said on the steps of the U.S. Capitol alongside Rep. Anna Paulina Luna, R-Fla.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/01/two-moms-booker-democrats-speech-sen	2025/04/02
Supreme Court to decide if states can strip Planned Parenthood of Medicaid funds	Supreme Court	The Supreme Court hears arguments Wednesday in a case that isn't really about abortion, except that it is. At issue is whether a state — in this case, South Carolina — can remove Planned Parenthood clinics from its state Medicaid program, even though Medicaid funds cannot generally be used to fund abortions. The layoffs at the Department of Health and Human Services slashed the staffs of major federal aging, disability and anti-poverty programs, leaving the future of those programs uncertain. At least 40% of staff got layoff notices and many were turned away at the front door Tuesday when they showed up for work at the Administration for Community Living, or ACL, which coordinates federal policy on aging and disability. That's according to the agency's former director under the Biden Administration, Alison Barkoff, who says she talked to multiple members of her former staff.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/02/trump-st-5335626/supreme-court-south-c	2025/04/02
HHS layoffs hit Meals on Wheels and other services for seniors and disabled	Cruelty is the point	The agency funds programs that run senior centers and distribute 216 million meals a year to older and disabled people through the Meals on Wheels program. Erin McMahon says the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) owes her state, Oregon, a lot of money, and it's starting to cause disruptions. "In total, we've got \$129 million in federal dollars that are frozen," said McMahon, the director of Oregon's Department of Emergency Management. She said FEMA owes Oregon that money for disasters and disaster mitigation for events like severe winter storms, flooding, mudslides and wildfires. ... Since January, the Trump administration has held up federal money across many different agencies while it says it's reviewing the spending. Along with Oregon, Democratic officials from 21 states and the District of Columbia sued, saying the billions in federal dollars were already allocated by Congress. A federal judge on March 6 ordered that the money start flowing again. But the states are telling the judge that, in particular with the FEMA funding, the administration is not following his order.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/04/01/g-57716	2025/04/02
States say Trump's continued freeze on much-needed FEMA aid violates a judge's order	Judge order	"The Court's intervention is necessary," the states wrote in a filing last week, because they "have continued to experience significant obstacles to accessing federal funds."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/02/trump-st-5345777/trump-states-fema-fund	2025/04/02
Judge orders White House to restore legal aid to unaccompanied migrant children	Judge order	A federal judge in California on Tuesday ordered the Trump administration to temporarily restore legal aid to tens of thousands of migrant children who are in the United States without a parent or guardian.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/02/trump-st-5346831/judge-trump-administr	2025/04/02
Top scientists warn that Trump policies are causing a 'climate of fear' in research	Climate of fear	Nearly 2,000 leading American scientists, including dozens of Nobel Prize winners, have issued a stark warning that the U.S. lead in science is being "decimated" by the Trump administration's cuts to research and a growing "climate of fear" that jeopardizes independent research. - A bitter right for Trump and Musk in Wisconsin - Democratic energy woe through the roof - Florida is still Trump Country - Republicans underperformed - GOP gets some breathing room in the House	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/01/st-5347411/scientists-trump-resear	2025/04/02
5 takeaways from Wisconsin Supreme Court race, Florida special elections	Special Elections	"If Mr. Kennedy truly wants an independent, impartial review of vaccine data, Mr. Geier is the wrong man for the job," the editorial board wrote. "The study's results look preordained." Kennedy also forced Peter Marks, a top official at the Food and Drug Administration who helped accelerate the agency's approval of the Covid-19 vaccine, to either resign or be fired. In this resignation letter on Friday, he wrote that he was willing to work with Kennedy to address his "concerns regarding vaccine safety and transparency."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/5-takeaways-wisconsin-supreme-court-0	2025/04/02
Murdoch's Paper Flames RFK Jr. on Vaccines: 'Our Worst Fears Are Coming True'	Health-Vaccines	But he added, "It has become clear that truth and transparency are not desired by the Secretary, but rather he wishes subsequent confirmation of his misinformation and lies."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/murdoch-paper-flames-rfk-jr-141502771	2025/04/02
Mark Cuban warns Trump tariffs mean his Cost Plus Drugs won't have a choice but to raise prices for consumers	Economy-Tariffs	But now those prices might go up if the Trump administration imposes tariffs on India, Cuban said. While Cost Drugs Plus won't be affected by tariffs on China, Cuban said any potential tariff on goods imported from India would force the company to raise the price of its medications. In that scenario, he said, Cost Plus Drugs would let consumers know that the cost of tariffs and broker fees would be passed onto them "directly," with no way for the company to "eat" the costs.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/mark-cuban-warns-trump-tariffs-19542	2025/04/02
US is on track to have the worst measles outbreak of this century, former Covid response coordinator warns	Health-measles	"We are on track to have the worst measles outbreak of this century, of the last 25 years," Dr. Ashish Jha, the former White House coronavirus response coordinator and dean of Brown University's School of Public Health, told ABC News Monday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-track-worst-measles-outbreak-163227	2025/04/02
An entire spring's worth of rain is expected to bring dangerous flooding this week as severe weather hits the central US	Environment-Storms	The system, which picked up in parts of the Central and Southern Plains overnight Tuesday, is expected to produce hail, wind damage and significant, life-threatening flash flooding, the National Weather Service said, with parts of north-central Oklahoma and south-central Kansas at the greatest risk early in the week.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/entire-spring-worth-rain-expected-075016	2025/04/02
Trump tariff rebuke: GOP senators to join Dems in opposing Canada plan	Economy-Tariffs	In what would be a rebuke to President Donald Trump, a Senate resolution to end the emergency declaration enabling tariffs against Canada is likely to have enough Republican votes to pass the chamber, according to Sen. Rand Paul, R-Kentucky. "Elon Musk is supposed to be a genius. He doesn't realize he's the fall guy," Price said. "He's going to be ousted at some point when [Department of Government Efficiency] goes too far, which it will."	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/buy-rubent-financial-markets-brace-new	2025/04/02
Analyst Says, 'Elon Musk Doesn't Realize He's The Fall Guy' Who's Going To Be Quoted When DOGE Goes Too Far	Fuck that guy	According to Price, Musk's alignment with Trump and involvement in DOGE is more about political optics than genuine partnership. He believes Musk is being threatened as a high-profile figure to test the waters for more radical moves, and will be conveniently blamed if things go sideways. "Trump is going to need someone that wasn't confirmed by the Senate to get rid of quickly, and that's Musk," Price said. "When challenged, Musk will be quite easy to peel off."	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/analyst-says-elon-musk-doesnt-01003	2025/04/02

		Volatile spring weather will kick into high gear this week as a potential severe thunderstorm outbreak and life-threatening flooding loom large for tens of millions of people in the central and eastern United States. April is typically when severe thunderstorm season starts to pick up the pace, but destructive weather has already unfolded more often than usual this year. Storms from January through March generated more than 3,200 reports of tornadoes, hail and damaging wind nationwide.			
A once-in-a-generation flood event could cap off this week's slew of severe weather threats	Environment-Storms		https://www.yahoo.com/news/severe-weather-outbreak-could-unleash-	2025/04/02	
		A top employee of billionaire Elon Musk who is now working in the U.S. Justice Department previously bragged about hacking and distributing pirated software, according to archived copies of his former websites reviewed by Reuters. In response to questions for this story, the Justice Department did not directly address Stanley's current role or his past but said he had an active security clearance that predated his employment at DOGE. In a statement to Reuters, U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi said she had "full trust and confidence in Chris's ability to help the federal government." Stanley, the White House, SpaceX and X did not respond to requests for comment. In the hours after Reuters contacted Stanley, several of his old websites vanished from the Internet Archive. Mark Graham, director of the Wayback Machine, declined to answer specific questions about the disappearance of Stanley's websites but said people who own the rights to sites can request to have their content withdrawn from the archive. Trump last week dismissed concerns about the impact of his 25% tariffs on foreign-made autos by admitting, "I couldn't care less" if they lead to higher prices for American consumers. The quote "is likely to show up in Democratic campaign ads next year," the editorial warned, Trump "won't be on the ballot in 2028 but you can bet TV ads will fix Republicans in Congress to Mr. Trump and those comments."			
Exclusive:DOGE official at DOJ bragged about hacking, distributing pirated software	Fuck that guy		https://www.yahoo.com/news/exclusive-doge-official-doj-bragged-1004-	2025/04/02	
Wall Street Journal Flags 4 Words From Donald Trump That Could Now Haunt The GOP	Trump Bullshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/wall-street-journal-flags-4-092037644-141n-	2025/04/02	
NASA Signs Contract for Elon Musk's Starship, Even Though It's Never Launched Without Exploiting	Fuck that guy	NASA has officially added SpaceX's enormous Starship rocket to its roster — despite the vehicle never having completed a single successful test flight, let alone a mission. This is just the latest of many examples—almost too many to count—of Trump's policies reducing directly to Musk's benefit. From executive orders to foreign misadventures, much of what crosses Trump's desk or fits through his brain is in Musk's material interest. Even Trump's own political interests are taking a back seat to enriching Musk, who donated nearly \$300 million last year to help Trump and his MAGA minions get elected. The generous (at least self-serving) interpretation is that the president is merely returning that favor; less favorably, he's in Musk's back pocket. Either way, the great con man Trump has his match—now he's the one being conned. The Washington Post reports that members of the White House National Security Council have used personal Gmail accounts to conduct government business. National security advisor Michael Waltz and a senior aide of his both used their own accounts to discuss sensitive information with colleagues, according to the Post's review and interviews with government officials who spoke to the newspaper anonymously.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nasa-signs-contract-elon-musk-1507387-	2025/04/02	
Donald Trump Fell for Elon Musk's Big Con	Fuck that guy		https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-fell-elon-musk-173017824-	2025/04/02	
National Security Council adds Gmail to its list of bad decisions	Dumb and Dumber	Additionally, there are regulations requiring that certain official government communications be preserved and archived. Using a personal account could allow some messages to slip through the cracks, accidentally or intentionally. "The FDA as we've known it is finished, with most of the leaders with institutional knowledge and a deep understanding of product development and safety no longer employed," Caffi wrote in a post on LinkedIn, saying he's been "overwhelmed with messages about the firing" this morning. "I believe that history will see this a huge mistake," he continued. "I will be glad if I'm proven wrong, but even then there is a good reason to treat people this way."	https://tech.yahoo.com/article/national-security-council-adds-gmail-to-it-	2025/04/02	
'FDA as we've known it is finished': Former commissioner	Government-FDA		https://www.yahoo.com/news/fda-as-we-known-finished-former-19032968-	2025/04/02	
GOP insiders Pray for Hugely Unpopular Elon Musk to Exit Stage Left	Fuck that guy	With polling showing Musk's unpopularity with voters and angry protests around the country against his government-cutting DOGE task force, some Republican lawmakers wonder how much longer they'll have to deal with him.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-insiders-pray-hugely-unpopular-1622-	2025/04/02	
Elon Musk's SpaceX pleads with Trump for tariff exemptions	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk's SpaceX is seeking to avoid tariffs on equipment imported from China as Donald Trump prepares to escalate his trade war. The rocket company has asked the US government for exemptions on two pieces of Chinese-made manufacturing equipment used to produce broadband terminals for its Starlink satellite internet business.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-spacex-pleads-trump-1550-	2025/04/02	
White House signals no deadline for Musk's DOGE departure	Fuck that guy	But inside the administration, the formal expiration of Musk's status doesn't seem firm, and many are not looking that far ahead. One Trump official said there's no set timeline on Musk's departure and suggested the administration would have more clarity on his role once the Trump White House passes its own 100-day mark at the end of this month. Government agencies are statutorily required to disclose information requested by Americans under the 1968 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) unless it falls under one of a handful of exemptions, such as material classified for national security or content that, if made public, would violate an individual's personal privacy. FOIA applies to the HHS, like any other department, and distinct agencies including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and National Institutes of Health (NIH) all have FOIA offices. Or they did until Tuesday, anyway. Officials at the FDA and NIH have confirmed that many civil servants who work on FOIA in those offices have been let go, while the CDC's FOIA desk has been completely eradicated, according to the agency's chief operating officer. An email from Rolling Stone to foirequests@cdc.gov returned an auto-reply that read, "Hello, the FOIA office has been placed on admin leave and is unable to respond to any emails." Emails to several other addresses for FOIA requests at HHS agencies — to check whether they are still active — did not receive immediate replies. Even programs at the centers on Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion as well as HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and Tuberculosis Prevention were affected. The HIV program reportedly lost at least half of its workforce. Employees across the agency received notices via email beginning 5 a. m. Tuesday, with some workers showing up to their offices to find their ID badges didn't work anymore. Kennedy has long been an anti-vaccine activist, so the move is in line with his beliefs, especially since he has already revoked over \$11 billion in Covid-19 aid funding from HHS. Trump has long held a grudge against the CDC and other public health agencies, blaming them for testing his first term when it was really his own mismanagement of the Covid-19 pandemic. Now, he and Kennedy are dealing a crushing blow to public health in America. Experts in everything from mine safety to smoking and infertility were hit by mass layoffs in branch after branch of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr's plan to downsize nearly a quarter of the 82,000-person workforce took effect. But the cuts ripped out far from the DC area. In just one example in Morgantown, West Virginia, the secretary's cuts gutted the respiratory division that protects coal miners from pneumoconiosis, a disease colloquially known as "black lung" — and one condition that has increased astronomically among young coal miners in Appalachia.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-signals-no-deadline-210032-	2025/04/02	
Health Secretary RFK Jr. Promised Radical Transparency, Now He's Closing FOIA Offices	government-FOIA		https://www.yahoo.com/news/health-secretary-rfk-jr-promised-233008-	2025/04/02	
		Trump Finally Takes Revenge on CDC With Total Bloodbath Experts in everything from mine safety to smoking and infertility were hit by mass layoffs in branch after branch of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr's plan to downsize nearly a quarter of the 82,000-person workforce took effect.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-finally-takes-revenge-cdc-211000-	2025/04/02	
US health agency layoffs cut mine safety, infertility and smoking programs	Government-HHS	At the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), cuts hit an entire branch devoted to infertility — a cause that Donald Trump had championed only days earlier, calling himself the "fertilization president". A sense of chaos has gripped the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Noaa), one of the world's premier research agencies, with key staff hastily fired and then rehired, cuts to vital weather forecasting operations and even a new, unsecured server that led to staff being deluged by obscene spam emails. Along with leading climate and marine research, Noaa also houses the National Weather Service, which provides bedrock weather forecasts to private providers and the public. There are concerns that the Trump administration's cuts, spearheaded by Elon Musk's so-called "department of government efficiency" (Doge), could imperil public safety by hindering timely warnings of tornadoes and hurricanes. Rightwing groups around the US are pushing legislation that would place new limits on what books are allowed in school libraries in a move that critics decry as censorship often focused on LGBTQ+ issues or race or imposing conservative social values. Caught up in the attempts at suppressing books are classics like The Color Purple and Slaughterhouse Five. Opponents of such bills argue that they would actually hinder individual rights because the proponents would be imposing their beliefs on parents and children who do not share their views. Those campaigning for the restrictions say it would prevent children from being exposed to what they label sexually explicit and obscene content and increase parental rights. Another proposed amendment would have made it easier for lawmakers to expand the crimes for which juveniles could be sentenced as adults. Criminal justice reform groups rallied to oppose what they described as draconian punishment that would not address the root causes of youth crime. The remaining amendments would have allowed lawmakers to create regional specialty courts, which opponents said could be used to usurp judicial authority from local courts, and provided more flexibility in the timeline for holding elections for the state's supreme court.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/02/hhs-cuts-fda-layoffs-	2025/04/02	
'Chaos': Trump cuts to Noaa disrupt staffing and weather forecasts	Government-NOAA		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/01/trump-cuts-noaa-gp-	2025/04/02	
Rightwing groups across US push new bans to limit 'obscene' books in libraries	Censorship		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/01/new-book-bans-lib-	2025/04/02	
Louisiana voters reject far-right governor's constitutional amendments	far right		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/01/louisiana-constit-141n-	2025/04/02	
Naval Academy removes nearly 400 books from library in new DEI purge ordered by Hegseth's office	Information Blackout	The U.S. Naval Academy has removed nearly 400 books from its library after being told by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's office to review and get rid of ones that promote diversity, equity and inclusion, U.S officials said Tuesday. The moves will shrink the Department of Health and Human Services to 62,000 positions, lopping off nearly a quarter of its staff — 10,000 jobs through layoffs and another 10,000 workers who took early retirement and voluntary separation offers. Many of the jobs are based in the Washington area, but others are in Atlanta, where the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is based, and in smaller offices throughout the country. The cuts include researchers, scientists, doctors, support staff and senior leaders, leaving the federal government without many of the key experts who have long guided U.S. decisions on medical research, drug approvals and other issues.	https://apnews.com/article/military-academies-dei-hegseth-trump-ba67f-	2025/04/02	
Hers's where jobs and programs are being cut at the nation's top health agencies	Government-HHS		https://apnews.com/article/party-trump-cdc-fda-nih-cms-layoffs-5eba820-	2025/04/02	
Elon Musk mocked for trying to spin the Wisconsin election result. 'You failed, you couldn't buy the vote'	Fuck that guy	But users were quick to point out that the world's richest man, despite previously emphasizing the importance of passing voter ID laws, did not get the outcome he had been seeking despite personally spending \$25 million on the race.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-m-	2025/04/02	
Israel says it is expanding military operation in Gaza and will 'capture large areas'	International-Israel	Israel is expanding its offensive in Gaza to seize "large areas" of the Strip, the country's defence minister has said, as he called on Palestinians living in the territory to "expel Hamas and return all hostages". Israel Katz said the major expansion of the military operation was to "crush and clean the area of terrorists and terrorist infrastructure" and seize lands that will be added to what he called the "security zones of the State of Israel". "This is the only way to end the war," Mr Katz added, without clarifying how much territory Israel planned to seize. Israel's security perimeter runs along the border with Israel in northern and eastern Gaza.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/israel-gaza-han-	2025/04/02	
Elon Musk threatens 'generals' who he claims are 'paying' for Texas protests after shelling out millions for Wisconsin election	Fuck that guy	Musk has repeatedly accused his critics of being paid protesters while spending millions of dollars himself to influence voters.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-m-	2025/04/02	
Alabama can't prosecute groups who help women travel to get an abortion, federal judge says	Reproductive Rights	Alabama's attorney general cannot prosecute people and groups who help Alabama women travel to other states to obtain abortions, a federal judge ruled Monday. U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson sided with an abortion fund and medical providers who sued Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall after he suggested they could face prosecution under anti-conspiracy laws. Thompson's ruling declared that such prosecutions would violate both the First Amendment and a person's right to travel. With a single stroke of his pen, Trump seeks to re-order the global economy in a way that he believes will create a golden age for U.S. industry. In less than 100 days, Trump has made an historic attempt to choke off the flow of foreign goods — or at least make it much pricier for Americans to consume them. But there's a reason all those people have recommended a more restrained approach. Prices on imported goods are likely to surge, a recession is possible, and far-reaching ripples in international economics and diplomacy are a certainty. Trump, in disregarding those recommendations, touched the hot stove, knowing he risks getting burned.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/trump-global-trade-war-	2025/04/03	
Trump takes the ultimate risk with the global economy	Economy-Tariffs		https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/stock-market-tariffs-trump-trade-war-	2025/04/03	
Stock markets sink globally on Trump's tariff plan Democrats beg Elon Musk: Campaign for our GOP opponents	Trump's economy	"Markets are going to continue to struggle with the speed at which tariff details change as well as the ultimate result of the tariffs themselves (e.g. the magnitude of the tariffs)," Chris Zaccarelli, chief investment officer at Northlight Asset Management, said in a note. House Democrats are making an unusual plea to billionaire Trump lieutenant Elon Musk: Come campaign for our Republican opponents next year.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/elon-musk-house-democrats-worco-	2025/04/03	
Storms unleash tornadoes on Midwest, South amid 'catastrophic' flooding threats	Environment-Storms	Severe storms are sweeping the U.S. South and Midwest, spawning damaging tornadoes and causing flooding in multiple states into Thursday morning. An EF-1 tornado in Vernon County, Missouri, on Wednesday morning "knocked over" eight train cars, damaged several homes, "numerous businesses" and multiple trees, the National Weather Service's Springfield office said on X.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/midwest-south-severe-weather-floo-	2025/04/03	

Florida election exposes deep divisions within GOP	Elections	Republicans survived Tuesday's special elections for two congressional seats in Florida, but the races exposed deep frustrations in President Trump's team over the House GOP's political apparatus. The Trump administration has paused the Federal Trade Commission's lawsuit against major pharmacy benefit managers after two Democratic commissioners were fired earlier this month. The FTC issued the stay in the case against CVS Caremark, OptumRx and Express Scripts in response to a motion "citing the fact that there are currently no sitting Commissioners able to participate in this matter."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/03/florida-election-gop-divisions	2025/04/03	
FTC halts case against CVS Caremark, OptumRx	Government-FTC	Mass layoffs at the Department of Health and Human Services are leaving a communications gulf within the federal health system that millions of Americans rely on for information about drug safety, product recalls, disease outbreaks and other public health threats. It's not just the loss of communications staff, HHS staff say. Legislative affairs staff act as the liaison between HHS and Congress. After February's terminations and Tuesday's layoffs, there's no one left in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's legislative affairs office. "Both sides of the aisle are going to have an incredibly difficult time getting any information from the agencies. There's going to be extremely long wait times," one employee familiar with the situation said. The loss of specialized expertise at the agency "is going to kill thousands of people from mental health, suicide, overdoses," they added.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/03/ftc-stays-case-cvs-caremark-optumrx	2025/04/03	
The emerging health communications gulf	Government-HHS	The life sciences are heavily reliant on foreign countries for raw materials and manufacturing, most of it duty-free. Experts said a radical shift away from free-trade policies could bring higher drug prices, supply chain disruptions and weaker margins for big industry players.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/03/hhs-layoffs-health-communications-recalls	2025/04/03	
Drug and device makers confront Trump tariffs	Economy-Tariffs	Health industries pay billions developing and shepherding drugs through the regulatory process, including user fees that help ensure there are enough staff to evaluate products on a predictable timeline. There are dozens of expected approval dates scheduled for drugs and biologics in the next three months. They include a monoclonal antibody for RSV from Merck, as well as expanded uses for a GlaxoSmithKline drug for COVID and a Glaxo drug for HIV prevention. As yet, there have been no delays to drug approvals, but industry watchers worry that may not last in light of the agency job cuts. On Wednesday, CBS News reported the FDA is planning fewer food and drug inspections as a result of reductions in the FDA's Office of Inspections and Investigations.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/03/drug-device-maker-trump-tariffs	2025/04/03	
Drug industry worries about FDA delays	Government-FDA	A truly enormous shock is needed to tip the entire global economy into recession. Since World War II, there have been two of these events: the financial crisis of 2008-09, and the coronavirus pandemic of 2020. The U.S. imported \$3.3 billion of goods in 2024. That's more than \$25,000 per household. If the new tariffs work out to an average of 28% per Evercore, then U.S. importers would have to pay about \$1 trillion in tariffs per year, or \$1,300 per household. Realistically, that would never happen. Many goods will just not get imported any more, creating shortages and large price hikes.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/03/drug-industry-worries-fda-delays	2025/04/03	
A third global recession in 20 years looms	Economy-Recession	Four Republican senators helped Democrats pass a resolution Wednesday that would effectively repeal President Trump's tariffs on Canada. The vote shows how deeply concerned some Republicans are about Trump's tariff policies, just as he rolls out even steeper tariffs on U.S. imports. The resolution, offered by Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.), would repeal the emergency declaration that allowed Trump to place tariffs on Canada. The White House has cited fanfare following across the border as a reason for the declaration. The vote is a victory for Democrats who have been banging the table against the tariff policies and pleading for their Republican colleagues to break ranks with Trump. But the measure is likely dead on arrival in the GOP-controlled House.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/trump-repeal-tariffs-cause-recession	2025/04/03	
Senate votes to repeal Trump's Canada tariffs	Economy-Tariffs	President Trump unveiled tariffs of at least 10% Wednesday on virtually the entire world, with one notable exception: Russia. Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt told Axios Wednesday that Russia was left off because U.S. sanctions already "preclude any meaningful trade." However, the U.S. still trades more with Russia than with countries like Mauritius or Brunei that did make Trump's tariffs list. Even remote island territories like Tokelau (pop. 1,500) in the South Pacific and Svalbard (pop. 2,500) in the Arctic Circle — territories of New Zealand and Norway, respectively — were listed for tariffs. However, Leavitt noted that Cuba, Belarus and North Korea were also not included because existing tariffs and sanctions on them are already so high.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/senate-repeal-trump-tariffs-canada	2025/04/03	
Trump's tariffs list is missing one big country: Russia	Economy-Tariffs	Lots of farmers say they were stretched to the breaking point before the tariffs took hold. The price of traders has jumped 50% in five years, according to Successful Farming magazine; fertilizer has more than doubled, but commodity prices are low. Ethnik said the price of wheat started to climb earlier this year but plummeted when Trump began talking about border tariffs. "I mean, that was a \$30,000, \$35,000, \$40,000 hit that we've taken, and I'm laying a huge amount of that right at Trump's feet," said Ethnik. Large-scale American farmers depend on exports to make a living. About half of Ethnik's wheat is sold overseas. But Ethnik and the markets assume that countries recently hit with export tariffs will retaliate by taxing U.S. food exports, which will cut demand and drive prices even lower. The big, conservative farm trade groups fear the same thing. "More than 20% of farm income comes from exports," said American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall in a statement responding to the latest round of tariffs. "Tariffs will drive up the cost of critical supplies, and retaliatory tariffs will make American-grown products more expensive globally. The combination not only threatens farmers' competitiveness in the short-term, but it may also lead to long-term damage by leading to losses in demand." Teams that fulfilled requests for government documents lost their jobs on Tuesday as part of the Trump administration's 10,000-person staff cuts at the Department of Health and Human Services. Their work, mandated by Congress since the 1980s under the Freedom of Information Act or FOIA, gives the public a view of the inner workings of federal health agencies. Some public records teams were entirely cut at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health and other agencies on Tuesday, according to multiple current and former staffers who did not want to be named because of fears of retribution. A few people have been left standing on other FOIA teams within these agencies, for now.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/02/trump-tariffs-russia-ukraine-cessfire	2025/04/03	
Tariffs threaten to upend markets American farmers depend on	Economy-Tariffs	Some public records teams were entirely cut at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health and other agencies on Tuesday, according to multiple current and former staffers who did not want to be named because of fears of retribution. A few people have been left standing on other FOIA teams within these agencies, for now.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/03/g-a-157911/tariffs-threaten-to-upend-markets	2025/04/03	
HHS guts the teams that fulfill public records requests for health agencies	Government-HHS	The Trump administration is considering a deal to potentially resolve TikTok's legal uncertainty that involves leasing the app's algorithm from Beijing-based owner ByteDance, according to a person directly involved in the talks who is not authorized to speak publicly. Under the plan, a new U.S. entity would be created led by software giant Oracle. ByteDance is expected to retain a minority stake. Senate Republicans have unveiled their proposed policy and budget package, setting up a fight with members of their own party and their House counterparts in a race to implement a key piece of President Trump's legislative agenda. It would raise the country's debt limit by \$5 trillion to avoid a catastrophic financial default this summer, and make tax cuts that passed under Trump's first term permanent. The House-passed \$4.6 trillion Trump tax plan is included in the package. Myanmar's military declared a temporary ceasefire in the country's civil war Wednesday to facilitate relief efforts following a 7.7 magnitude earthquake that has killed more than 3,000 people. Obviously, my reaction is good riddance, an employee at the Office of Personnel Management said. Employees requested anonymity for fear of retaliation or because they were not authorized to speak, and BI has verified their identities.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/04/03/g-a-157888	2025/04/03	
White House reviewing TikTok proposal to lease algorithm from China	Social media	Five current and former employees told BI that they think Musk will still influence the DOGE office's operations, even if he technically gives up his government role. As one put it, he'll still "pull the puppet strings"—whereas Musk is out of it. A Democratic lawmaker is introducing a measure that would compel Elon Musk and his lackeys at the Department of Government Efficiency to undergo routine drug testing. New Jersey Rep. Mike Shimell is set to file a bill titled the "Drug Testing for Special Government Employees Act," according to Axios.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/02/musk-a-15348592/tiktok-oracle-trump-china	2025/04/03	
Senate Republicans move forward with their budget plan to promote Trump's agenda	Government-Funding	Under the measure, special government employees must undergo a drug test before their first day of work and submit themselves to federal workplace drug testing programs. Anyone who tests positive for a controlled substance will be ineligible for federal service for at least a year.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/02/g-a-1578502/senate-republicans-budget	2025/04/03	
Myanmar's military declares a ceasefire as earthquake deaths pass 3,000	Tragic	The Trump administration is already considering bailing out farmers caught in the middle of the White House's escalating trade war that's now encompassing the rest of the world. The administration is weighing a new batch of emergency aid to farmers as trading partners push back against U.S. tariffs with their own measures. The New York Times has reported. The last time Trump was in office, his administration spent \$23 billion in subsidy payments to farmers to protect them from his trade war then with China, which purchased far fewer American agricultural products.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/03/mys-a-15350471/myanmar-cessfire-earthquake	2025/04/03	
Federal workers have mixed emotions on Musk's rumored DOGE exit: 'So much damage has already been done'	Fuck that guy	Such payments, as they did then, would now shield a vital voting base for Republicans. The Trump administration conceded in a court filing Monday that it mistakenly deported a Maryland father to El Salvador "because of an administrative error" and argued it could not return him because he's now in Salvadoran custody.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-workers-mixed-emotions-musk-15348592.html	2025/04/03	
Musk and His DOGE Goons Would Face Drug Tests, Under New Bill	Fuck that guy	The Trump administration is already considering bailing out farmers caught in the middle of the White House's escalating trade war that's now encompassing the rest of the world. The administration is weighing a new batch of emergency aid to farmers as trading partners push back against U.S. tariffs with their own measures. The New York Times has reported. The last time Trump was in office, his administration spent \$23 billion in subsidy payments to farmers to protect them from his trade war then with China, which purchased far fewer American agricultural products.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-doge-goons-face-drug-224749834	2025/04/03	
Trump already weighing multi-billion-dollar tariff bailout for US farmers	Economy-Tariffs	The Trump administration conceded in a court filing Monday that it mistakenly deported a Maryland father to El Salvador "because of an administrative error" and argued it could not return him because he's now in Salvadoran custody.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-already-weighing-multi-billion-234f	2025/04/03	
Trump administration concedes Maryland father from El Salvador was mistakenly deported and sent to mega-prison	Borders and immigration	The filing, first reported by The Atlantic, appears to mark the first time the administration has admitted an error related to its recent deportation flights to El Salvador, which are now at the center of a fraught legal battle. The Trump administration hasn't released details about which offices specifically were targeted, but the cuts seem to be so deep and indiscriminate that they are going to hamstring Kennedy's own stated priorities. Kennedy has made clear that he's singularly focused on reducing rates of chronic disease in America, but the health secretary has reportedly laid off officials in the CDC's office tasked with that same goal. While cigarette smoking remains a leading cause of chronic disease, the top FDA official in charge of regulating tobacco is now on administrative leave, and everyone working for the CDC office that monitors tobacco use has been fired, according to the former CDC director Tom Frieden. Despite Kennedy's promises to establish a culture of "radical transparency" at the federal agencies, he also appears to have fired the employees whom journalists and the greater public rely on to provide essential updates about the government's actions. (In a statement, a spokesperson for HHS said that the personnel cuts were focused on "redundant or unnecessary administrative positions.") No plan—not his MAHA agenda, not efficiency, nothing—can realistically explain cuts like these. Instead, the mass firings don't seem to be a means to an end on the way to overhauling American health. They are an end in themselves. It's unclear what impact President Donald Trump's "Liberation Day" tariffs will have on the U.S. economy, but if things go badly, members of the administration are reportedly ready to blame Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-concedes-maryland-20250403	2025/04/03	
RFK Jr. Is Out for Revenge	Political-Ceaspool	Despite fears that they could plunge the U.S. stock market — or worse, incite a recession — Lutnick has said they are "worth it" and "produce revenues," though from American businesses that pay the tariffs, and U.S. consumers who have to help cover them. Senate Democrats are opening an investigation into reports that Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) is attempting to replace some contract workers at the Education Department with artificial intelligence (AI).	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-is-out-for-revenge-214900711.html	2025/04/03	
The one official Trump world is ready to blame if tariffs are a disaster	Economy-Tariffs	The call centers field around 15,000 questions per day from an average of 1,600 students and families. The proposal has been floated as the president is looking to dismantle the federal agency, laying off nearly half the Department of Education's employees already. "The department is open to using tools and systems that would enhance the customer service, security and transparency of data for students and parents," Matt Biedermann, the department's deputy assistant secretary for communications, told the Times in February. "We are evaluating all contracts to assess effectiveness relative to costs."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/one-official-trump-world-ready-205013427	2025/04/03	
Senate Democrats open investigation into reports AI could replace contract workers at Education Department	Economy-DOE	Many pointed out the tariffs were actually tax increases — including Mike Pence, who served as Trump's vice president during his first term. Others on the right also put Trump on blast over the policy, which they noted would be paid for by American consumers.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/senate-democrats-open-investigation-rep-20250403	2025/04/03	
Trump Gets Brutal Fact-Check From Conservatives As Markets Tank Due To Tariffs	Economy-Tariffs		https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trump-gets-brutal-fact-check-04152693	2025/04/03	

CNN Data Chief Has 1 'Big Lesson' About Elton Musk After Wisconsin Loss	Fuck that guy	"Elton Musk, simply put, is an unpopular guy. He is political poison," Enten stressed. The White House Correspondents' Association's decision over the weekend to fire Amber Ruffin from performing at that annual soiree is not just a disappointing turn of events; it's a glaring testament to the media's increasing capitulation to Donald Trump's authoritarian grip. This move underscores a horrifying trend of institutions that once prided themselves on independence and courage — did someone say law firms? — now bowing to the whims of a president who has consistently demonstrated his disdain for dissent, satire, and the foundational principles of a free press.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cnn-data-chief-1-big-01344002.html	2025/04/03	
The White House press corps just caved to Trump, and that should terrify you	Information Blackout	When North Dakota voters approved term limits for state legislators, they specified that the Legislature couldn't seek to change the new restrictions. On Wednesday, the state House opted to propose a big change, anyway.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-press-corps-just-120503741	2025/04/03	
North Dakota voters banned lawmakers from seeking term limit changes. They did it anyway	Political Criespool	The 2022 measure, which amended the state constitution, said the Legislature "shall not have authority to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in . . . this article." Donald Trump drew mockery on Wednesday for including two remote islands near Antarctica on his list of countries (even though they are not countries) that will now be hit with steep, new tariffs as part of his so-called Liberation Day. The president slapped a 10% tariff on all products that are imported from the mostly barren, volcanic Heard and McDonald Islands.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/north-dakota-voters-banned-lawmakers-2	2025/04/03	
Donald Trump's Tariffs On These 2 Islands Comes With An Absurd Twist	Economy-Tariffs	They are uninhabited by humans, take days to travel to (only by boat) from Australia and are home to penguins and seals, though the area has a fishery. Goods imported from China will now face a combined total tariff rate of 54%. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Wednesday. Bessent confirmed on Bloomberg Television that all goods imported from China would face a new 34% rate based on White House calculations of what it currently imposes on U.S. exports, plus the existing 20% rate Trump had already imposed against it in the initial weeks of his administration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-tariffs-2-islands-060847981	2025/04/03	
Goods imported from China now face a 84% tariff rate — and possibly higher	Economy-Tariffs	President Donald Trump on Wednesday gave America its largest tax increase in at least three decades — more than \$2 trillion over 10 years — by imposing an across-the-board 10% levy on all imports, with higher rates on dozens more countries and a further 25% tax on all foreign cars.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/goods-imported-china-now-face-2239238	2025/04/03	
Trump Imposes Trillions Of Dollars In New Taxes On Americans	Economy-Tariffs	The president displayed the top of his list from a podium in the White House Rose Garden, and later published a longer version. Note that the "tariffs charged to the USA" in Trump's formulation include "trade barriers" so don't necessarily align with the tariffs published by countries concerned.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-imposes-trillions-dollars-taxes-229	2025/04/03	
Trump's tariffs: the full list	Economy-Tariffs	And "It's such an old-fashioned term but a beautiful term: gooceries. It's sort of says a bag with different things in it. Groceries went through the roof and I campaigned on that. I talked about the word 'gooceries' for a lot, and energy costs now are down. Groceries are down."	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/apr/03/trumps-tariffs-the-full-list	2025/04/03	
Trump goes full gameshow host to push his tariff plan — and nobody's a winner	Economy-Tariffs	1. Friends are bracing for what 'liberation' means 2. The China link? 3. Key trade partners Canada and Mexico are spared — but will still feel the pain 4. This is a big gamble 5. Absolutely nowhere is immune	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/03/trump-tariffs-key-issues	2025/04/03	
Trump's tariffs — five key takeaways	Economy-Tariffs	Doctors who practice medicine in states with abortion bans have described in a new study how three of their pregnant patients died, but probably could have been saved had they been able to receive abortion care. "This study clearly demonstrates the immediate and wide-spread harm that abortion bans are having on pregnant people. Even in states with 'exceptions' to the abortion ban, doctors' hands are tied until it is too late and severe outcomes, including preventable death are happening," said Dr. Carlin Bernard, an Indiana-based obstetrician-gynecologist and reproductive and abortion rights activist.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/03/abortion-critically-ill	2025/04/03	
Three critically ill patients in US could have survived with abortions, study shows	Reproductive Rights	Kevin Young, the director of the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) in Washington DC, is not currently in charge of the museum and has been on leave since 14 March, as Donald Trump targets the Smithsonian museum network for its content.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/02/kevin-young-african	2025/04/03	
Head of DC's African American museum on leave as Trump targets Smithsonian	Information Blackout	Donald Trump's national security adviser, Mike Waltz, and his team have created at least 20 different group chats on the encrypted messaging app Signal to coordinate sensitive national security work, sources tell Politico. The revelation, which cites four people with direct knowledge of the practice, follows heightened scrutiny of the administration's handling of sensitive information after the Atlantic recently published messages from a chat that included the defense secretary, Pete Hegseth, sharing operational details of deadly strikes against Houthis rebels in Yemen.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/02/trump-mike-waltz-signal	2025/04/03	
Mike Waltz's team set up at least 20 Signal chats for national security work — report	Dumb and dumber	A group of public health experts and major labor organizations are suing the National Institutes of Health (NIH) over what they call an "ongoing ideological purge" of scientific research.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/02/nih-funding-trump	2025/04/03	
NIH sued over 'ideological purge' of DEI, Covid and vaccine research	Government-NIH	The complaint says the cuts have targeted research tied to topics like diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), gender identity, vaccine hesitancy and even work involving collaborators in other countries. These cancellations, they argue, provide a "window into the devastation to medical and scientific research playing out across the nation right now".	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/02/nih-funding-trump	2025/04/03	
'Catastrophic for American families': Business leaders react as Trump imposes 'Liberation Day' tariffs on world	Economy-Tariffs	"Manufacturers are scrambling to determine the exact implications for their operations," National Association of Manufacturers president and CEO Jay Timmons said in a statement on Wednesday. "The stakes for manufacturers could not be higher." The tariffs, which Trump continues to erroneously claim will mean other countries paying the U.S., will in fact "threaten investment, jobs, supply chains, and, in turn, America's ability to outcompete other nations and lead as the preeminent manufacturing superpower," according to Timmons.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald-trump-tariffs-120503741	2025/04/03	
Trump's tariff gamble may inadvertently liberate Americans from their retirement savings	Economy-Tariffs	Nonetheless, after hours trading gave a hint of what may come on Thursday morning. Dow futures tumbled 255 points, or 0.81 per cent. S&P 500 futures slid 1.69 per cent. Futures tied to the Nasdaq 100 fell 2.54 per cent.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald-trump-tariffs-120503741	2025/04/03	
Lawsuit claims Musk failed to make promised payments over 2024 petition signatures	Fuck that guy	If Americans are being liberated by these tariffs, it is against their will. And liberating someone against their will is just a kidnapping. A federal lawsuit filed Tuesday in Pennsylvania accuses billionaire Elon Musk and the political action committee he started of failing to pay a suburban Philadelphia man more than \$20,000 for getting people to sign a petition in favor of free speech and gun rights.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/lawsuit-pennsylvania-philadelphia	2025/04/03	
Behind the Curtain: You gotta believe	Trump's economy	He's gambling that generations of politicians, economists, CEOs, small-business owners, academics and even some of his own staffers are wrong — and that he's right.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/04/trump-tariffs-confidence-americans/	2025/04/04	
Top Democrats denounce reported firing of NSA chief	Government-NSA	Top congressional Democrats on Thursday night spoke out over reports that Gen. Timothy Haugh has been fired as National Security Agency director. The Washington Post first reported that Haugh had been removed from the NSA role and as U.S. Cyber Command chief, along with his civilian deputy Wendy Noble, citing a former U.S. official and two current ones. Several National Security Council members were fired earlier Thursday after conspiracy theorist Laura Loomer valued the Oval Office and pressed President Trump to oust specific NSC staffers. Axios first reported.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/04/nsa-director-timothy-haugh-fired-trump/	2025/04/04	
Exclusive: Kushner's Abraham Accords Institute to merge into Heritage Foundation	Political Criespool	The Heritage Foundation is going to acquire the Abraham Accords Peace Institute (AAPi), which was established by President Trump's son-in-law and former senior adviser Jared Kushner, according to a statement shared with Axios. States and cities are being sent \$2 billion in childhood immunization and vaccination funding as part of broader cancellations of pandemic-era federal public health spending, per government data.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/04/west-kushner-abraham-accords-inst	2025/04/04	
States are losing billions in federal childhood vaccine funding	Health-Vaccines	A 42-page U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) document lists a sweeping variety of recently terminated public health grants, with about six pages dedicated specifically to awards for immunization and vaccines for children.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/04/childhood-vaccine-funding-hhs	2025/04/04	
South Korean court removes impeached President Yoon from office	International-South Korea	South Korea's impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol has been removed from office over his brief martial law declaration last December that saw troops deployed to the National Assembly.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/04/yoon-suk-yeol-south-korea-president	2025/04/04	
19 Democratic attorneys general sue Trump over elections order	Voting Fuckery	Democratic attorneys general in 19 states are suing President Trump over his sweeping changes to federal elections, which they say is a "blatantly unconstitutional attempt to legislate by fiat". The attorneys general argue in their lawsuit that was filed on Thursday that Trump has "no authority" to issue the order, which includes a proof of citizenship requirement and aims to prevent states from counting mail-in ballots that arrive after Election Day.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/03/democratic-states-sue-trump-electio	2025/04/04	
Trump says Musk will likely leave DOGE "in a few months"	Fuck that guy	Musk is "going to want to get back to his business," Trump told reporters on Air Force One. "Then the secretaries will take liability over." With the market melting down, the White House wants to stay on offense on judges and ensure the GOP presents a united front on tariffs. Mitt is essentially calling for more cavalry for President Trump's attacks on the judiciary, which has blocked some of the president's boldest, and most controversial, moves.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/04/musk-trump-doge-leave-timeline	2025/04/04	
Scoop: Stephen Miller's Senate GOP marching orders	Political Criespool	At the same time, he wants the Senate to extend Trump's 2017 tax cuts while also defending Trump's tariff-happy finger.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/04/stephen-miller-senate-republicans-fu	2025/04/04	
Tech jobs, robots are Lutnick's vision for America's 'manufacturing renaissance'	Economy-Jobs	Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick on Thursday touted the use of robotics in his pitch for an American "manufacturing renaissance."	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/04/tech-jobs-robots-lutnick-manufactu	2025/04/04	
Trump downplays the role of far-right activist in firings of NSC staff	Political Criespool	President Trump is downplaying reports that far-right activist Laura Loomer influenced National Security Council firings on Thursday. Trump confirmed that some number of people were fired but would not specify how many or why. "Always we'll let go [of] people — people that we don't like or people that we don't think can do the job or people that may have loyalties to somebody else," he told reporters on Air Force One Thursday night.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/04/mu-s-t-5352230/trump-downplays-the-ri	2025/04/04	
On top of layoffs, HHS ordered to cut 35% of spending on contracts	Government-HHS	The Trump administration is requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to cut spending on contracts by 35%. HHS spokesperson Andrew Nixon confirmed to NPR. The cuts to spending on contracts applies across all divisions of HHS — which includes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and other agencies.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/04/03/mu-s-58146	2025/04/04	
Cultural groups across U.S. told that federal humanities grants are terminated	Government-Grants	Among the thousands of groups affected by the sudden cessation of funds are state humanities councils, museums, historic sites, archives, libraries, educators and media outlets in all 50 states. A federal judge on Thursday said there is a "fair likelihood" the Trump administration violated his orders over its decision to allow two rights-carrying migrants to continue to El Salvador last month despite his ruling ordering the planes back.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/03/mu-s-5350594/tech-grants-cut-humanit	2025/04/04	
South and Midwest face potentially catastrophic rains and floods while reeling from tornadoes	Environment-storms	"If you really believed everything you did that day was legal and could survive a court challenge, I can't believe you ever would have operated in the way you did," Boasberg told the attorneys for the Justice Department. On Thursday, Boasberg suggested that next steps could include contempt proceedings. He said that order would likely be issued next week. The case has many moving parts. The Trump administration appealed Boasberg's March injunction in the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. In a 2 to 1 vote, the Court sided with Boasberg. In her opinion, Judge Patricia Millett said the alleged gang members were not given an opportunity to challenge the allegations against them before being sent to El Salvador.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/03/mu-s-5350882/judge-boasberg-ompsd	2025/04/04	
Judge considers 'contempt' after Trump officials stonewall ruling on migrant removal flights	Testing limits	The Trump administration has appealed the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, which is currently weighing whether to intervene. Parts of the Midwest and South faced the possibility of torrential rains and life-threatening flash floods Friday, while many communities were still reeling from tornadoes that destroyed whole neighborhoods and killed at least seven people.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/south-midwest-face-potentially-catastroph	2025/04/04	
US bans government personnel in China from romantic or sexual relations with Chinese citizens	International Relations	The U.S. gov. government has banned American government personnel in China, as well as family members and contractors with security clearances, from any romantic or sexual relationships with Chinese citizens. The Associated Press has learned. Though some U.S. agencies already had strict rules on such relationships, a blanket "non-romantic" policy, as it is known, has been unheard of publicly since the Cold War. It's not uncommon for American diplomats in other countries to date locals and even marry them.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-bans-government-personnel-china-04	2025/04/04	
Why Trump's attacks on free speech should alarm all Americans, not just his latest targets	Free speech	But prevailing in any given assault on political opponents is not the Trump admin's objective. The point of these attacks is to show that if you oppose Trump and his goals, the government will try to destroy you. The government doesn't have to prevail in court to land a devastating blow on the people and organizations it targets for their speech or political positions. Workers can lose jobs, businesses can lose clients, universities can see federal grants frozen, legal fees can stack up, and people can be hauled out of their homes away from their families by anonymous armed officers without cause or explanation. Prevailing later in court doesn't soften the blow of these experiences. Make no mistake: The targets of these actions are not only Mahmoud Khalil and Mark Miley and some big law firms and The Associated Press. We are all the targets.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/why-trump-attacks-free-speech-1107389	2025/04/04	

A city responding to a lead crisis in schools reached out to the CDC for help. The agency's lead experts were just fired	Government- CDC	The results triggered an investigation into the family's home, then the child's school and then more aging school buildings still coddled with lead paint. With 68,000 students in the Milwaukee Public Schools district and dozens of buildings potentially affected, the city's health commissioner, Dr. Michael Toborakis, knew that he needed more help, so he reached out to the National Center for Environmental Health, a division of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to make a plan to address the threat. The environmental health team he had been working with at the CDC had been out, swept up in a massive layoff of federal health workers that's hitting entire divisions of some agencies. Many employees were immediately placed on administrative leave and are no longer able to access their work.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/city-responding-lead-crisis-local-103650	2025/04/04
Immigration officials raid Washington state roofing company and arrest over 3 dozen people	Borders and immigration	Federal immigration agents arrested 37 people Wednesday during a raid at a roofing business in northern Washington. "They (law enforcement) arrived wielding their guns like they were going to shoot us, like we were criminals," Tomas Furtle told Cascadia Daily News, speaking in Spanish. "They corralled us into a room in the back of the building. They had a list and pictures of everyone who was undocumented and took them away."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/immigration-officials-raid-washington-sta-1	2025/04/04
DOGE's private contract crackdown has eliminated more than 120 Deloitte contracts—more than twice the amount of any other consultancy	Fuck that guy	DOGE has cut or modified at least 124 Deloitte contracts since the beginning of President Donald Trump's second term. Fortune found in an analysis of DOGE's "Wall of Receipts." The contracts were worth more than \$1.16 billion, with Musk's advisory group claiming to have saved taxpayers about \$371.8 million from their terminations. The largest eliminated contract was worth more than \$51 million for IT services for the Department of Health and Human Services. Still, DOGE's cuts represent real losses for government contractors. Deloitte, one of the big four consulting companies along with PwC, EY, and KPMG, reported \$87.2 billion in revenue in fiscal 2024, with about 10% of it coming from government contracts.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/doge-private-contract-crackdown-elim-1	2025/04/04
Trump says things are 'going very well' after worst stock market drop in years over tariffs	Trump Economy	The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped more than 1,600 points on Thursday as U.S. stocks led a worldwide selloff after the Republican president's announcement of tariffs against much of the world's stock like none seen since the COVID-19 pandemic. House Democrats on the Energy and Commerce committee are demanding a hearing with Health and Human Services Secretary (HHS) Robert F. Kennedy Jr. about the massive layoffs happening at his agency. But so far, GOP leadership has committed to a staff-level briefing only, according to a spokesperson for Energy and Commerce Chair Brett Guthrie (R-Ky.).	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-things-going-very-well-2207595	2025/04/04
HHS staff to brief House committee following massive agency layoffs	Government- HHS	Elon Musk and his Department of Government Efficiency team went to rebuild the Social Security Administration's base code, which is written in a computing language from the 1960s, to one that's more modern. According to a new piece in Wired, that planned migration could put benefits used by millions of Americans at risk. Maekena Kelly, senior writer at Wired, calls "America Decides" to explain.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hhs-staff-brief-house-committee-1813385	2025/04/04
DOGE effort to rewrite Social Security code could have catastrophic consequences, experts warn	Fuck that guy	The acting inspector general for the Department of Defense said Thursday that he's opened an investigation into Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's use of messaging app Signal to discuss sensitive military operations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-effort-rewrite-social-security-23040	2025/04/04
DOO Opens Investigation into Pete Hegseth's Use Of Signal	Government- DOD	Hegseth was notified via a memorandum from acting Inspector General Steven A. Stebbins, who said he was following through on a request from the chairman and ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. President Donald Trump imposed tariffs on uninhabited islands and a U.S. military base on Wednesday as he announced his widespread levies.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doo-opens-investigation-pete-hegseth-1	2025/04/04
Trump imposes tariffs on uninhabited islands and a U.S. military base	Trump Economy	The 10 percent levy was also imposed on the British Indian Ocean Territory, which only counts U.S. and U.K. service members as its inhabitants at the Diego Garcia base. Get ready for another active Atlantic hurricane season, with as many as 17 storms expected, experts from Colorado State University said in their initial forecast released Thursday morning. Of those 17 storms, researchers forecast that nine will become hurricanes. A typical year averages about 14 tropical storms, with seven of them spinning into hurricanes, based on weather records that date from 1891 to 2020.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-imposes-tariffs-uninhabited-islands-1	2025/04/04
A top hurricane forecast is here, and it brings bad news. Danger is already brewing	Environment- Hurricane	More than 300 migrants were arrested at JFK Airport in the last two months, according to U.S. border officials.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/top-hurricane-forecast-bad-news-1401041	2025/04/04
Hundreds of migrants arrested at JFK, officials	Borders and immigration	A new Republican plan would exempt many new toxic Plas or "forever chemicals" from health and safety review, a move criticized by opponents because it would allow the dangerous man-made substances to be used and sold with little effective scrutiny.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hundreds-migrants-arrested-jfk-officials-2	2025/04/04
New House Republican proposal seeks to exempt many toxic Plas from review	Environment- Pollution	Plas are a class of about 15,000 chemicals typically used to make products that resist water, stains and heat. They are called "forever chemicals" because they do not naturally break down. They can accumulate in humans and the environment, and are linked to cancer, kidney disease, liver problems, immune disorders, birth defects and other serious health problems.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/04/republican-propos	2025/04/04
Climate crisis on track to destroy capitalism, warns top insurer	Economy- Environment	The climate crisis is on track to destroy capitalism, a top insurer has warned, with the vast cost of extreme weather impacts leaving the financial sector unable to operate. The world is fast approaching temperature levels where insurers will no longer be able to offer cover for many climate risks, said Günther Thallinger, on the board of Allianz SE, one of the world's biggest insurance companies. He said that without insurance, which is already being pulled in some places, many other financial services become unviable, from mortgages to investments.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/apr/03/climate-crisis-o	2025/04/04
Mahmet Oz confirmed by US Senate to lead Medicare and Medicaid	Political Cesspool	Former surgeon and TV pitchman Dr. Mehmet Oz confirmed on Thursday to lead the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Oz became the agency's administrator in a party-line 53-45 vote. A member of Elon Musk's unofficial "department of government efficiency" gained access to a government system that contains the personal data of unaccompanied immigrant children, according to a recent court filing. The database, called the Unaccompanied Alien Children portal (UAC), contains extremely detailed information about thousands of minors who enter the United States alone, including individual children's mental health and therapy records, as well as immigration records, photos and addresses of their family members.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/03/mehmet-oz-confir	2025/04/04
Doge gained access to sensitive data of migrant children, including reports of abuse	Fuck that guy	Kyle Schutt, a 38-year-old software engineer turned Doge staffer, was granted access on 21 March to the UAC portal, according to a discovery document from 28 March filed in a District of Columbia court. The portal is part of the Department of Health and Human Services, one of the many agencies Musk's initiative has targeted with cuts.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/03/doge-data-migrant-1	2025/04/04
Weather tracker: powerful storms bring flooding to Aegean islands	Environment- Storms	The most severe storms on Monday were concentrated across the Cyclades islands in the south, where the islands of Paros and Milos were reported to have received at least a month's rainfall, much of which fell within three hours. The resultant flash flooding swept vehicles and debris through streets and washed boats away from the shore, and 13 people were rescued by firefighters after becoming trapped by flood water. Authorities issued a level ban restricting road use to emergency vehicles only, and ferry services were also disrupted.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/04/weather-tracker-power	2025/04/04
'There are no winners': global companies respond to Trump tariffs	Economy- Tariffs	"We should see in the next 10 days how these new taxes, let's call them that, will affect new orders and prices, which is the thing that worries us the most." "The US market is important to us, but it's not the be-all and end-all. We've invested a lot of time, effort, and money into the US market over the last six years, so it is unfortunate. There are no winners in this."	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/apr/04/trump-tariffs-com	2025/04/04
The Gaza paramedic killings: a visual timeline	International- Gaza	A survivor, Munther Abed, is detained and interrogated. A few hours later, a convoy including ambulances, a fire truck, health ministry vehicles and a UN car is dispatched to recover the bodies of the two paramedics. It also comes under fire. Two health ministry vehicles drive away but contact is lost with the rest of the convoy. Two ambulances sent from Rafah also disappear. The Ocha team finally make it to the site. They report finding the ambulances, the UN vehicle and the fire truck crushed and partially buried. The body of a civil defence worker is recovered from under the fire truck, but the recovery mission has to withdraw as the situation becomes unsafe.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/03/the-gaza-paramedic-k	2025/04/04
Orbán says Hungary is quitting the ICC to end its 'half-hearted membership'	International- Hungary	Hungary was never fully committed to the International Criminal Court. Prime Minister Viktor Orbán said on Friday, a day after his government announced a decision to quit the global tribunal for war crimes and genocide.	https://qnews.com/articles/hungary-orb%C3%A1n-icc-membership-8017658c3	2025/04/04
RFK Jr admits health department may have to retire 20 percent of people fired in DOGE cuts	Political Cesspool	At DOGE, we talked about this from the beginning ... we're going to do 80 percent cuts, but 20 percent of those are going to have to be reinstated, because we'll make mistakes, Kennedy told reporters on Thursday at an event in Virginia. Politico reports.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/robert-j	2025/04/04
'Fertilization president' has gutted fed's IVF team, report says	Government Jobs	President Donald Trump, the self-proclaimed "fertilization president," has gutted a federal in vitro fertilization team as part of his mass firing spree at the Department of Health and Human Services. The six epidemiologists, data analysts, and researchers who had their jobs axed Tuesday worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Assisted Reproductive Technology Surveillance System (ARTSS) and tracked the progress of IVF in the U.S.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-f	2025/04/04
Trump team reportedly lays off some staff working on bird flu response even as disease spreads	Health- Bird flu	As the pervasive H5N1 bird flu continues to spread and impact the nation's egg prices, the Trump administration has reportedly fired some staff who were working on the nation's response to the virus.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/trump-bird-flu-health-staff-1	2025/04/04
Behind the Curtain: Trump's dark opening to Golden Age	Trump Bullshit	There were safe, easy and still fast ways to do all the things Trump is doing, many Republican insiders tell us. Trump could have laid out specific tariff threats for each country, given them a short period to comply with a proposed compromise on great U.S. terms, and explained his thinking before speaking the markets. Trump could have spent an extra month targeting spending cuts with precision — so he didn't have to cut and then rehire people deemed more vital than first thought. And he could have set up a more thorough vetting program for deportation — so his broadly popular action didn't get undermined by locking up or sending off people who are not clear-cut violent criminals.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/07/trump-tariffs-stock-market-deal	2025/04/07
Inflation could hit different this time	Economy- Inflation	The pitch from higher prices that we expect in coming months may hit harder than in the post-pandemic inflation spike, wrote J.P. Morgan chief economist Michael Feroli in a note Friday. IBC chief international economist James Kraghley said "we are expecting to see negative real wage growth by the summer," in an email commentary after the jobs report last week. By the numbers: Wage growth cooled to 3.8% in March from 4% the previous month. It's been declining since the fall.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/07/inflation-trump-tariffs	2025/04/07
Tariffs will fuel inflation and slow growth, Dimon says	Economy- Inflation	The U.S. economy was already weakening before President Trump's sweeping new tariffs, and those levies will now fuel inflation and slow growth, JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon says in his annual letter Monday. Of all the Wall Street banks, JPMorgan was early out of the gate forecasting the newest tariffs were more likely than not to cause a recession this year.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/07/jamie-dimon-annual-letter-2025	2025/04/07
RFK: MMR vaccine is the "most effective way" to prevent measles spread	Health- Measles	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. advocated for the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine during a visit to West Texas on Sunday to comfort two families whose children died of the disease.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/06/kennedy-measles-vaccine-texas-us	2025/04/07
In photos: Midwest, South lashed by days of deadly storms	Environment- Storms	A "significant" extreme weather system that's lashed the U.S. South and Midwest for days was shifting through the Southeast on Sunday — with forecasts warning of more severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and flooding threats. The National Weather Service said severe weather concerns would persist into Monday across portions of the Southeast from the storm system that's killed at least 18 people since it ramped up Wednesday, with officials in Tennessee confirming 10 storm-related deaths as of Sunday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/07/storm-photos-south-midwest-floodi	2025/04/07
Trump denies engineering market sell-off, says you have to "take medicine"	Trump Bullshit	After plunging Thursday and Friday, global markets sank even further Sunday night, threatening one of the worst three-day routs in history. Investors who spent all weekend hoping for some kind of policy reversal on tariffs realized that none was coming, and sold off across asset classes in earnest. As of 8pm Sunday ET, early trading indicated U.S. stocks would open more than 4% lower, continuing a sell-off that already cost investors more than \$6 billion. The dollar continued to weaken, oil fell below \$60 for the first time in years, and even tariff safe-haven gold sold off.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/07/trump-tariffs-stocks-market	2025/04/07

Emergency care is at risk: RAND report	Health: Emergency care	The future of emergency care is getting more precarious, due to more complex cases, lower reimbursements and other stresses faced by emergency departments, according to a new RAND report funded by the Emergency Medicine Policy Institute. Emergency departments are crucial for responding to life-threatening events like heart attacks and car accidents. But they've also become the safety net for some of society's most difficult problems, including the opioid epidemic, gun violence and severe mental illness.	https://www.aaxos.com/2025/04/07/emergency-care-risk-rand-report	2025/04/07	
HHS cuts felt locally as regional offices close	Government: HHS	The reality of deep cuts to Health and Human Services hit home for many last week when half of the department's 10 regional offices closed, leaving 22 states and five territories without a local point of contact for hearing assistance, child care programs, Meals on Wheels and more. In the alphabet soup of federal health agencies, the department's regional offices not only act as a conduit for federal grants and aid, but also forge relationships between health departments, academic institutions and community-based organizations. "Given that rebuilding trust in public health and science starts locally, this could hamper communications and valuable partnership development," said Anand Parekh, chief medical adviser at the Epidemic Policy Center, who previously worked at HHS for a decade.	https://www.aaxos.com/2025/04/07/hhs-regional-office-closures-service	2025/04/07	
What to know about U.S. measles cases as outbreak worsens	Health: Measles	The growing measles outbreak in the U.S. has since January infected 642 people in 22 states, per Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. That's more than the number of total cases in the country last year.	https://www.aaxos.com/2025/02/28/measles-outbreak-texas-infection-3a	2025/04/07	
GOP Rep. Adversaries are 'laughing at us' over NSA firings	Government: Nsa	He continued, "Russia and China are laughing at us today because we just fired the absolute best leaders."	https://www.aaxos.com/2025/04/06/rep-nsa-firings-boomer	2025/04/07	
Between tariffs and survival, American business owners are doing alarming math	Economy: Business	Her large order was loading at the port in February, when the White House raised tariffs on Chinese imports by 10%. By the time it docked stateside in March, tariffs had gone up again, by another 10%. Wells had to shell out an unexpected \$15,000 to release her goods from customs. Now, with the latest round sending total tariffs on Chinese imports to 54% — eating her profit margin — Wells is reeling. She may have to raise prices, but how much before shoppers rebel and stop buying? She plans to retrench, order less, pause hiring, stop developing new products.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/07/tx-41-53528333/trump-tariffs-china-main	2025/04/07	
Freedom of speech is shifting under the Trump administration. We're exploring how	Free speech	Our reporting found scientists are scrubbing reports and federal grant applications of words the Trump administration has banned. Some student activists are afraid participating in protests could lead to deportation. Teachers are nervous about a new online portal where students or parents can file complaints about diversity, equity, and inclusion lessons in class with the U.S. Department of Education.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/07/tx-41-5327154/free-speech-trump-first	2025/04/07	
Seven storms and floods batter South and Midwest as death toll rises to at least 18	Environment: Storms	Severe storms continued to pound parts of the South and Midwest on Sunday, as a punishing and slow-moving storm system unleashed life-threatening flash floods and powerful tornadoes from Mississippi to Kentucky. On Sunday, areas that had been battered by high winds and washed out by heavy rains since midweek saw additional inclement weather from the relentless storm system that's caused road closures, widespread power outages and some voluntary evacuations. At least 18 people in multiple states have died from weather-related causes since Wednesday, the Associated Press reported.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/06/tx-41-5354182/severe-storms-and-flo	2025/04/07	
Forecast of a week of rain adds to Myanmar earthquake woes as death toll tops 3,000	Environment: Storms	"The public is advised to be aware of the possibility of untimely rain accompanied by strong winds, lightning, hail, and landslides," MRTV said. Daytime temperatures are forecast to reach 38 degrees Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit) by mid-week.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/07/tx-41-5354891/myanmar-earthquake-r	2025/04/07	
Rising rivers threaten US South and Midwest after dayslong torrent of rain	Environment: Storms	Maj. Gen. Zaw Min Tun, a spokesperson for the military government, said Sunday in an audio message to journalists that 3,564 people have been confirmed dead so far, with 5,012 others injured and 210 missing.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/flood-18-dead-flooding-tornadoes-111126	2025/04/07	
Musk may soon leave the White House, but his bromance with Trump will remain	Fuck that guy	The Trump administration has canceled dozens of international student visas at California campuses, including UCLA, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine and Stanford, university leaders, students and faculty at campuses confirmed to The Times. Education officials over the weekend struggled to assess the extent of the revocations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-may-soon-leave-while-11002694	2025/04/07	
Trump administration cancels dozens of international student visas at University of California, Stanford	Borders and immigration	The Trump administration has fired three USAID workers who were sent to Myanmar to assess how the United States could assist with relief efforts following last month's devastating earthquake.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-cancels-more-dove	2025/04/07	
Trump Admin Fires U.S. Aid Workers Assisting After Earthquake in Myanmar	Tragic	The USAID workers who were fired arrived in Myanmar just days earlier, and received their termination notices via email. The move comes after several weeks of the Trump administration attempting to remake USAID in Trump's image, which includes cutting thousands of jobs, severely limiting the amount of aid provided, and giving the State Department control of foreign aid.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-admin-fires-u-aid-234543417.html	2025/04/07	
Speaker Johnson cuts deal with Rep. Luna over parental proxy voting	Government: House	Speaker Mike Johnson and Florida GOP Rep. Anna Paulina Luna say they have cut a deal to end the fight over proxy voting for new parents, which will re-open the House floor after nearly a week of legislative paralysis.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/speaker-johnson-cut-deal-rep-23430005	2025/04/07	
Outraged FDA vaccine chief makes plea to families to vaccinate children	Health: Vaccines	House Republican leaders will formalize "vote pairing," a procedure that allows a member who is absent during a vote to coordinate with a present member on the other side of the matter to offset the absence, multiple sources familiar with the deal told ABC News.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/outraged-fda-vaccine-chief-makes-13504336	2025/04/07	
Panic Monday: World stock markets plunge again as Trump doubles down on tariffs	Economy: Tariffs	... "I don't know what he's going to do, and I can't make him do anything, but I can tell you, as a viewer, please consider getting your child vaccinated," Marks said Friday evening in an interview with CNN, specifically calling out the deadly measles outbreak.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/george-santos-nikei-725-index-dives-0041533	2025/04/07	
DOJ Slams George Santos' 'Unrestrained Greed And Voracious Appetite For Fame' in Damning Memo	Political: Cesspool	"It is not just an innocent disease, benign disease. It kills one in 1,000 children in a developed country like the United States," he told "OutFront" host Erin Burnett.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doj-slams-george-santos-unrestrained-16	2025/04/07	
DOGE's Social Security Breaches Send Staffers Into 'Death Spiral'	Fuck that guy	Global stock markets extended a severe plunge Monday, fueled by fears that U.S. tariffs would lead to a global economic slowdown. European and Asian shares saw dramatic losses, the leading U.S. index, filled with bear market territory in pre-market trading, and of prior sagged.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-social-security-breaches-send-1333	2025/04/07	
Israel military razed Gaza perimeter land to create 'kill zone,' soldiers say	International: Israel	Federal prosecutors in New York are seeking more than seven years in prison for disgraced former U.S. Rep. George Santos (R-N.Y.), arguing that he has used criminal scandal as a springboard to wealth and fame.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/07/israel-military-gaza-pe	2025/04/07	
Alarm as Republicans in Congress back Trump and Musk's attacks on US judges	Constitutional: Crisis	The DOJ called him a "pathological liar and fraudster," saying his depiction of himself "as a highly educated, independently wealthy, successful businessman" tricked victims into donating to his campaign.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/07/republicans-trump-j	2025/04/07	
Tens of thousands rally against Trump at DC 'Hands Off' protest	Protest	"Until they get rid of DOGE and the person in office right now, and the Republicans actually get a backbone and stand up for something for once in their lives, things are just going to be complete chaos," one worker told The Guardian. "That's really the best word to describe SSA right now. Just complete utter chaos."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/05/trump-hands-off-pro	2025/04/07	
Experts say White House's rehoming of student loan program will put borrowers at risk	Government: DOE	Israel's military razed huge swathes of land inside the perimeter of Gaza and ordered troops to turn the area into a "kill zone" where anybody who entered was a target, according to testimony by soldiers who carried out the plan.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/06/student-loans-trump	2025/04/07	
DoJ lawyer put on leave after not backing erroneous deportation of US man	Political: Cesspool	Israel combatants said they were ordered to destroy homes, factories and farmland roughly 1km (0.6 miles) inside the perimeter of Gaza to make a "buffer zone", with one describing the area as looking like Hiroshima.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/06/justice-department-l	2025/04/07	

		Stewart Gibson, the team leader at Galloway mountain rescue, told BBC Scotland fire crews had deployed four helicopters to drop water on the flames from above, with the fire front several miles wide at one stage.		
		Further north in the Highlands, crews were tackling another wildfire north of Ullapool on Sunday with roads closed and heavy smoke hampering visibility.		
		Six crews were in attendance, with personnel travelling almost 70 miles to offer assistance and firefighters at the scene reporting a firewall stretching more than 3 miles and large plumes of smoke descending over the area.		
Scottish wildfire forces evacuations as blaze spreads north from Galloway	Environment-Wildfires	Meanwhile, in Northern Ireland, fire brigades were called to the scene of a blaze in County Antrim on Sunday afternoon. Six fire engines attended the incident near Conagher Road, Derroick, while 40 firefighters were involved in tackling the flames.	https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2025/04/06/scottish-wildfire-forces-evacuations	2025/04/07
Judge says deportation of Maryland men to an El Salvador prison was 'wholly indefensible'	Borders and immigration	The U.S. government's decision to arrest a Maryland man and send him to a notorious prison in El Salvador appears to be "wholly indefensible," a federal judge wrote Sunday in a legal opinion explaining why she had ordered the Trump administration to bring him back to the United States.		
		"As defendants acknowledge, they had no legal authority to arrest him, no justification to detain him, and no grounds to send him to El Salvador — let alone deliver him into one of the most dangerous prisons in the Western Hemisphere," Xaris wrote.	https://nypost.com/2025/04/06/federal-judge-says-deportation-of-savador-542749/	2025/04/07
Nearly half of National Weather Service offices have 20% vacancy rates, and experts say it's a risk	Government-NWS	After Trump administration job cuts, nearly half of National Weather Service forecast offices have 20% vacancy rates — twice that of just a decade ago — as severe weather drags across the nation's heartland, according to data obtained by The Associated Press.		
		Detailed vacancy data for all 122 weather field offices show eight offices are missing more than 35% of their staff — including those in Arkansas where tornadoes and torrential rain hit this week — according to statistics crowd-sourced by more than a dozen National Weather Service employees. Experts said vacancy rates of 20% or higher amount to critical understaffing, and 55 of the 122 offices reach that level.	https://nypost.com/2025/04/06/weather-cuts-bonaro-dangerous-staff/	2025/04/07
Chemical industry seeks exemptions from US pollution rules as part of Trump administration offer	Environment-Pollution	Industry groups representing hundreds of chemical and petrochemical manufacturers are seeking blanket exemptions from federal regulations to reduce emissions of toxic chemicals such as mercury, arsenic and benzene.	https://nypost.com/2025/04/06/trump-eco-toxic-chemicals-exemption-mexico/	2025/04/07
		The Trump administration has not distributed funding approved by Congress for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, even after a judge ordered that officials keep the network in operation, court filings reveal.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/politics/radio-free-europe-liberty-uk-12141111.html	2025/04/07
Defying a court order, Trump administration refuses to fund Radio Free Europe	Court orders	The first known lawsuit against President Donald Trump's officials has been filed by the New Liberties Civil Alliance on behalf of a Florida stationary business entrepreneur who is arguing that the president "unlawfully" overstepped his authority to impose the levies.		
		"These unlawfully implemented tariffs cause harm to American businesses, American jobs, and American consumers, and will be the end of many American dreams," Ley said in a post on social media the day after Trump announced a series of steep tariffs on nations around the world that sent global stock markets plunging.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/politics/donald-trump-tariffs-12141111.html	2025/04/07
First lawsuit against Trump's tariffs argues he illegally used emergency powers	Court orders	On Friday, District Attorney Patrick Warren announced he had dismissed the charges. A medical examiner had determined that the fetus was approximately 19 weeks. It was found to be "non-viable at the time it was naturally miscarried," said Warren, citing the report. The fetus showed no signs of breathing on its own or foot play.		
		Warren said his decision to dismiss the charges "follows a comprehensive review of the Tifton Police Department's investigative file, Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Medical Examiner's report, relevant Georgia statutes, case law and input from both legal and medical experts."		
Charges dropped against Georgia woman who miscarried	Reproductive rights	He added: "After thorough examination of the facts and the law, my office has determined that continuing prosecution is not legally sustainable and not in the interest of justice. This case is heartbreaking and emotionally difficult for everyone involved, but our decision must be grounded in law — not emotion or speculation."	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/charges-dropped-against-georgia-woman-who-miscarried-12141111.html	2025/04/07
		Workers at one of the nation's largest baby formula plants say the Abbott Laboratories facility is engaging in unsanitary practices similar to those that led to temporary and down just three years ago, sparking a nationwide formula shortage.		
Unsanitary Practices Persist at Baby Formula Factory Whose Shutdown Led to Mass Shortages, Workers Say	Health-Sanitation	Current and former employees told ProPublica that they have seen the plant in Sturgis, Michigan, take shortcuts when cleaning manufacturing equipment and testing for microbes. The employees said leaks in the factory are sometimes not fixed, a dangerous problem that can promote bacterial growth. They also said workers at the facility do not always take required swabs to check for pathogens while performing maintenance during production. Supervisors have urged workers to increase production and have retaliated against workers who complained about problems, the employees said.	https://www.propublica.com/article/baby-formula-plant-shuts-down-michigan	2025/04/07
Scientists found an existing drug that turns human blood into mosquito poison	Health-Bugs	A new study suggests a surprising and potentially game-changing approach to stopping malaria that involves turning human blood into a death sentence for mosquitoes. The secret lies in an existing drug called nitenitene, which, once ingested by the insects, kills them within hours.	https://nypost.com/2025/04/06/scientists-found-existing-drug-that-turns-human-blood-into-mosquito-poison/	2025/04/08
		The number of invasive group A streptococcus infections more than doubled from 2013 to 2022, according to a study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published Monday in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Prior to that, rates of invasive strep had been stable for 17 years.		
		Invasive group A strep occurs when bacteria spread to areas of the body that are normally germ-free, such as the lungs or bloodstream. The same type of bacteria, group A streptococcus, is responsible for strep throat — a far milder infection.		
		Invasive strep can trigger necrotizing fasciitis, a soft tissue infection also known as flesh-eating disease, or streptococcal toxic shock syndrome, an immune reaction akin to sepsis that can lead to organ failure.		
Invasive strep infections have more than doubled in the U.S., CDC study finds	Health-strep	Books on the Holocaust, histories of feminism, civil rights and racism, and Maya Angelou's famous autobiography "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," were among the nearly 400 volumes removed from the U.S. Naval Academy's library this week after Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's office ordered the school to get rid of ones that promote diversity, equity and inclusion.	https://www.rncnews.com/news/2025/04/06/naval-academy-memoir-holocaust/	2025/04/08
Maya Angelou memoir, Holocaust book are among those pulled from Naval Academy library in DEI purge	Censorship	The Trump administration believes it has the legal authority to abduct any individual—citizen or immigrant, documented or not—and illegally deport them to another country without due process. It further claims that it can extinguish all of that person's constitutional rights by imprisoning them at a foreign site. And it asserts that once that person has been locked away abroad, the U.S. government has no power or responsibility to bring them home, even if they were indignantly deported in error.	https://nypost.com/2025/04/06/supreme-court-analysis-trump/	2025/04/08
Trump Administration Debuts Legal Blueprint for Disappearing Anyone It Wants	Constitutional Crisis	The Supreme Court handed the Trump administration a major victory on Monday night, lifting a restraining order that had prevented the mass deportation of migrants to an El Salvador prison under an 18th century wartime law. By a 5-4 vote on the shadow docket, the justices crushed the migrants' sweeping class action in D.C. and forced them to proceed with narrower suits through more hostile courts in Texas. The majority's unsigned, thinly reasoned decision will make it significantly easier for the administration to illegally ship off innocent people to a Salvadoran prison, where all their constitutional rights—and quite possibly their lives—will be snuffed out. As Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote in a scathing dissent, "we, as a nation and a court of law, should be better than this." But it's not five justices, it's just one: the chief justice, as a man, as a man, as a man.	https://nypost.com/2025/04/06/supreme-court-analysis-trump/	2025/04/08
		The U.S. Supreme Court delivered a major victory to President Trump on Monday, allowing the administration to continue deporting what it says are Venezuelan gang members. The vote was 5-4, with conservative Justice Amy Coney Barrett joining the three liberals in dissent.		
		Technically <i>habeas corpus</i> means "produce the body." In practice it means that an imprisoned individual has the right to challenge his detention or deportation, but only for himself, and only, the court said, in the places where deportees were being detained. In this case, the named plaintiffs were being held in Texas, a state, where, as the dissenters observed, judges are not likely to be sympathetic.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/07/nx-1-5345601/supreme-court-alien-en/	2025/04/08
Supreme Court backs Trump in controversial deportations case	Constitutional Crisis	"The rallying cry of 'no taxation without representation' sparked a revolution — and it's just as relevant today," Paul wrote in a statement. "Unchecked executive actions enacting tariff tax our citizens, threaten our economy, raise prices for everyday goods, and erode the system of checks and balances that our founders so carefully crafted."		
		If either piece of legislation were to pass through both chambers of Congress, the president seems poised to strike them down. It would require a two-thirds majority vote in both the House and Senate to override the president's veto.	https://www.rollinsstone.com/politics/politics-news/trump-vote-tariffs-bill/	2025/04/08
Trump Threatens to Block Congress From Taking Control of Tariffs	Constitutional Crisis	The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) proposes to reassign you as part of a broader effort to strengthen the department and more effectively promote the health of American people, the email read. "One critical area of need is in the American Indian and Alaskan Native communities."		
		And the Trump administration's massive layoffs at HHS, these reassignment emails accelerated an apparent purge of leadership at federal health agencies. Top officials in different parts of HHS were put on administrative leave with the option of rejoining to a new job in Alaska, Montana, New Mexico or other postings within the Indian Health Service (IHS).		
		"The move displays the almost disregard for public service. It is clearly designed to force talented scientists and health experts to leave government," says Richard Besser, CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a nonprofit philanthropy focused on health. "It is also an insult to those health care professionals in the Indian Health Service who dedicate their lives to providing health care services on tribal lands."	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-science/2025/04/07/nx-1-5354	2025/04/08
Transfer to Alaska? Offer to lead health leaders called 'insult' to Indian Health Service	Government-HHS	The Justice Department's recently fired pardon attorney accused the leadership of the law enforcement agency of "ongoing corruption," testifying Monday at a congressional hearing meant to showcase concerns that the Trump administration is assaulting the rule of law, abusing its power and forcing out career civil servants.		
		"It should alarm all Americans that the leadership of the Department of Justice appears to value political loyalty above the law and responsible administration of justice," said Liz Oyer, who has said she was laid north after refusing to recommend that the gun rights of actor Mel Gibson, a supporter of President Donald Trump's, be restored.	https://nypost.com/2025/04/06/justice-department-mel-gibson-congress-66/	2025/04/08
Fired Justice Department pardon attorney accuses the agency of ongoing corruption, abuse of power	Government-DOJ	The U.S. enjoys an early, decisive AI advantage that could fuel a manufacturing and middle-class renaissance. American-made chips, data, minerals and energy companies (and adjacent work) will proliferate and prosper. Lose this race and little else falls.		Corruption
		The Trump vision: America is in a sleep, perhaps fatal decline.		
		The country has been "looted pillaged, raped and plundered." Salvation demands brute, unapologetic force to erase trade deficits, and muscle a 1950s America back into existence. AI won't do that. Tariffs will.		
		Yes, it's be painful, but big buildings, new factories and good-paying jobs will follow for millions of Americans. Some'll be AI jobs. Many others will be traditional gigs like line worker, plumber or electrician.		
Behind the Curtain: Trump vs. tech titans	Trump-Bulbait	What they're saying: Steve Bannon — a White House official in Trump's first term, and now an influential MAGA podcaster — told us he sees tech bros as "narcissistic globalists that put their wealth and power first."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/trump-tariffs-stock-market-tech-ai	2025/04/08
Exclusive: ICE decides who's linked to gangs, border car says	Borders and immigration	Immigration agents are the "principal" decision on whether a detainee is linked to a gang and should be deported immediately, border czar Tom Homan told Axios in an exclusive interview.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/immigration-ice-gangs-deport-decide	2025/04/08
		The SAP 500 has fallen more than 15% since Donald Trump's inauguration, the worst showing for a new administration since George W. Bush was in office during the 48-con bust.		
Charted: Stock market performance under Trump 2.0	Trump-Economy	"There are many people that are saying that the only reason the Stock Market is high is because I am leading in all of the polls, and if I don't win, we will have a CRASH of similar proportions to 1929," he posted during the campaign in May 2024.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/trump-stock-market-tariffs-bush	2025/04/08
		The bottom line: That's not quite how it has worked out, so far anyway.		
		China has pulled ahead of the United States in key areas of the life sciences, and the U.S. may only have a handful of years to regain dominance in the sector, according to an independent commission's report sent Tuesday to Congress and the White House.		
		Advanced biotechnology is critical to national security, public health and the ability to continue feeding the population.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/china-leading-us-bio-tech-advances	2025/04/09
China is beating U.S. in biotech advances, report warns	International-science			science, technology

		In less than one week, many Americans will no longer be able to apply for Social Security benefits over the phone, setting the stage for disruptions and upheaval for millions of seniors. "President Trump has repeatedly promised not to cut Social Security benefits — but his Administration's actions will effectively do just that," writes Kathleen Romo, director of Social Security and Disability Policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, in a new analysis shared exclusively with Axios. More than 4 in 10 retirees apply for benefits by phone, per agency data cited by the Center. The Center looked at how far senior citizens will have to travel to apply for benefits. For millions it will be a journey. Nearly 6 million seniors live more than 48.6 miles, roundtrip, from a field office, per the analysis of agency and Census Bureau data. (See their data.) They picked that distance threshold because it's twice the average distance (23.3 miles) an elderly person travels in a day, according to National Household Transportation Survey data that the Center cites.				
Exclusive: As Social Security services are cut back, millions of seniors face long drives	Government-SSA		https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/social-security-seniors-drive	2025/04/08		
Trump praises "very smart" Turkish strongman Erdogan	International relations	President Trump praised Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan for being "very smart" during a White House meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Monday and suggested he could work as a mediator between Israel and Turkey. Critics including Republican Against Trump slammed the president's praise for "autocratic leader Erdogan" — a charge that's been leveled against Turkey's president for moves including last month having his main opposition rival, Istanbul Mayor Ekrem Imamoglu, detained along with over 100 other officials, which rights groups said was "politically motivated."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/trump-praises-yahya-israel-turkey-erdog	2025/04/08		
NPS restores Underground Railroad history after outcry	Information Backlist	The National Park Service rewrote — then restored — the Underground Railroad story and reposted a deleted photo of abolitionist Harriet Tubman. April 1 was the first day of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It's also the day the Department of Health and Human Services fired the teams that work on sexual violence prevention. The layoffs were part of a round of dramatic cuts to the federal health agencies, amid the Trump administration and Elon Musk's efforts to shrink the federal workforce.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/07/national-park-service-underground-r	2025/04/08	rewriting history	
It's sexual assault awareness month and HHS just gutted its rape prevention unit	Health- Sexual assault	Most of the Division of Violence Prevention staff was fired, according to multiple sources, including current and former staffers. The division is part of the Injury Center at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. At the same time, the leader of another HHS agency that works on domestic violence, the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services, was placed on administrative leave. The state of Washington has been allowing election officials to count mail ballots that don't make it to their office until after Election Day for more than a hundred years now. It's a practice that could be prohibited in upcoming elections, thanks to a sweeping executive order signed by President Trump last month. States with a large share of mail ballots often take more time to count votes. Mail-in ballots take longer to process. Election officials are often counting ballots in the days after Election Day regardless of whether ballots make it back to them before or after in-person voting ends. Republicans have argued, without evidence, that the longer a state takes to count ballots after Election Day, the less secure their elections are. Misinformation about this — which proliferated after the 2020 election — has led to calls for limits to the counting of mail ballots.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/08/hhs-st-5348503bhh-ayoffs-sexual-assa	2025/04/08		
Trump's election order could jeopardize hundreds of thousands of future mail ballots	Voting Fucker	This effort got a significant boost last month, however, when Trump signed an executive order that, among other things, specifically prohibits this practice. The tied order fraud while signing the order. The Supreme Court on Monday stayed an order from a federal judge who had given the Trump administration until the end of the day on Monday to return a Maryland mannnistt deported to El Salvador last month. U.S. District Judge Paula Xinis gave the Trump administration a deadline of 12:00 a.m. Tuesday to bring Kinar Almarino Abrego Garcia back from El Salvador. The Justice Department appealed to the Supreme Court, arguing that the lower court in Maryland lacked jurisdiction because Garcia was in El Salvador and writing that the judge's order was "absurd" and "interferes with sensitive international negotiations."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/08/hhs-st-5351032trump-election-order-m	2025/04/08		
Deadline looms in case of Maryland man's wrongful deportation to El Salvador	Constitutional Crisis	The death toll from flooding that cut access to over half of the Congolese capital of Kinshasa reached 33 as authorities raced Monday to evacuate and support hundreds of families trapped in their homes. Ten more people were confirmed dead as of Sunday evening, in addition to the 23 people killed the day before, Congolese Interior Minister Jacquesmen Shabani said on state television late Sunday.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/08/hhs-st-5355099congo-kinshasa-floodin	2025/04/08		
Flooding death toll in Congo's capital reaches 33 as officials race to help victims	Tragic	U.S. Navy Vice Admiral Shoshana Chaffetz, who holds a senior position in NATO, has been fired as part of what appears to be an expanding national security purge of top officials by the Trump administration, three sources told Reuters on Monday. — Chiefed, the U.S. military representative to the NATO Military Committee, is one of only a handful of female Navy three-star officers and was the first woman to lead the Naval War College, a job she held until 2023. The firing, which was first reported by Reuters, is the latest to rock the Pentagon after Thursday's removal of General Timothy Haugh, the head of the National Security Agency and U.S. Cyber Command. For the Navy, it follows the firing of its top officer, Admiral Lisa Franchetti, the first woman to become Chief of Naval Operations.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/07/hhs-st-5354921deportation-el-salvador	2025/04/08		
US admiral at NATO fired in expanding national security purge	Government-NATO	Last week, Trump introduced an additional 34% tariff on Chinese goods as part of steep levies imposed on most U.S. trade partners, bringing the total duties on China this year to 54% and sending global stock markets tumbling. "It's like throwing darts blindfolded. You don't know what direction you're going in. You don't know where the tariffs are going to land," said Larry Sloven, who has sourced from China for major U.S. retailers for three decades. "Once the hammer drops, you don't know where the hammer will fall after that."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/exclusive-us-admiral-nato-fired-17202437	2025/04/08	National Security	
Analysis: It's like throwing darts blindfolded: Tariffs take toll on Chinese exporters	Economy-Tariffs	The decision means the deep-blue, Houston-based congressional seat will be vacant for roughly eight months. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., and other Democrats had accused Abbott of deliberately delaying calling the special election to help pad the GOP's tiny majority in the chamber. Republicans hold just a 220-213 advantage over Democrats in the House, meaning that Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., can only afford three GOP defections on any vote.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/analysis-throwing-darts-blindfolded-tar	2025/04/08		
Texas Gov. Greg Abbott sets November special election for deep-blue House seat	Voting Fucker	Marks said the core of his work for Kennedy involved a "vaccine transparency action plan" that would allow the new health secretary's team to access and read vaccine-related complaints via the government's Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Marks, however, refused to allow Kennedy's team to directly edit or interfere with the data. "Why wouldn't we? Because frankly we don't trust (them)," the former director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research told AP. "They'd write over it or erase the whole database."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-gov-greg-abbott-sees-223145434.h	2025/04/08		
Vaccine Boss: RFK Jr.'s Goons Plotted Safety Data Smash and Grab	Government-FDA	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., is facing renewed scrutiny after praising the work of a doctor who has been known for discussing the dangers of vaccines — while the secretary was attending the funeral of the second child who died from the rampant West Texas measles outbreak. A reporter asked Trump Sunday whether he was considering an offer from El Salvador President Nayib Bukele to "take American citizens in the federal prison population."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/vaccine-boss-rfk-jr-goons-231412421.htm	2025/04/08		
RFK Jr. praises anti-vaxer hours after attending funeral of 8-year-old who died from measles	Government-HHS	"Well, I love that," Trump replied. "If we could take some of our twenty-time wise guys that push people into subways and hit people over the back of the head, and purposefully run people over in cars, uh, if he would take them, I would be honored to give them," Trump continued.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-praises-anti-vaxer-hours-164824280	2025/04/08		
Trump Has a New Target for His Mass Deportations: U.S. Citizens	Constitutional Crisis	Days of unrelenting downpours swelled rivers to near record levels across Kentucky on Monday, submerging neighborhoods and threatening a famed bourbon distillery in the state capital. Inundated rivers posed the latest threat from persistent storms that have killed at least 23 people since last week as they drenched the region with heavy rain and spawned destructive tornadoes. At least 157 tornadoes struck within seven days beginning March 30, according to a preliminary report from the National Weather Service. Though the storms have finally moved on, the flood danger remains high in several other states, including parts of Tennessee, Arkansas and Indiana. President Donald Trump is making plans for a military parade in Washington, D.C., on his 79th birthday, according to a report. A source in the capital told the Washington City Paper that Trump has earmarked June 14—which is the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army—for the event.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/winter-rivers-flood-swows-up-054003513	2025/04/08		
Swollen rivers are flooding towns in the US South after a prolonged deluge of rain	Environment-Flooding	The White House is denying reports that it plans to hold a military parade in Washington on President Donald Trump's birthday in June — though local officials have been in contact with the administration about a celebration.	https://www.thedailybeast.com/trump-orders-four-mile-military-parade-6	2025/04/08		
Trump Orders Four Mile Military Parade for His 79th Birthday	Trump Bullshit	The Trump administration will speed up processing lines for poultry and pork meatpacking plants while halting reports on worker safety, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced recently, in a move that workers and advocates say will lead to more injuries. Some poultry and pork plants already receive waivers to speed up production lines, and the USDA plans to update its rules to make the changes permanent and applicable to all poultry and pork plants, the department said in a press release. More than \$5tn (£4tn) has been wiped off the value of global stock markets since Trump's Rose Garden address on Wednesday evening last week, with investors braced for further volatility as Washington appears unwilling to back down.	https://www.politico.com/news/2025/04/07/white-house-denies-military	2025/04/08		
White House denies a military parade is scheduled for Trump's birthday	Trump Bullshit	The idea that caring about others could end civilization may seem extreme, but it comes amid a growing wave of opposition to empathy from across the American right. Musk learned about "autistic empathy" through his "public bronanore" with Gad Saad, a Canadian marketing professor whose casual application of evolutionary psychology to culture war politics has brought him a sizeable social media following. By Saad's accounting — and this is not dissimilar from the white nationalists' "great replacement theory" — western societies are bringing about their own destruction by admitting immigrants from poorer, browner and more Muslim countries. At least 15 people died and more than 100 were injured after a roof fell at a nightclub in the capital of the Dominican Republic early Tuesday, authorities said. A renowned economist who co-wrote research used by Donald Trump to justify his aggressive tariff hikes says the White House got it "very wrong".	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/08/us-poultry-workers	2025/04/08		
'They're killing you': US poultry workers fear faster lines will lead to more injury	Government-USDA	Workers are getting hammered with RTO tickets," one employee said, using an acronym for return to office. "We do not have the IT infrastructure to support this massive RTO mandate." Workers have "no soap, toilet paper, or paper towels anywhere in the building. Their water machine is broken. Many cannot get on local area networks, and the Wi-Fi keeps going down," an IRS employee added in an interview with the magazine.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/apr/08/how-liberation-day	2025/04/08		
New 'liberation day' rout compares with other notorious stock market crises	Trump Economy	The idea that caring about others could end civilization may seem extreme, but it comes amid a growing wave of opposition to empathy from across the American right. Musk learned about "autistic empathy" through his "public bronanore" with Gad Saad, a Canadian marketing professor whose casual application of evolutionary psychology to culture war politics has brought him a sizeable social media following. By Saad's accounting — and this is not dissimilar from the white nationalists' "great replacement theory" — western societies are bringing about their own destruction by admitting immigrants from poorer, browner and more Muslim countries. At least 15 people died and more than 100 were injured after a roof fell at a nightclub in the capital of the Dominican Republic early Tuesday, authorities said. A renowned economist who co-wrote research used by Donald Trump to justify his aggressive tariff hikes says the White House got it "very wrong".	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/08/emp	2025/04/08		
Loathes thy neighbor: Elon Musk and the Christian right are waging war on empathy	Political Cesspool	University of Chicago Economics Professor Brett Neiman, who was also a Biden administration Treasury official, said the Trump administration wildly overcalculated tariff rates placed on nearly all countries that export to the U.S. The Trump administration's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) initiatives have caused technological chaos for both individuals interacting with government agencies and the people inside of them, despite DOGE leader Elon Musk bouding the effort as Silicon Valley-style "tech support" for the federal government. "We are getting hammered with RTO tickets," one employee said, using an acronym for return to office. "We do not have the IT infrastructure to support this massive RTO mandate." Workers have "no soap, toilet paper, or paper towels anywhere in the building. Their water machine is broken. Many cannot get on local area networks, and the Wi-Fi keeps going down," an IRS employee added in an interview with the magazine.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/apr/08/how-liberation-day	2025/04/08		
At least 15 dead, more than 100 injured in roof collapse at Dominican Republic nightclub	Tragic	Democrats in the House of Representatives have launched a new investigation into Elon Musk's potential conflicts of interest at NASA. It described Musk's influence over the government and his effective leadership of DOGE as "a textbook example of corruption at taxpayers' expense" by the world's richest person. It also noted that Musk's rocket company SpaceX has already been awarded federal contracts worth more than \$525 since Donald Trump returned to power, on top of at nearly \$21 billion his companies have landed since 2008.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/08/emp	2025/04/08		
Economist White House cited to justify tariff plan says Trump has 'got it very wrong'	Trump Economy	Musk is in the position of carving holes in federal agencies with massive staff cuts that his own companies can step in and fill. At least a dozen House Republicans are considering signing onto Rep. Don Bacon's (R-Neb.) bill to restrict the White House's ability to impose tariffs unilaterally. Axios has learned it's a significant break with President Trump, who has threatened to veto the bill should it pass Congress.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-m	2025/04/08		
DOGE policies, massive fumbles causing tech crashes across agencies	Fuck that guy	Democrats in the House of Representatives have launched a new investigation into Elon Musk's potential conflicts of interest at NASA. It described Musk's influence over the government and his effective leadership of DOGE as "a textbook example of corruption at taxpayers' expense" by the world's richest person. It also noted that Musk's rocket company SpaceX has already been awarded federal contracts worth more than \$525 since Donald Trump returned to power, on top of at nearly \$21 billion his companies have landed since 2008.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-m	2025/04/08		
House Dems launch conflict of interest probe into \$528m in new NASA contracts to Musk's SpaceX	Fuck that guy	Musk is in the position of carving holes in federal agencies with massive staff cuts that his own companies can step in and fill. At least a dozen House Republicans are considering signing onto Rep. Don Bacon's (R-Neb.) bill to restrict the White House's ability to impose tariffs unilaterally. Axios has learned it's a significant break with President Trump, who has threatened to veto the bill should it pass Congress.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-m	2025/04/08		
Scoop: A dozen House Republicans mull defying Trump on tariff bill	Politics	At least a dozen House Republicans are considering signing onto Rep. Don Bacon's (R-Neb.) bill to restrict the White House's ability to impose tariffs unilaterally. Axios has learned it's a significant break with President Trump, who has threatened to veto the bill should it pass Congress.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/house-republicans-tariff-bill-trump-d	2025/04/09		

IRS agrees to share immigrants' data with ICE	Borders and immigration	The Internal Revenue Service has agreed to share the personal information of undocumented taxpayers with immigration authorities, a new court filing shows. "IRS can legally request return information relating to individuals under criminal investigation, and the IRS must provide it," according to the document. Why it matters: Immigrants without legal status contribute billions in tax revenue every year. The IRS has previously kept their tax returns, which include home and work addresses, private.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/irs-share-immigrant-data-ice-deport	2025/04/09	
Trump tariffs leave global corporations with nowhere to hide Consumer sentiment plunged on Monday amid tariff chaos	Economy-Tariffs Economy-Tariffs	Global corporations rushed out of China to dodge tariffs during President Trump's first term. This time around, they have nowhere to hide — and policy is changing faster than supply chains can. With high tariffs set to go into effect Wednesday in nearly every nation, there is no shield to be had (barring last-ditch negotiations or suspensions). It means multinational companies can't duck import taxes by rerouting goods. Companies will look to adapt their sourcing to minimize tariffs. But the trade policy landscape is shifting day by day, and complex multinational supply chains take much longer to redesign. Consumer confidence dropped precipitously on Monday, as Americans absorbed news on stock market plunges and sky-high tariffs.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/trump-tariffs-china-supply-chains	2025/04/09	
Trump admin ousts another female military leader	Trump Bullyhit	Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth has fired U.S. Navy Vice Adm. Shoshana Chaffed, who served as the U.S. military representative to the NATO Military Committee, the Pentagon confirmed to Axios. Chaffed joins a growing list of women and people of color who served in top military roles who have been ousted as President Trump and top officials conduct a purge of so-called "weakness" in the military.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/trump-hegseth-fires-female-military	2025/04/09	
These American companies are in big trouble from Trump tariffs	Economy-Tariffs	The list of losers is long, including: Nike Apple Best Buy The bottom line: It's a bloodbath.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/03/trump-tariffs-stocks-nike-apple-igbor	2025/04/09	
The roof collapses at a Dominican Republic nightclub, killing at least 98 people	Tragic	Rescuers frantically searched overnight for more survivors in the rubble of the iconic Jet Set nightclub in the Dominican Republic's capital, more than 24 hours after the roof collapsed during a merengue concert attended by politicians, athletes and others. At least 98 people were killed in the collapse early Tuesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/roof-collapses-dominican-republic-nightclub-killing-at-least-98-people-161137292	2025/04/09	
Democrats forge ahead with effort to kill Trump tariffs	Politics	House Democrats are moving forward with their plan to try to force a vote on killing the across-the-board tariffs President Trump rolled out last week. Trump is almost certain to veto the measure if it passes, but Democrats want to force House Republicans to choose between their loyalty to the president and uneasiness with his trade policy. The justices blocked an order from a California judge for the administration to reinstate 16,000 probationary employees while a lawsuit plays out. The Supreme Court's order means that employees in the departments of Defense, Treasury, Energy, Interior, Agriculture and Veterans Affairs will remain on paid administrative leave for now. It's the third time in less than a week that the court has sided with the Trump administration against lower courts.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/democrats-force-vote-trump-tariffs	2025/04/09	
Supreme Court stays order reinstating fired federal workers	Supreme Court	This is what happens in a dictatorship, and these are test cases, said Eric Lee, a lawyer who represents Mondolfo Taki, a Cornell University Ph.D. student and advocate for Palestinian rights whose visa was revoked. "If the government can get away with doing this to these students, it can do it to everybody in this country. Your citizenship won't save you. ... Your views will be next."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/supreme-court-stays-order-reinstating-federal-workers	2025/04/09	government jobs
Citizen's report won't save you: Free speech advocates say student arrests should worry all	Free speech	Public hearings say there is a playbook for slowing outbreaks like this one: Identify cases, isolate patients. Track where they've been and who they may have exposed. Most of all, drive up the vaccination rate. "That's the way to stop it. This only ends with immunity," said Jennifer Nuzzo, director of the Pandemic Center at The Brown University School of Public Health.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/08/nr-1-53484724/student-arrests-protest-trump	2025/04/09	
Texas' measles outbreak isn't slowing down. How can that change?	Health-Measles	The Trump administration is telling some migrants who entered the U.S. using the CBP One mobile app to leave immediately, as part of a broader push to revoke temporary legal status for migrants who entered during the Biden administration under a legal authority known as humanitarian parole. Starting in January of 2023, the CBP One allowed migrants to schedule appointments at legal ports of entry instead of crossing the border illegally to seek asylum. It was a central part of the Biden administration's strategy to relieve pressure at the border by creating temporary legal pathways under an authority known as humanitarian parole.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/08/nr-1-53484706/texas-measles-outbreak	2025/04/09	
Migrants who entered the U.S. via CBP One app should leave immediately, DHS says	Borders and immigration	The Trump administration quickly dismantled that policy, and is now urging migrants who benefited from it to leave immediately. House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., says he's forging ahead with a plan to have the chamber vote on the Senate's budget resolution on Wednesday, despite not yet having the votes to pass it. The intra-party dispute is a litmus test not only of the strength of Johnson's speakership but also of the conferees' loyalty to President Trump.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/08/nr-1-5898434/cbp-one-app-migrants-dhs	2025/04/09	
House GOP leaders prep vote on budget despite rift within the party	Government Funding	"The Senate budget does not reduce deficits. The Senate budget would increase deficits," Texas Rep. Chip Roy, a member of the House Freedom caucus, told reporters. "The Senate needs to produce a plan to us with seriousness and resolve to reduce deficits. I'm tired of the fake math in the swamp." During a press briefing, Leavitt was asked to explain Trump's disturbingly enthusiastic response to Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele's widely illegal proposition for the U.S. government to relocate individuals incarcerated in the federal prison system, including American citizens, to the Central American country. The reporter wanted to know how the government could legally remove U.S. citizens, and how many would potentially be subject to removal. The short answer is: It can't, so none. But, Leavitt didn't say that.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/08/nr-1-589828house-gop-budget-rift	2025/04/09	
Press Secretary Says Trump Wasn't Joking About Deporting U.S. Citizens	Borders and immigration	But Trump didn't simply float the idea, it was offered by a foreign leader — who has already struck a \$6 billion deal to take alleged Venezuelan gang members that the Trump administration removed under the Alien Enemies Act. Sixty-five years later, when so much is now done online, this mine is largely still how the Office of Personnel Management manages the documents of the 100,000 or so retirements from federal service each year.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/press-secretary-says-trump-wasn-19174	2025/04/09	
Inside the mine housing the federal government's retirement records, now in DOGE's spotlight	Government Records	Over the years, the warehouse-like OPM space inside the mine — which is 220 feet underground — has accumulated more than 400 million individual records, spread across 25,000 file cabinets. In some places stacked 10 high, cardboard boxes and paper files in manila envelopes seem to sprout from shelves and pile up on tables as they're shuffled from station to station.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/inside-mine-housing-federal-government-161137292	2025/04/09	
US Defense Secretary Hegseth says China poses a threat to Panama Canal	International relations	Pete Hegseth said Tuesday that the Panama Canal faces ongoing threats from China, but together, the U.S. and Panama will keep it secure. Speaking at ribbon cutting for a new U.S.-financed dock at the Vasco Núñez de Balboa Naval Base, Hegseth said the U.S. would not "allow Communist China, or any other country to threaten the canal's security and integrity."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-defense-secretary-hegseth-says-1929	2025/04/09	
Teen fighting for his life after police shoot him 9 times in his back yard	ACAB	Eyewitness video captured the moment police shot a mentally and physically disabled 17-year-old nine times in his front yard, leaving him fighting for his life and his family calling for answers. A federal judge in Illinois has issued a split ruling in a case against a state abortion law. Finding part of the law violates the constitutional right to free speech by compelling medical professionals who do not believe in abortion to discuss its benefits.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/teen-fighting-life-police-shoot-161037292	2025/04/09	
Federal judge sides with pro-life pregnancy centers, finds part of Illinois abortion law unconstitutional	Reproductive rights	"The Court concludes that Public Act 99-690 Section 6.1(1), in exchange for a liability shield, compels speech, requiring a discussion about the risks and benefits of childbirth and abortion. That compelled discussion violates the First Amendment," Johnson said in the ruling. Johnson, however, ruled another section of the law in question constitutional. That part of the law requires medical providers, if a patient asks, to either refer or transfer patients, or give written information about what other providers may offer services that they "can't provide because of a conscience-based objection."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-judge-sides-pro-life-1245542378	2025/04/09	
Speaker Johnson says fluoride in water deserves another look	Political Cesspool	House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) said Tuesday he thinks fluoride in the public water supply deserves "real evaluation," a day after the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) indicated new recommendations and potential limits would be coming.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/speaker-johnson-says-fluoride-water-181	2025/04/09	
Treasury Secretary Says Fired Federal Workers Can Work in the Factory	Political Cesspool	It sounds like Bessent — after weeks of federal DOGE layoffs and days of global market collapse from Trump's tariff war — is suggesting that the federal bureaucracy who were formerly working at departments like Health and Human Services, Education, or Defense are willing and ready to do their best Rosie the Riveter impersonations in the name of restoring domestic manufacturing. This comes just days after Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said that it'd be robots that would bring back American manufacturing.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/treasury-secretary-says-fired-federal-195	2025/04/09	
Trump Tells Americans to Stop Being 'Weak' and 'Stupid' amid Stock Market Crash That Unfolded During His 4-Day Golf Trip	Trump Bullyhit	On Monday, April 7, Trump took to Truth Social and urged Americans to stop being "Panican" — a word he coined for "weak and stupid people." The president arrived in Florida on Thursday, April 3 — the same day that the Nasdaq, the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average all saw the largest single-day drops in stock prices since the COVID-19 pandemic tanked the economy in 2020.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-tells-americans-stop-being-weak-stupid-161137292	2025/04/09	
Thousands of North Korean IT workers have infiltrated the Fortune 500—and they keep getting hired for more jobs	National Security	About 95% of the résumés Harrison Leggio gets in response to job postings for his crypto startup gleekeep are from North Korean engineers pretending to be American, the founder estimates. He even once interviewed a job seeker who claimed to have worked at the same Manhattan-based cryptocurrency exchange as he did, during the time he worked there. Nowadays, Leggio told Fortune he won't even set up an interview with a candidate who seems promising on paper unless they agree to one final step.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/thousands-of-north-korean-workers-infiltrate-fortune-500-161137292	2025/04/09	
Don't believe the hype: MAGA knows that RFK's 'endorsement' of vaccines is phony	Cesspool	"Say something negative about Kim Jong Un," Leggio tells potential job candidates, referring to the third-generation authoritarian Supreme Leader of North Korea, officially the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). Through research, Leggio learned including the DPRK's Supreme Leader is forbidden, and North Korean citizens could face serious punishment for showing anything less than reverence. But while Kennedy — or someone working for him — technically wrote those words down, those paying closer attention will notice that is not the message sent to the MAGA base by Kennedy's visit to Texas. If one looks past Kennedy's rote words to his actions, a much different picture emerges, and it becomes clear that he thinks vaccines are for weak, lazy parents. Superior parents, Kennedy suggests, bough kids up by pulling them through the measles rioters. For one thing, Kennedy spent most of his time in Texas celebrating parents who refuse to vaccinate, highlighting how many kids they have who didn't die.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dont-believe-hype-maga-knows-1000066	2025/04/09	
Member of Rubio's security team arrested in Brussels after fight with local police	Political Cesspool	A member of the Secretary of State's security team was arrested in Brussels after becoming physically aggressive with a hotel staff member and confrontational with local police, according to a new report. On March 31, a shift supervisor assigned to Rubio's detail reportedly became irate when staff at Hotel Amigo refused to reopen the bar after it had closed. When the staff and night manager tried to tell the staff member to return to his room, he became physically aggressive, the Examiner reports, and law enforcement was called.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/member-rubio-security-team-arrested-17	2025/04/09	
FBI creates multiagent bodyguard team to protect Dan Bongino	Political Cesspool	The FBI has issued a call for agents to voluntarily serve as bodyguards for Deputy Director Dan Bongino, a break from past practice in which the bureau's No. 2 officials did not have security details, two current and two former FBI officials familiar with the matter told NBC News.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fbi-creates-multiagent-bodyguard-team-9	2025/04/09	
Trump administration weighs drone strikes on Mexican cartels	International relations	The Trump administration is considering launching drone strikes on drug cartels in Mexico as part of an ambitious effort to combat criminal gangs trafficking narcotics across the southern border, according to six current and former U.S. military, law enforcement and intelligence officials with knowledge of the matter.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-weighs-drone-strikes-161137292	2025/04/09	
Russia steps up offensive across the front line in Ukraine, in apparent defiance of Trump. What does it mean for the war?	International-Russia	It is not yet clear if this is the start of a major spring offensive by Vladimir Putin's forces, of which Ukraine has been warning for some time. However, it appears to suggest the Russian leader is unconcerned about upsetting US President Donald Trump, who will make up his mind "in a matter of weeks" if the Kremlin is serious about peace. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, said last week.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/russia-steps-offensive-across-front-0461	2025/04/09	

U.S. starts monitoring immigrants' social media for antisemitism	Borders and immigration	U.S. officials will screen immigrants' social media accounts for antisemitic content as "grounds for denying" immigration benefit requests, the Trump administration announced in a policy that immediately went into effect Wednesday. The new rule that was criticized by free speech advocacy groups affects green card applicants, foreign students and immigrants "affiliated with educational institutions linked to antisemitic activity," per a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services post. FBI chief Kash Patel has been replaced as acting director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives by Army Secretary Dan Driscoll, the ATF confirmed on Wednesday night. The Trump administration did not immediately give a reason for the unusual move to place a civilian military leader in charge of a federal law enforcement agency. Driscoll will continue to serve as Army secretary, per multiple reports.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/10/immigrants-social-media-antisemitism	2025/04/10	
Kash Patel replaced as acting ATF director by Army Secretary Dan Driscoll	Political Cesspool	The House fell into uncertain territory Wednesday evening after House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) pulled a scheduled vote on a key budget measure in the face of intractable right-wing opposition. The GOP speaker said he doesn't have "any intention to have us working here this weekend," but added, "If we have to come back next week, then we'll do that." The vote was nixed after dozens of conservative fiscal hawks refused to back the Senate version of the budget blueprint that requires far fewer spending cuts than the version the House passed in February.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/10/trump-patel-driscoll-atf-director	2025/04/10	
House GOP chaos erupts after Mike Johnson pulls budget vote	Politics- House	A group of House Democrats is launching a concerted campaign to force Elton Musk out of the Trump administration by May 30, Axios has learned.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/10/mike-johnson-budget-vote-house-re	2025/04/10	
Scope: Democrats launch campaign to oust Musk by June	Fuck that guy	On Sunday at the Detroit Metro Airport, Maked — who is a U.S. citizen — attempted to pass through customs with his wife and children. The rest of his family was able to enter the country without issue. But when Maked's turn came, he overheard one of the agents call for assistance from the "Tactical Terrorism Response Team."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/08/democrats-campaign-oust-elon-musk	2025/04/10	
Attorney representing a student protester detained by federal immigration agents	Borders and immigration	Border agents pressured Maked to hand over his cell phone. He refused. After more than 90 minutes of back-and-forth, he eventually showed agents his contacts list. He was eventually released. Maked says he was never given a reason for his detainment. However, one of his current clients is a student who has been charged in connection to a pro-Palestinian protest at the University of Michigan.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/09/mx-1-5357450/attorney-detained-by-ir	2025/04/10	
As measles spreads, federal budget cuts force closure of vaccine clinics	Health- Vaccines	Immunization efforts across the country were upended after the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention abruptly canceled \$11.4 billion in COVID-related funds for state and local health departments in late March. A federal judge temporarily blocked the cuts last week in some states, including Arizona, after a group of state Attorneys General sued. In addition, many of the organizations that receive the funds said they must proceed as though they're gone.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-headlines/2025/04/10/mx-1-5357	2025/04/10	
Pain pathway in a dish could aid search for new analgesic drugs	Health- Pain	Scientists have re-created a pain pathway in the brain by growing four key clusters of human nerve cells in a dish. This laboratory model could be used to help explain certain pain syndromes, and offer a new way to test potential analgesic drugs, a Stanford team reports in the journal Nature. With this new system, known as a brain assembloid, "we have a miniature nervous system that might be a very useful platform," Waxman says.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-headlines/2025/04/10/mx-1-5356	2025/04/10	
Trump administration backs off Nvidia's 'H20' chip crackdown after Mar-a-Lago dinner	Trump Bulshit	When Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang attended a \$1 million-a-head dinner at Mar-a-Lago last week, a chip known as the H20 may have been on his mind. That's because chip industry insiders widely expected the Trump administration to impose curbs on the H20, the most cutting-edge AI chip U.S. companies can legally sell to China, a crucial market to one of the world's most valuable companies. Following the Mar-a-Lago dinner, the White House reversed course on H20 chips, putting the plan for additional restrictions on hold, according to two sources with knowledge of the plan who were not authorized to speak publicly.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/09/mx-1-5356480/nvidia-china-ai-h20-chip	2025/04/10	corruption, pay to play, bribes
European Union approves new retaliatory tariffs on the U.S.	International relations	All member countries of the European Union except Hungary voted Wednesday in favor of proposals that would impose tariffs on specific U.S. products sold to Europe, starting next week. The vote came just hours before President Trump said on social media that he would pause tariffs on most countries for 90 days but would immediately hike tariffs on China to 125%. But the president isn't the only one seeking to use the courts to punish unflattering news coverage. New York Times deputy investigations editor David Enrich told Morning Edition that local officials and business moguls are also turning to lawsuits or the threat of them with varying degrees of success to silence the press.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/09/mx-1-5357177/european-union-tariffs	2025/04/10	
How the powerful are using lawsuit threats to silence media and 'Murder the Truth'	Free speech	There's just a huge power imbalance in a lot of these situations where a local business or a wealthy individual who has, for all intents and purposes, unlimited resources to just drag this out through the court system, send a million threatening letters and grind someone down through the legal process. And it comes at a time when most news organizations and most journalists are operating kind of on a financial knife's edge. And lawyers and law firms recognize that the simplest, safest thing for most journalists to do is often to back down. President Donald Trump is targeting two former first-term appointees over their criticism of his actions, stripping their security clearances and opening federal probes of their tenures. The directives that Trump signed on Wednesday order the Justice Department to scrutinize Chris Krebs, who ran Trump's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and former senior Department of Homeland Security official Miles Taylor.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/09/mx-1-5318045/freedom-of-the-press-ii	2025/04/10	
Trump orders investigation of two first-term administration aides who criticized him	Trump Bulshit	The two critics are the latest to be swept up in Trump's expansive retribution campaign, where he's sought to use federal powers in unprecedented ways to punish political opponents, law firms, universities and others that he believes have wronged him.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-orders-investigation-two-first-2228	2025/04/10	
The White House says it will not respond to reporters who list identifying pronouns in their email signatures	Free speech	The White House is going to ignore email signatures from reporters who list their preferred pronouns in their email signatures, according to a report from The New York Times.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-says-not-respond-15045642	2025/04/10	
RFK Jr. Blames the Sick for Their 'Choices' But Not the Unvaxxed	Political Cesspool	In the case of adults choosing not to get vaccinated, Kennedy didn't say whether, in line with his smoking hypothetical, society should pay to treat people who choose not to get vaccinated and then come down with deadly diseases.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-blames-sick-choices-154156720-nt	2025/04/10	
USDA to lose bird flu response employees, source says	Government- USDA	Several U.S. Department of Agriculture employees who worked on the agency's bird flu response will leave at the end of April, straining the federal capacity to monitor the spread of the virus, according to a source familiar with the situation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/usda-lose-bird-flu-response-160156736-nt	2025/04/10	
Hegseth says China's military presence in Western Hemisphere is 'too large'	International relations	"China's military has too large of a presence in the Western Hemisphere," Hegseth said. "Make no mistake, Beijing is investing and operating in this region for military advantage and unfair economic gain."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hegseth-says-chinas-military-presence-1	2025/04/10	
Trump ignites 'insider trading' accusations after global tariffs U-turn	Trump Bulshit	Donald Trump is facing accusations of market manipulation after posting on social media that it was a "great time to buy" just hours before he made a dramatic U-turn on his trade war that led to big rises in stock markets around the world.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/10/donald-trump-ignite	2025/04/10	corruption
Pollen perfils, how heat, thunder and smog are creating deadly, hot fever seasons	Environment- Health	Pollution, rising temperatures, increasing thunderstorms and the spread of invasive species are all transforming the world of pollen, with consequences that vary from place to place and year to year. In turn, these changes are having complex, varied effects on the human body – with sometimes deadly or debilitating consequences.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/apr/10/pollen-perils-how	2025/04/10	
Elon Musk's XAI powering its facility in Memphis with 'illegal' generators	Fuck that guy	"I'm here because today we've learned that XAI is using 35 methane gas burning turbines," said Pearson, who is the director of the advocacy group Memphis Community Against Pollution. "They have submitted a permit to our Shelby county health department for 15, yet they are using double that amount with no permit."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/09/elon-musk-xai-mem	2025/04/10	
Taliban morality enforcers arrest men for having the wrong hairstyle or skipping mosque, UN says	International- Afghanistan	The Taliban morality police in Afghanistan have detained men and their barbers over hairstyles and others for missing prayers at mosques during the holy month of Ramadan, a U.N. report said Thursday, six months after laws regulating people's conduct came into effect.	https://apnews.com/article/afghanistan-taliban-vice-police-ministry-ban-	2025/04/10	
After Ukraine, Trump is now eyeing Pakistan's rare minerals	International relations	After Ukraine, the U.S. is looking at Pakistan in its continued hunt for rare minerals, Islamabad announced on Wednesday. Pakistan has one of the world's largest copper and gold deposits as well as rich quantities of lithium, a key component in batteries.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/us-pakistan-minerals-de	2025/04/10	
Trump says pharmaceutical tariffs are coming 'very shortly.' How will this impact the price of drugs?	Economy- Tariffs	President Donald Trump has announced that tariffs on pharmaceuticals are incoming, which means Americans will likely have to pay more for their medicines. Abroad Air Force One last week, he told reporters that "pharma" tariffs would come "at a level you have not really seen before." He added that the tariffs would be reversed "in the future, for sure."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald	2025/04/10	
Trump Signs Orders Punishing Those Who Opposed His 2025 Election Lies	Trump Bulshit	Trump administration on Wednesday signed executive orders punishing two officials from his first administration and an elite law firm, continuing a campaign of retribution that he has gleefully carried out since his inauguration.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/09/us/politics/trump-executive-orders	2025/04/11	constitutional crisis, retribution,
She was tracking post-Roe abortions. The government just pulled her funding.	Reproductive rights	Foster received a MacArthur "genius grant" for the Turnaway Study. That piece of research, which examined the impact of restrictions even before the fall of Roe v. Wade, helped shape public understanding of how abortion access can affect people's health and economic well-being by finding that people who were denied abortions were more likely to experience years of poverty compared to those who could terminate their unplanned pregnancies. Foster's new study was meant to build on that research, using quantitative analysis and in-depth interviews to follow people who sought abortions in or outside of the medical system after federal abortion rights were terminated, as well as those who carried their pregnancies to term. Though national data has shown that the number of abortions has gone up since Roe was overturned, little research has examined who is still able to access care in the face of abortion bans, or what it means for people's health and economic well-being when they cannot. The House passed a controversial bill on Thursday that would require Americans to show proof of citizenship in person to register to vote in federal elections, which critics say could disenfranchise millions of eligible voters.	https://10thnews.org/2025/04/abortion-government-funding-flans-gre	2025/04/11	
SAVE Act passes House, with 4 Democrats backing bill to require proof of citizenship for voter registration	Voting Fuckery	A 2023 study from the Brennan Center for Justice found that more than 21 million American citizens did not have easy access to documents that would prove their citizenship. Another 3.8 million did not have the documents at all, often because they had been lost, destroyed or stolen. The bill's requirement to show proof of citizenship in person would affect millions more voters who do have the documentation but register by mail or online, the Brennan Center said.	https://www.cbnews.com/news/house-passes-save-act-proof-of-citize	2025/04/11	
China says it's raising tariffs on U.S. goods to 125%	Economy- Tariffs	China said Friday that it was raising tariffs on U.S. goods from 64% to 125%, the latest development in the escalating trade war between the two countries. It said the higher tariffs would take effect on Saturday. Responding to a question at Tuesday's daily briefing, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt mentioned President Donald Trump's "idea" to potentially deport "violent" and "heinous" U.S. citizens, adding a seemingly important caveat: "If it legal."	https://www.cbnews.com/news/china-says-it-will-raise-tariffs-on-us-g	2025/04/11	
White House floats deporting U.S. citizens. Justice Sotomayor just warned about that.	Citizens	But that doesn't mean it can't happen. Indeed, Justice Sonia Sotomayor warned just a day earlier of the possibility. During a recent five-year period, a substantial portion of maternal deaths in America — almost one-third — took place more than six weeks after childbirth, at a time when most new mothers think they are in the clear, researchers reported on Wednesday.	https://www.mnbc.com/deadline/white-house/deadline-regal-blog/mu	2025/04/11	
One-Third of Maternal Deaths Occur Long After Delivery, Study Finds	Reproductive rights	Pregnancy-related death rates in the United States rose almost 28 percent from 2018 to 2022, the researchers found, surging at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2021 before subsiding somewhat.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/09/health/maternal-death-pandemic	2025/04/11	
Rescue efforts from Myanmar's deadly earthquake wind down as death toll hits 3,600	Tragic	"Our study illustrates why we can't take our eyes off maternal health," said Dr. Rose L. Molina, an associate professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive biology at Harvard Medical School and one of the study's authors. Long-shot efforts to find survivors from Myanmar's devastating March 28 earthquake were winding down Monday, as rescue efforts were supplanted by increasing relief and recovery activity. The death toll surpassed 3,600 and was still climbing. A situation report issued late Monday by the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, or OCHA, said more than 17.2 million people are living in affected areas, and urgently need food, shelter, water, health care, cash assistance and emergency disaster shelter.	https://apnews.com/article/myanmar-ceasefire-military-resistance-earth	2025/04/11	
US cites Georgia firm after chemical cloud disrupted life in Atlanta's suburbs	Environment- Pollution	Federal authorities have found that a Georgia company improperly stored hazardous chemicals before a fire southeast of Atlanta last year that produced a toxic chemical cloud over the area — Bickab Inc. was cited for six violations, including four serious violations, and now faces more than \$60,000 in proposed penalties, the U.S. Department of Labor said in a statement this week. The Department of Labor's investigation found that improperly stored hazardous chemicals were the cause of the fire, which was investigated by the agency's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).	https://apnews.com/article/georgia-bickab-chemical-plant-fire-b0728dc	2025/04/11	

CDC's cruise ship inspectors laid off amid bad year for outbreaks	Government- CDC	All of the full-time employees in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Vessel Sanitation Program are now off the job, multiple officials tell CBS News, gutting the agency's ability to investigate outbreaks and conduct health inspections on cruise ships. A smaller group of 12 U.S. Public Health Service officers will remain. The steep cuts to the program's inspectors baffled CDC officials since the small team's staff is not paid for by taxpayer dollars. Fees from cruise ships companies pay for the program, which is supposed to inspect large vessels at least twice a year. The Supreme Court on Thursday said the Trump administration must facilitate the release of a Maryland man mistakenly deported from custody in El Salvador, but ordered additional proceedings before a federal district court. In an unsigned decision, the high court acknowledged that a late Monday deadline set by the district court judge to secure the return to the U.S. of Rómulo Abrego García, a native of El Salvador, and passed by Chief Justice John Roberts had already passed, effectively granting in part the emergency relief sought by the Trump administration. But the court said that the district court's order "properly requires the government to 'facilitate' Abrego García's release from Salvadoran custody and to 'ensure that his case is handled as it would have been had he not been improperly sent to El Salvador.'"	https://www.cbsnews.com/news/cdc-cruise-ship-inspectors-layoffs-out/	2025/04/11	
Supreme Court says government must facilitate release of Maryland man mistakenly deported to El Salvador	Borders and immigration	The Supreme Court went on to say that the intended scope of the term "effectuate" in the lower court's decision is unclear and may exceed its authority. The high court directed the district court to provide more clarification with the case sent back for further proceedings. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, an ardent supporter of the Trump administration's trade policies, not only bought stocks last week as others dumped them in a panic — she scooped up some of the biggest losers. Lawmakers from both major parties have proposed bills banning members from stock trading because of the apparent conflict of interest in owning shares of companies they can heavily influence with positions they can take in office.	https://www.cbsnews.com/news/supreme-court-maryland-man-deported/	2025/04/11	
Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene bought stocks hit hard by Trump tariffs during market meltdown	Political Cesspool	But none of the clunkily named bills — The Transparent Representation Upholding Service and Trust in Congress Act, for instance — has been passed. A new bill, The End Congressional Stock Trading Act, was proposed last month. The Social Security Administration this week began to classify thousands of immigrants with temporary legal status and Social Security numbers as dead, according to three sources familiar with the situation. The move essentially cancels an immigrant's Social Security number and is equivalent to a financial death, as financial institutions rely on updated Social Security data to verify identities and deaths and may cut off access for these individuals.	https://www.cbsnews.com/news/marjorie-taylor-greene-stocks-trump-tariffs/	2025/04/11	corruption, insider trading
Trump administration invalidates Social Security numbers of immigrants, pushing them to 'self deport'	Borders and immigration	President Trump's whiplash tariffs may have inadvertently achieved his goal of reorienting the global economy by paying investors to sell U.S. assets and move their money elsewhere. When the rest of the world no longer finds U.S. assets attractive, it starts selling, not over a matter of days but over years. That's why the falls we've seen in the stock and bond markets, as well as the dollar, could be the start of a long-term trend.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/11/self-america-trump-tariffs-bonds	2025/04/11	
The world's hot new trade is "sell America"	Economy- NWO	That's why the falls we've seen in the stock and bond markets, as well as the dollar, could be the start of a long-term trend. The big picture: What we're seeing in 2025 is setting itself up to be the Reagan revolution in reverse, says David Roiley, a portfolio manager at Loomis Sayles. Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum cited the three-year drought in a post to X addressing Trump's complaints and said "to the extent water is available, Mexico has been complying" with the treaty.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/11/trump-tariffs-stock-market-bonds-mex	2025/04/11	
When the world sells America	Economy- NWO	Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum cited the three-year drought in a post to X addressing Trump's complaints and said "to the extent water is available, Mexico has been complying" with the treaty. She said she had instructed government officials "to immediately contact" the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the State Department and she's "confident that, as on other issues, an agreement will be reached."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/11/trump-mexico-sanctions-tariffs-thea	2025/04/11	
Trump threatens to hit Mexico with more tariffs in water dispute	Economy- Tariffs	The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday said it would begin phasing out animal testing requirements for antibody therapies and other drugs and move toward AI-based models and other tools it deems "human-relevant." FDA said its roadmap envisions using computer modeling and AI to predict a drug's behavior and possible side effects, through software simulations of how a monoclonal antibody distributes through the human body. It also will promote the use of lab-grown human "organoids" and "organ-on-a-chip" technology that mimic the liver, heart, and immune organs to test drug safety and reveal possible toxic effects that can go undetected in animals.			
FDA plans to phase out animal testing requirements	Government- FDA	Officials said companies that submit strong safety data from non-animal tests may receive streamlined product reviews. And the FDA will begin using safety data from other countries with comparable regulatory standards to help determine a drug's efficacy. One of Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency lieutenants working in the Social Security Administration has been pushing dubious claims about noncitizens voting, apparently using access to data that court records suggest DOGE isn't supposed to have.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/10/fda-animal-testing-drug-tariffs	2025/04/11	
How DOGE may have improperly used Social Security data to push voter fraud narratives	Fuck that guy	While Musk and some Republican lawmakers are now amplifying Graciar's claims online, experts familiar with Social Security say Graciar is mischaracterizing the program and voter registration experts say they doubt the accuracy of his claims about noncitizens voting. Wall Street has been whipsawed for more than a week by President Trump's every word about tariffs. Now he's facing accusations of using his power to deliberately manipulate the markets.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/11nx-ai-5352470/doge-musk-social-secu	2025/04/11	
Why some are accusing Trump of manipulating stock markets	Economy- Corruption	1. The bill was first introduced last year as Republicans focused on noncitizen voting 2. Millions of Americans don't have easy access to proof-of-citizenship documents 3. Married women who changed their names would likely face additional requirements 4. Voter registration would likely require a visit to a government office 5. Election officials have concerns about implementation and new criminal penalties 6. Key details are still up in the air 7. States would get more access to federal immigration data 8. States are considering their own proof-of-citizenship laws	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/11nx-ai-5352470/doge-musk-social-secu	2025/04/11	
The House has passed the Trump-backed SAVE Act. Here are 8 things to know	Voting Fuckery	1. How Trump has handed tariffs shows the furthest thing from stability and predictability. His team says that's the point, but most don't appear to be buying it. 2. The Supreme Court gives Trump a green light — for now. 3. Trump's legislative agenda gets a big step forward. 4. Trump continues his campaign of retribution.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/11nx-ai-5353406/trump-week-tariffs-trade	2025/04/11	
4 takeaways from the week: In a world that craves stability, Trump brings the chaos	Trump Bullshit	Passero attributes New London's renaissance to two things: growth in the submarine industry — and the arrival of offshore wind. Between redeveloping the pier and serving as the staging ground for two of the country's first big projects, offshore wind has created hundreds of jobs and generated millions for the city and local economy. The question is whether it will last.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/10nx-ai-5310007/offshore-wind-trump-ne	2025/04/11	
The Northeast bet big on offshore wind. Trump wants to halt the industry entirely	Environment- Green energy	President Trump campaigned on a promise to "end" the U.S. offshore wind industry "on day one." Since he took office the future of the young industry is anything but certain. House Republicans have approved a multibillion-dollar budget framework that allows the party to begin the process of drafting legislation to enact key elements of President Trump's domestic policy agenda — including tax cuts and spending on defense, energy and immigration. The budget blueprint was approved Thursday by a vote of 216 to 214.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/10nx-ai-5310007/offshore-wind-trump-ne	2025/04/11	
House approves budget framework, kick-starting work on Trump's domestic agenda	Government Spending	House Republicans have approved a multibillion-dollar budget framework that allows the party to begin the process of drafting legislation to enact key elements of President Trump's domestic policy agenda — including tax cuts and spending on defense, energy and immigration. The budget blueprint was approved Thursday by a vote of 216 to 214. House Reps. Thomas Massie of Kentucky and Victoria Spartz of Indiana joined all Democrats in voting no. "I don't believe they're going to make any cuts of any consequence," Massie said after the vote. "Now they may reduce spending here and increase spending there, but overall, the money spent next year is going to be more than the money spent this year."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/10nx-ai-5353406/house-budget-passage-hu	2025/04/11	
RFK Jr. pledges an answer to the 'autism epidemic' by September	Political Cesspool	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. made a significant commitment at Thursday's Cabinet meeting at the White House, saying that his agency will "know what has caused the autism epidemic" by September. "At your direction, we are going to know by September," Kennedy said. "We've launched a massive testing and research effort that's going to involve hundreds of scientists from around the world."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-pledges-answer-autism-21923006	2025/04/11	
Trans pilot launches lawsuit against right-wing influencer over DO plans crash	Rainbow threats	Trump commented Kennedy on the September goal, speculating — without scientific backing — that the answer to driving down rates could be "you stop taking something, you stop eating something or maybe it's a shot, but something's causing it." Homeland Security agents attempted to enter two Los Angeles schools this week, in what is believed to be their first such attempt in the city since the Trump administration began its strict immigration crackdown. The agents were denied entry.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trans-pilot-launches-lawsuit-against-1241	2025/04/11	
DHS agents denied entry at two Los Angeles schools	Borders and immigration	Perhaps most notably, Isaacman used the appearance to reiterate his commitment to continue to lead the space agency's long-established Artemis program to return astronauts to the surface of the Moon in his opening remarks — while simultaneously prioritizing "sending American astronauts to Mars" as well. All that Moon pomp is interesting, because it immediately puts Isaacman at odds with SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, who has publicly called on NASA to scrap its entire Moon program, calling it a "distraction" earlier this year. Instead, Musk proclaimed that "we're going straight to Mars." "I'm not saying he's insane," a longtime Republican source told me. "But his administration is the most stupid, unprofessional, arrogant and stupid group of people ever assembled in government." Others, however, are saying he's insane.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dhs-agents-denied-entry-two-184724083	2025/04/11	
Incoming Head of NASA Defies Elon Musk on Order to Abandon Moon Program	Government- NASA	There are those who don't appreciate Trump's "teef" for anything. "He creates problems and then pretends to solve them," my GOP source, a member of Congress, explained. "He enable him and we haven't learned yet how to battle this stupidity. The country and the world is suffering from the whims of a madman." The Trump administration has weakened both the US government uses to combat foreign-influence campaigns, even as covert attempts by Saudi Arabia and other "malign actors" to influence American policy are growing in "scope, sophistication, and reach", according to a new Senate report.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/coming-head-nasa-defies-elon-153800	2025/04/11	
Trump weakens US defenses against foreign interference as risk rises	National Security	The case raises the issue of state open records laws, and whether they apply to police foundations. The private foundations exist in every major US city, with more than 250 nationwide, according to a 2021 report by research and activist groups Little Site and Color of Change. The foundations have been used to pay for surveillance technologies in cities like Baltimore and Los Angeles without the contracts being subject to public scrutiny, according to the report.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/11/trump-foreign-influ	2025/04/11	
'Cop City' legal case could cast spotlight on US police foundations' activities	ACAB	In the Atlanta case, a judge is considering 12 hours of testimony, related case law and evidence in a lawsuit that concerns whether records such as board meeting minutes from the Atlanta Police Foundation (APF) are subject to the state's open records law. If they are, they must be released to plaintiffs — a local digital non-profit news outlet and a Chicago-based research organization. A federal judge is allowing the Trump administration to move forward with a requirement that noncitizens in the US must register with the federal government, in a move that could have far-reaching repercussions for immigrants across the country.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/11/copy-city-legal-case	2025/04/11	
US Judge allows White House to require noncitizens to register with government	Borders and immigration	A new Kansas law and a Florida bill outline policies backed by abortion opponents that critics see as moves toward giving embryos and fetuses the same rights as the women carrying them. The Kansas Legislature's Republican supermajorities on Thursday overrode Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly's veto of a bill to require that child support payments cover embryos and fetuses and that grant an income tax break for a pregnancy or stillbirth. In Florida, lawmakers are advancing a bill would require parents to seek civil damages for the wrongful death of an embryo or fetus.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/10/trump-register-nonci	2025/04/11	
States advance fetal rights measures that critics warn will pave a path for outlawing abortions	Reproductive rights	A top Centers for Disease Control and Prevention official told staff this week to start planning for the agency's splintering. Several parts of CDC — mostly those devoted to health threats that aren't infectious — are being spun off into the soon-to-be-created Administration for a Healthy America, the agency official told senior leadership calls and meetings.	https://nprnews.com/articles/florida-kansas-abortion-fetal-personhood-rev	2025/04/11	
CDC officials plan for the agency's splintering, but questions remain	Government- CDC	Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said Sunday that smartphones and other electronics will be included in future semiconductor sectoral tariffs, two days after the Trump administration said such products, often exempt from China import levies. Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro (D) said Sunday that he and his family were evacuated from the state Governor's Residence after an arsonist set it on fire.	https://nprnews.com/articles/ark-administration-for-a-healthy-america	2025/04/11	
Trump's electronics tariff exemption is temporary, Commerce Secretary says	Economy- Tariffs	Attorneys arguing for the return of a Maryland resident whom the Trump administration erroneously deported to El Salvador highlighted in a Saturday court filing President Trump's comments that he would "bring somebody back" if directed to by the Supreme Court.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/13/trump-tariffs-exemption-electronics-1	2025/04/14	
Pennsylvania governor's residence damaged in "act of arson," police say	Cesspool		https://www.axios.com/2025/04/13/shapiro-arsonist-fire-governors-resi	2025/04/14	
Mistakenly deported man's attorneys demand his return using Trump's own words	Borders and immigration		https://www.axios.com/2025/04/13/trump-maryland-man-deported-fil-as	2025/04/14	

Trump redefines fraud in quest to crush "Deep State"	Trump Bulshit	Blissed by years of civil suits, criminal charges and a historic felony fraud conviction, President Trump is using his second term to delegitimize the very concept of white-collar crime. Trump's belief that he was a victim of "lawfare" has tainted his view of the justice system. Paired with his crusade to crush the "Deep State" regulatory complex, Trump could enable a golden age of financial fraud, ethics watchdogs fear.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/12/trump-redefines-fraud-corruption	2025/04/14	
How much federal money your state gets	Government Funding	Federal funding makes up 40% or more of overall revenue in nearly half of U.S. states, per the latest available data. As of 2022, federal funding accounts for the greatest shares of state revenue in Louisiana (50.5%), Alaska (50.2%) and Arizona (49.7%).	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/13/federal-funding-states-map	2025/04/14	
Social Security is now an immigration enforcement tool	Government-SSA	The agency responsible for managing the country's retirement system is now in the immigration enforcement business. Getting off the list isn't easy. "There's a whole 'I'm not dead' routine that goes to the agency's processing centers," Marcela Escobar-Alava, the agency's former chief information officer, told Axios earlier this month.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/13/social-security-immigration	2025/04/14	borders and immigration,
RFX urges FDA staff not to be part of "deep state"	Government-FDA	The centers are backlogged, and recent staffing cuts will likely make that worse, she says. Kennedy used an appearance at the agency's Silver Spring, Md., center to urge employees not to be part of the "deep state" — which he asserted exists — and said the FDA had become a "sock puppet" of industries it regulates. FDA "like every agency, became captured by the industry. But in one point really became a sock puppet," he said. He suggested this was a cause of the surge of chronic illness in children — and that he didn't know kids with food allergies or conditions like ADHD and autism when he was young. After generations in which the U.S. dollar and its government securities have been the world's bedrock safe haven assets, global investors woke up this week to the possibility that they are not particularly safe, and not at all a haven.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/12/rfx-fda-staff-deep-state	2025/04/14	
The global financial order is shaking beneath our feet	Economy-World	The kinds of shifts in the global trade order and financial markets that usually play out over years were compressed into days since President Trump announced "reciprocal tariffs" on April 2. People will write books about April 2025 the way they have about July 1944, August 1971 or September 2008.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/12/dollar-index-tariffs-global-financial-c	2025/04/14	
Trump plan cuts legal help for thousands of migrant kids	Borders and immigration	Tens of thousands of unaccompanied children who are in the U.S. illegally stand to lose legal help for their immigration hearings — and face being deported — because of a little-known Trump budget cut. The \$367 million cut takes aim at the legal defense fund designed to help children and teens who've fled violence, lost their parents, or are victims of trafficking. Without lawyers it's extremely difficult for such youths — about 26,000 of them now get this legal aid — to show in court why they should be allowed to stay in the U.S. Those who can't prove their need for asylum are likely to be deported. Since late February, President Trump has used the power of the presidency to punish law firms that he accuses of weaponizing the justice system and undermining the national interest, part of his promised campaign of vengeance against his perceived political enemies.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/12/migrant-child-en-legal-defense-budg	2025/04/14	
Trump attacks on law firms begin to chill pro bono work on causes he doesn't like	Trump Bulshit	"I've never seen an administration target firms for their case selection, the clients they select. It really does set a very dangerous precedent of political interference in the legal profession," said Lourdes Rosado, the president and general counsel of LatinoJustice PRLDEF, a New York-based civil rights nonprofit. "The administration's attacks on big law firms really create a climate of fear that could deter firms from taking on these very politically sensitive, yes, pro bono cases that are challenging unconstitutional actions right now."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/13/g-s-1-58457/trump-law-firms-pro-bono	2025/04/14	
More than 30 people killed in Russian missile attack on Ukrainian city of Sumy	International-Ukraine	At least 32 people have been killed in a Russian missile strike on the Ukrainian city of Sumy on Sunday, officials said. Two ballistic missiles struck the heart of the city at around 10.15 a.m. as people gathered to celebrate Palm Sunday, according to officials. Images posted from the scene on official channels showed fires of black body bags lying on the side of the road, while more bodies were seen wrapped in foil blankets among the debris. Video footage also showed fire crews as they fought to extinguish the shells of burnt-out cars among the rubble from damaged buildings.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/13/g-s-1-60056/more-than-30-people-killed	2025/04/14	
China put steep tariffs on U.S. exports. Farmers are worried	Economy-Tariffs	Not only tariffs affect the cost of farm supplies, but they also raise the risk of retaliation against exports of U.S. crops: a double-whammy for farmers like PHL. All told, the first Trump administration spent \$28 billion bailing out farmers. This time around, the tariffs are much higher than they were six years ago, and it's unclear how long they will persist.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/12/g-s-1-59852/trump-tariffs-farmers-china	2025/04/14	
Major budget cuts proposed for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Government-NOAA	The agency's budget for 2026 would be slashed by more than 25% overall from its current level of roughly \$5 billion before the proposal, which would need to be approved by Congress. The draft cuts to NOAA's research operations and fisheries services are particularly severe.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/11/g-s-1-536136/major-budget-cuts-prog	2025/04/14	
Feds to collect personal info of people exchanging, sending money from U.S.-Mexico border	Goodbye Privacy	South Texas residents: If you plan to send money to relatives abroad or cash your paycheck, don't be surprised when you're now asked to give your social security number. Beginning Monday, the Trump administration will require money exchanges like Casa de Cambio and Western Union along the U.S.-Mexico border to document every cash transaction between \$200 and \$10,000. That means customers will have to provide their social security number or other identification info. Someone who's not a U.S. citizen or resident must show a passport, green card or other official document.	https://www.kernews.org/news/2025-04-10/trump-mexico-border-mon	2025/04/14	
Trump has tariffs, taxes, and the debt ceiling on a collision course for this summer	Economy-Crash Course	A 90-day pause on some reciprocal tariffs (expiring July 9), advances in Congress on tax cut plans (with new commitments to pass it by August), and the debt ceiling (potentially breached this summer) are all now firmly pointed toward the sunny season, when these key elements of Trump's economic agenda could come to a head. Trump has, of course, moved many deadlines before and could have flexibility to do the same in coming months on some issues, but others absolutely have to be addressed before the fall, with the economic lot of tariffs already mounting and that debt ceiling deadline coming one way or another.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trump-has-tariffs-taxes-and-the-debt-c	2025/04/14	
New image shows Whitmer hiding face at surprise Trump photo-op	Political Cesspool	A new photo of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's (D-Md.) surprise visit to the Oval Office emerged in a Saturday New York Times report showcasing the lawmaker covering her face while President Trump spoke to the press. Whitmer, in the Wednesday photo captured by Times photographer Eric Lee, can be seen standing under portraits of Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson in the Oval Office with two blue folders shielding her face.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/image-shows-whitmer-hiding-face-20344	2025/04/14	
Trump Official Says It's Okay to Destroy Endangered Species Because We Can Just Clone Them	WTF?	On Monday, interior secretary Doug Burgum suggested that the list, which is maintained by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and is a cornerstone of the nation's conservation efforts, needs cleaning out. We should celebrate removing species, not adding them, he said. "The reality is we can't de-extinct extinct creatures because we can't use cloning — the DNA is just not well enough preserved." Nic Rawlence, an associate professor and director of the Paleogenetics Laboratory at New Zealand's University of Otago, told the Washington Post.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-official-says-okay-destroy-1515133	2025/04/14	
Republicans plow ahead with anti-abortion agenda in states where voters approved constitutional amendments	Reproductive Rights	In short, hinging the future of thousands of endangered species whose survival already sits on a knife's edge on an unproven technology that is yet to come anywhere near to delivering on its premise is, charitably put, extremely ridiculous. Even as Republicans swept into power in Washington in last year's elections, abortion rights supporters found success at the ballot box across the country. But that hasn't deterred abortion opponents. Republican lawmakers have moved forward this year with bills to restrict abortion in more than half of the states where voters passed constitutional amendments in November to protect or expand reproductive rights.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-plow-ahead-anti-abortion-10	2025/04/14	
The reason for an outburst of deadly storms early in the year could be lurking in the ocean	Environment-Storms	The US is the global hotpot for severe thunderstorms and tornadoes because it happens to be where all the necessary atmospheric ingredients for them converge in abundance. The Gulf is a potent source of very moist, warm air that creates the energy that fuels thunderstorms. Powerful storms fire up when that air rushes north and clashes with cold air slicing south from Canada. This happens most often in an area from the Plains to just west of the Appalachians. Generally, the warmer the air and the more moisture it can hold, the stronger and heavier the resulting thunderstorms become. And the Gulf has been chock full of warmth. It has remained warmer than normal this year after it hit record levels in portions of 2024 and 2023, according to data from the Climate Change Institute at the University of Maine. Both years also had prolific severe thunderstorm action early in the season.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/reason-outburst-deadly-storms-early-164	2025/04/14	
Trump administration contends it has no duty to return illegally deported man to US	Borders and immigration	The Trump administration insisted Sunday that it has no legal obligation to arrange for the return of a Maryland man illegally deported from the United States, arguing that a Supreme Court ruling last week only requires officials to admit him into the country if he makes it back from a high-security prison in El Salvador. The Smithsonian Institution museum opened with much fanfare nine years ago and has been lauded for its mission to share the good and the bad of the Black experience in America, including slavery. Now, it's also in the sights of President Donald Trump, who called its work part of a "widespread effort to rewrite our nation's history."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-contents-no-duty-2	2025/04/14	
Trump sets sights on national African American history museum	Information Blackout	The museum, which hosted 1.6 million visitors in 2024, serves as a cornerstone in the preservation of African American history, a number of community leaders and organizations said in its defense.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-sets-sights-national-african-10033	2025/04/14	
Trump-appointed official who oversaw dismantling of USAID leaves State Department	Government-USAID	Pete Marrocco, the Trump administration official who played a major role in dismantling the U.S. Agency for International Development, has left the State Department, a U.S. official said on Sunday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-official-oversaw-closure-usaid-215	2025/04/14	
Social Security's announcements are leaving its website and moving to X, reports	Fuck that guy	Sources told Reuters that Marrocco, who was the director of foreign assistance at the State Department, may have been pushed out, but they declined to give further explanation. Weeks after the Social Security Administration said it was increasing transparency and accountability, the agency is reportedly moving its communications off of its website and onto the Elon Musk-owned social-media platform X.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/social-security-announcements-leaving-a	2025/04/14	
As RFX Jr. defends cuts to public health, experts warn of devastating effects that could haunt Americans for decades	Government-Health	"What concerns me the most is how difficult the rebuild is going to be once things finally turn around," says Ursula Bauer, a former disease prevention executive at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "The forced exodus of highly skilled, highly educated researchers, scientists and professionals from the federal government is really just extraordinary...it is going to take decades to rebuild." "They're breaking lots of stuff without knowing what they're breaking," says Georges Benjamin, longtime executive director of the American Public Health Association, the largest organization of public health officials in the world. "This results in the loss of really critical infrastructure, denaturing the workforce. And the part that they're breaking is the part that gives you the best buy for your health."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfx-jr-defends-cuts-public-12000113.htm	2025/04/14	
Fears over extremism in US military as soldier revealed as neo-Nazi. TikTok follows	Extremism	An active-duty serviceman in the US army is openly following a proscribed neo-Nazi terrorist group on social media, one that has vowed to recruit soldiers in preparation for a so-called race war. On the surface, following a TikTok account might seem like a minor infraction for a young private in the 1st Infantry Division. But not only has that private followed the Base, a violent neo-Nazi terrorist organization once the target of an FBI investigation, there are directives issued under Joe Biden that discourages that kind of social media activity.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/14/us-military-extremis	2025/04/14	
Critics slam deregulation of crypto as Trump family expands its footprint in industry	Economy-Crypto	But in February, the DoD issued a memo halting a major counter-extremism initiative rooted in white nationalists and far-right influences among servicemen, citing that it was not in line with Donald Trump's executive orders. Since, the efficacy of rooting out the far right within the ranks remains unclear. As Donald Trump's administration has cut regulations for the cryptocurrency industry, the crypto firm World Liberty Financial, in which the Trump family has a large financial stake, has grown quickly by launching its own "stablecoin" and another digital token, prompting watchdogs and experts to warn of Trump's conflicts of interest and economic hazards. Some key congressional Democrats and watchdogs are raising new red flags about the US president's growing conflicts of interest involving cryptocurrencies and risks to investors and the economy posed by multiple deregulatory crypto actions at federal agencies.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/14/critics-slam-deregul	2025/04/14	corruption

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Documents reveal Trump's plan to gut funding for Nasa and climate science	Government- NASA	All budgets for climate, weather and ocean laboratories would be drained, according to the document reviewed by the Guardian, which states: "At the funding level, OAR is eliminated as a line office." The US has deported another 10 people that it alleges are gang members to El Salvador, secretary of state Marco Rubio said on Sunday, a day before that country's president is due to visit the White House.	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/apr/11/trump-climate-scien	2025/04/14	
US deports 10 more alleged gang members to El Salvador, says Rubio	Due Process	It comes as US officials said in court filings on Sunday that they were not obliged to help a Maryland resident get out of prison in El Salvador after he was erroneously deported, despite a supreme court ruling directing the government to "facilitate" his return to the US. Donald Trump has authorized the military to take control of land at the US-Mexico border as part of the president's broader efforts to crack down on undocumented immigration. "Our southern border is under attack from a variety of threats," the order claimed. "The complexity of the current situation requires that our military take a more direct role in securing our southern border than in the recent past."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/13/us-deportations-el-s	2025/04/14	
Trump authorizes US military to take control of land at US-Mexico border	Constitutional Crisis	The memorandum added that the Department of Defense should be given jurisdiction to federal lands, including the Roosevelt Reservation, a 60ff-wide strip that stretches over California, Arizona and New Mexico. Doing that would give troops stationed there the legal right to detain immigrants accused of trespassing on what in effect is an elongated base – and unauthorized immigrants would be left in custody until they could be turned over to immigration agents. Donald Trump is undermining the fundamental right to due process from several directions, whether by intimidating law firms, defying and threatening judges, or attempting to defund children's attorneys. The aim appears to be to cut off immigrants' access to legal representation, while the effect is to erode their civil liberties. The end result is that it's easier to deport people – and along the way the streamlining also makes it more likely that miscalculations will occur that separate families or return victims to the persecutors – or both.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/12/trump-military-cont	2025/04/14	
Trump's attacks on immigrants threaten the fundamental right to due process	Due Process	Paramilitaries in Sudan have murdered more than 200 civilians in a wave of attacks in displacement camps and around the city of El Fasher, the last big city still in the hands of the Sudanese army in the Darfur region. The UN said killings were continuing at two large displacement camps, including of the entire medical staff of Relief International, which was operating the only remaining clinic inside Zanzam camp. RSF forces were said to be burning buildings throughout Zanzam on Sunday, claiming they were seeking Sudanese government fighters hiding in the camps.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/13/sudan-rsf-kills-civilian	2025/04/14	
More than 200 civilians killed as Sudan's RSF attacks Darfur displacement camps	Tragic	Inspired by the political philosopher Albert Hirschman, figures including Goff, Thiel and the investor and writer Balaji Srinivasan have been championing what they call "exit" – the principle that those with means have the right to walk away from the obligations of citizenship, especially taxes and burdensome regulation. Retelling and rebranding the old ambitions and privileges of empires, they dream of splintering governments and carving up the world into hyper-capitalist, democracy-free havens under the sole control of the supremely wealthy, protected by private mercenaries, serviced by AI robots and financed by cryptocurrencies. Interestingly, at a time when previously secular Silicon Valley elites are suddenly finding Jesus, it is noteworthy that both of these visions – the priority-pass corporate state and the mass-market bunker nation – share a great deal in common with the Christian fundamentalist interpretation of the biblical Revelations, where the faithful will supposedly be lifted up to a golden city in heaven, while the damned are left to endure an apocalyptic final battle down here on earth.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/13/sudan-rsf-kills-civilian	2025/04/14	
The rise of end times fascism	Extremism	The prosecutor believes that left unspoken, the boy was on a trajectory to possibly becoming a "completely dehumanized soldier" who risked joining the ranks of digitally radicalized teenagers in France and beyond who are hatching terror plots and expressing support for extremism. The huge library of violent content, several terabytes of data, that the boy amassed included video tutorials on bomb-making, the prosecutor said. Across Europe and further afield, the picture is similar: Counterterrorism agencies are grappling with a new generation of attackers, plotters and acolytes of extremism who are younger than ever and have fed on ultraviolent and potentially radicalizing content largely behind their screens. Some are appearing on police radars only when it's already too late – with knife in hand, as they're carrying out an attack.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/13/trump-immigration	2025/04/14	
Via porn, gore and ultra-violence, extremist groups are sinking hooks online into the very young	Extremism	A United States citizen was mistakenly looped into a Department of Homeland Security email that ordered her to self-deport from the U.S. "immediately." Nicole Micheron, an immigration attorney and partner at the Massachusetts firm Cameron Micheron & Silva, was stunned by the official email Friday morning and initially believed it was intended for one of her clients.	https://apnews.com/article/technology-pornfilm-terror-islamic-state-pd	2025/04/14	
'We will find you': Massachusetts attorney and US citizen told to self-deport by DHS	Borders and immigration	The memo was genuine and is part of the fresh crackdown ordered by President Donald Trump to remove thousands of undocumented immigrants. Elon Musk has admitted his Department of Government Efficiency may only cut \$150 billion in spending – just 15 percent of his original \$1 trillion goal. DOGE continues to publicly report its savings on its website, labeling it the "Wall of Receipts." The site, which was last updated Tuesday, is heavily error-ridden and shows a total of \$150 billion in estimated savings, according to the Times. While DOGE has cleared up some mistakes – including entries that mistakenly triple-counted some savings or reported billion when they meant million – others still remain, the outlet reports. Musk's \$1 trillion goal has been clearly impossible for a while. Last month, The New Yorker reported that DOGE would only save \$245.8 billion a year if it fired every single federal worker outside the military or USPS.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/nicole	2025/04/14	
Musk admits that DOGE may only cut 15 percent of its stated \$1 trillion goal - and even that figure may be high	Fuck that guy	The question is preposterous," Bukele said during a news conference with President Trump. "How can I smuggle a terrorist into the United States? I don't have the power to return him to the United States." Bukele also said he would not release him within El Salvador.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-m	2025/04/14	
Releasing wrongly deported man 'preposterous,' El Salvador's president says	Borders and immigration	"He is a citizen of El Salvador," Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller added. "So it's very arrogant, even, for American media to suggest that we would even test El Salvador how to handle their own citizens."	https://www.fox.com/2025/04/14/day-bukele-kymar-atrego-garcia-b	2025/04/15	
Jewish people fear scapegoating as Trump invokes antisemitism to justify crackdowns	Free speech	President Trump's invocation of antisemitism to justify everything from slashing college funds to deporting student protesters risks making Jewish people scapegoats for his policies, community leaders warn. Why it matters: Immigration crackdowns under the Trump administration are spreading fear – causing people to skip work, straining businesses, and leaving families without income. The latest: Anxiety is rising among undocumented workers after the IRS agreed to share data with ICE, leaving many worried that paying taxes could now be used against them. The industries that rely on this shadow workforce include construction, agriculture, hospitality and retail.	https://www.fox.com/2025/04/14/trump-antisemitism-scapegoat-imm	2025/04/15	
America's shadow economy shrinks due to deportation fears	Shadow economy	If those sectors lose workers, "American consumers are going to see higher prices," says Patricia Campos-Medina, executive director of the Worker Institute at Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. A 5.2 magnitude earthquake hits California near San Diego	https://www.fox.com/2025/04/14/immigrants-workers-fear-ice-econo	2025/04/15	
5.2-magnitude earthquake hits California near San Diego	Environment Earthquake	Then, according to three people with direct knowledge of the events, he placed five government-issued laptops on a conference table and requested a sixth computer that would give him access at the IRS. At the time, court records show, Kiger held two job titles at the Office of Personnel Management, as well as positions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. He was also working on dismantling the U.S. Agency for International Development. Earlier this month, according to a person with knowledge of the matter, Kiger showed up at the Federal Trade Commission, too. Kiger is not alone. His expanding portfolio – which now includes jobs in as many as seven federal offices – is typical of at least a handful of DOGE staffers. The orthodox practice affords acolytes of billionaire Elon Musk authority across broad swaths of government, as well as access to an array of confidential information, including tax documents, federal workforce records and consumer data. But it's easy enough to make these declarations when you've pre-determined your conclusion, and the only work left is to generate some fake statistics to back up that preordained "discovery." In the spirit of open-mindedness, I suppose I should pretend we must wait to see whatever nonsense is produced before judging it. In the spirit of common sense, however, there is no point in playing dumb. Kennedy has already indicated what he expects the "findings" to be: that vaccines do it, even though all legitimate science shows that is false. To make sure no real science accidentally happens, he has put a non-scientist/non-doctor in charge of this non-study. David Geier, a man who has been fired for practicing medicine without a license. Worse, his "treatments" of children are better described as pointless torture. Kennedy's attack on science is despicable. But what may be even worse is his full-blown assault on the health and well-being of American children. His fixation on playing games with the bodies of vulnerable kids has a sadistic and eugenicist edge to it. Before confirming him, Senate Republicans should have listened to Caroline Kennedy, when she called her cousin "a predator" who enjoys "a perverse scene of despair and violence." She discussed how he would get a kick out of feeding baby chickens and mice into a blender to feed his hawks.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/5-2-earthquake-strikes-california-173907	2025/04/15	
RFK's pledge to discover the "cause" of autism isn't just a ploy — it's a war on children's health	Political Cesspool	While much of the country is focused on the spiraling measles outbreak concentrated in the small, dusty towns of West Texas, cases of pertussis have skyrocketed by more than 1,500% nationwide since hitting a recent low in 2021 amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Deaths tied to the disease are also up, hitting 10 last year, compared with about two to four in previous years. Cases are on track to exceed that total this year. Doctors, researchers and public health experts warn that the measles outbreak, which has grown to more than 600 cases, may just be the beginning. They say outbreaks of preventable diseases could get much worse with falling vaccination rates and the Trump administration slashing spending on the country's public health infrastructure.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-pledge-discover-cause-autism-09594	2025/04/15	
'Not just measles': Whooping cough cases are soaring as vaccine rates decline	Health- whooping cough	President Donald Trump said on Monday he wants to deport some violent criminals who are U.S. citizens to Salvadoran prisons, a move that experts said would violate U.S. law. Trump's comments marked the clearest signal yet that the U.S. president is serious about deporting naturalized and U.S.-born citizens, a proposal that has alarmed civil rights advocates and is viewed by many legal experts as unconstitutional. Harvard University said on Monday that it will not comply with a new list of demands from the Trump administration (issued last week) that the government says are designed to crack down on antisemitism and alleged civil rights violations at elite academic institutions. Rauenhorst is one of many graduating seniors whose post-grad plans have been disrupted by the Trump administration's efforts to drastically shrink the federal government. As President Trump seeks to dismantle whole agencies, college seniors have been terminated from internships that had the potential to become full-time roles. Others have had job offers rescinded after the administration has firing across the federal government.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-wants-deport-us-citizens-1816423	2025/04/15	
Trump calls for deporting some citizens to El Salvador, testing US law	Constitutional Crisis	USAID used to administer most of America's foreign aid – 61% of the \$71 billion total budget in 2023. But since taking office in January, the Trump administration has laid off thousands of its employees, and cut 85% of USAID programs – including staff and programs working to help Myanmar. On Wednesday, they also announced that all foreign staff would be laid off. "Not only did the United States only send a pittance amount of assistance, it sent only three workers, which then subsequently were fired while they were on the ground in Myanmar providing assistance."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/harvard-says-not-yield-trump-19300781	2025/04/15	
Harvard says it will not 'yield' to Trump demands over \$8bn in funding cuts	Free speech	President Donald Trump said on Monday he wants to deport some violent criminals who are U.S. citizens to Salvadoran prisons, a move that experts said would violate U.S. law. Trump's comments marked the clearest signal yet that the U.S. president is serious about deporting naturalized and U.S.-born citizens, a proposal that has alarmed civil rights advocates and is viewed by many legal experts as unconstitutional. Harvard University said on Monday that it will not comply with a new list of demands from the Trump administration (issued last week) that the government says are designed to crack down on antisemitism and alleged civil rights violations at elite academic institutions. Rauenhorst is one of many graduating seniors whose post-grad plans have been disrupted by the Trump administration's efforts to drastically shrink the federal government. As President Trump seeks to dismantle whole agencies, college seniors have been terminated from internships that had the potential to become full-time roles. Others have had job offers rescinded after the administration has firing across the federal government.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-doge-federal-hiring-1622469	2025/04/15	
Elon Musk, DOGE, and the Federal Hiring Freeze Have Upended the Careers of Young People	Government Jobs	USAID used to administer most of America's foreign aid – 61% of the \$71 billion total budget in 2023. But since taking office in January, the Trump administration has laid off thousands of its employees, and cut 85% of USAID programs – including staff and programs working to help Myanmar. On Wednesday, they also announced that all foreign staff would be laid off. "Not only did the United States only send a pittance amount of assistance, it sent only three workers, which then subsequently were fired while they were on the ground in Myanmar providing assistance."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/myanmar-deadly-earthquake-exposes-us	2025/04/15	
Myanmar's deadly earthquake exposes void left by US in global disaster responses	International Relations	President Donald Trump has again called for CBS to lose its license and warned the network will "pay a big price" for its latest 60 Minutes broadcast. "It seems to me that the vice president is somehow justifying Putin's action," Zelensky said of Russian President Vladimir Putin, who declared war on Ukraine in February 2022. Zelensky said that the U.S. was still a strategic, strong partner of Ukraine despite its shift in "tone" and "reality" and invited Trump to visit his country to witness the devastation firsthand.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-freezes-cbs-substantia/punishm	2025/04/15	
Trump threatens CBS with 'substantial punishment' over latest 60 Minutes broadcast	Dictators				

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Americans braced for biggest unemployment rate jump since the pandemic as tariffs muddy outlook	Economy-Jobs	In a cable sent Friday to all U.S. diplomatic missions, Rubio asked that staffers report any perceived discriminatory actions taken against Christians or employees advocating on their behalf between January 2021 and January 2025. The cable, copies of which were obtained by The Associated Press, says that all reported allegations will be investigated by a government-wide task force on anti-Christian bias and if discrimination is found the culprits may be disciplined. It also makes clear that allegations can be submitted anonymously. The week you say you're? It almost certainly relies on the observational data that NOAA collects from dozens of doppler radars across the U.S., geostationary satellites, its weather balloon network, surface stations, buoys out in the ocean and more. If NOAA can't operate at its usual levels, the forecasts you get from that app could become a lot less accurate. NOAA and the National Weather Service have been disrupted by the Trump administration in various ways, and things may continue to get worse as firings and budget cuts continue. Weather balloon launches are being reduced across the country, some technology updates are on hold, there are concerns about maintaining the tornado and hurricane warning systems, and more. Recently, the administration released a budget that would massively cut weather and climate research. Furthermore, it's not clear that the work DOGE is doing will in any way reduce government spending — one of its stated goals. The entire National Weather Service has a budget of around \$1.5 billion, and the work the agency does saves the country tens of billions of dollars.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/americans-braced-for-biggest-unemp-130	2025/04/15
State Department wants staff to report instances of alleged anti-Christian bias during Biden's term	Political Cesspool	While an immigration judge's ruling that Columbia University graduate Mahmoud Khalil — a legal permanent resident — can be deported is a victory for the Trump administration, the legal battle against his detention and deportation is far from over. The decision by Assistant Chief Immigration Judge James Comans in Louisiana on Friday came after the federal government submitted what it said was evidence alleging Khalil's "beliefs, statements or associations" made him deportable. The roller coaster of hearings and reinstatements, as well as the fear and uncertainty suffered by Gioia and his colleagues, have taken a toll. "For some of us, the time has come to step away before this experience completely erodes what remains of our well-being," Gioia told Reuters. Several other federal employees told Reuters they are taking this second buyout offer, saying that many civil servants are suffering from nervous exhaustion after three months of chaos and cuts driven by Musk's Department of Government Efficiency.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/state-department-wants-staff-report-1831	2025/04/15
Is Trump Going to Screw Up America's Weather Forecasting?	Environment-Weather	Just weeks into the new term, the Trump administration has proposed alarming changes to multiple immigration forms, including the naturalization application. These changes include requiring immigrants to disclose all of their social media usernames and provide personal information about family members, even if those relatives are undocumented and the information is irrelevant to the merit of a naturalization application. The government is also forcing permanent residents to choose between disclosing personal information about people they care about, possibly risking their deportation, and accessing naturalization.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-going-screw-america-weather-130	2025/04/15
Judge has ruled legal permanent US resident Mahmoud Khalil can be deported. What comes next?	Borders and immigration	In a preliminary order issued over the weekend likely designed to split the baby, a federal district court in North Carolina has told North Carolina election officials that they should follow a state court's ruling to figure out which of thousands of military and overseas ballots cast by North Carolina voters should be thrown out in a dispute over the winner of a November state Supreme Court election. But the federal court also told election officials not to certify the winner of that election until it can decide if the state court-ordered remedy is unconstitutional. This is a recipe for disaster. The federal court should have heeded the advice of Justice Antonin Scalia in the 2000 Bush v. Gore case about not allowing a questionable redo of vote totals to be announced before there's been a ruling on the legality of the redo. The judge's order in North Carolina could well lead people to believe the state Supreme Court election was stolen no matter what happens.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/immigration-judge-clears-way-act/lat-07	2025/04/15
Exhausted government workers decide to take Trump's second buyout offer	Government Jobs	A progressive Democratic lawmaker is seeking a simple but jarring remedy of last resort for California's college students navigating the state's housing crisis. Let them sleep in their cars. Assemblymember Corey Jackson, a Southern California Democrat who has a doctorate in social work, said lawmakers can build long-term solutions while offering an immediate stopgap for a "worst case scenario." His proposal, which cleared its first committee last month, would require community colleges and the California State University system to plan for an overnight parking program for students.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/exhausted-government-workers-decide-t	2025/04/15
Opinion - Citizenship and naturalization are under attack	Borders and immigration	With the aid of Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency team, Trump appears to be attempting an end run that could succeed where his past attempts failed: by simply terminating the consulting contract that the Department of Energy relies on to develop and enforce the rules. In late March, DOGE's "wall of receipts" stated that it had "deleted" a Department of Energy contract for Guidelineco LLP (a PrincetonUniversityCoppers spinoff) for "Appliance Standards Analysis and Regulatory Support Service," producing a listed savings of \$247,603,000. That item has now disappeared from the DOGE website, and its current status remains unclear. In January, days before Trump returned to office, a Department of Energy report estimated that the efficiency standards are now saving the average American household about \$278 a year on the utility bills, while cutting the nation's energy consumption by 6.5% and water consumption by 12%. A 2022 survey by the Consumer Federation of America found that 76% of Americans support the government setting efficiency standards for appliances. None of that has slowed Trump's attacks. During his first term, the Department of Energy ignored legal deadlines for considering efficiency updates on 28 products, blocked the long-planned rollout of new lightbulb rules and sought to bypass finalized appliance standards through byzantine legal maneuvers. Among other things, the Energy Department announced special new "product classes" for dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers that completed their "normal" cycle in an hour or less. This would exempt any such "short-cycle" devices that were introduced from the existing limits on water and energy use.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-citizenship-naturalization-under-a	2025/04/15
We're Getting Dangerously Close to a Losing North Carolina Candidate Being Declared the Winner	Voting Fucker	Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s purge of tens of thousands of federal workers has halted efforts to collect data on everything from cancer rates in firefighters to mother-to-baby transmission of HIV and syphilis to outbreaks of drug-resistant gonorrhea to cases of carbon monoxide poisoning. "Surveillance capabilities are crucial for identifying emerging health issues, directing resources efficiently, and evaluating the effectiveness of existing policies," said Jerome Adams, who served as surgeon general in the first Trump's administration. "Without robust data and surveillance systems, we cannot accurately assess whether we are truly making America healthier." The offices that run the Sicke Cell Data Collection Program, the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System and the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer were scrapped. So were teams that reported how many abortions are performed nationwide, the levels of lead in children's blood, alcohol-related deaths, asthma rates, exposures to radon and other dangerous chemicals, how many people with HIV are taking medication to suppress the virus, and how many people who use injectable drugs contract infectious diseases. A rapidly expanding sector of the tech industry is flocking to Georgia. Known as 'data centers,' the warehouse-sized facilities help power the modern connected era. But all that computing can come at a cost to Georgia's environment. "They're hugely resource intensive," said Amy Sharma, executive director of the science advocacy group Science for Georgia. "To keep them running, Chetlappa said many data centers require copious amounts of water to feed their cooling systems." "A large data center might use upwards of 200 million gallons annually," he said. That's the equivalent of doses to 2,000 homes, according to one Environmental Protection Agency estimate. Georgia is being that draw on its water system more than most other states. Dan Diorio is the Senior Director of State Policy at the Data Center Coalition, an industry advocacy group. According to Diorio, Georgia is among the nation's leading states for data centers. "Georgia's definitely in the top three," he said. Hepatitis B is preventable, and hepatitis C is curable. But the U.S. capacity to battle these viral scourges has been leveled a devastating blow with the April 1 closure of the country's premier testing laboratory for viral hepatitis, experts warned. The lab was one of the targets of this month's Department of Health and Human Services reductions in force, or RIFs, which slashed about 18% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's workforce and abruptly terminated many of the public health programs conducted by the Atlanta-based agency.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/we-are-getting-dangerously-close-losing-north-14	2025/04/15
How bad is California's housing crisis? A first-in-the-nation bill would let students live in cars	Economy-Housing	The CDC employees whose jobs were cut out were responsible for monitoring, tracking and assisting with gastrointestinal outbreaks on cruise ships. The epidemiologist tasked with leading the federal agency's outbreak response on cruise ships also was included in the layoffs, CDC officials told CBS News. The cuts are problematic for Florida, where passengers disembark from cruise ships with gastrointestinal viruses and often travel through airports. The CDC documented a dozen outbreaks on ships in just the first four months of 2025, mostly from norovirus. Ten of those ships departed from, or docked in, Florida or both. The outbreaks involved as many as hundreds of passengers and crew members falling ill with symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Miller's remarks went beyond the barbed reading offered by the U.S. attorney general, Pam Bondi, who also characterized the supreme court order as only requiring the administration to provide transportation to Abrego Garcia if released by El Salvador. "That's up to El Salvador if they want to return him. That's up to them," Bondi said. "The supreme court ruled that if El Salvador wants to return him, we would facilitate it, meaning provide a plane."	https://www.politico.com/news/2025/04/13/cal-students-living-in-cars-00	2025/04/15
Beyond Showerheads: Trump's Attempts to Kill Appliance Regulations Cause Chaos	Trump Bullshit	The CDC's efforts to track and respond to outbreaks of hepatitis B and C have been severely hampered by the loss of the CDC's viral hepatitis lab, which was one of the targets of the administration's massive layoffs. The CDC's efforts to track and respond to outbreaks of hepatitis B and C have been severely hampered by the loss of the CDC's viral hepatitis lab, which was one of the targets of the administration's massive layoffs.	https://www.propublica.org/article/trump-showers-heads-appliances-led-it	2025/04/15
We are flying blind: RIFK Jr.'s cuts halt data collection on abortion, cancer, HIV and more	Government-Public Health	The CDC employees whose jobs were cut out were responsible for monitoring, tracking and assisting with gastrointestinal outbreaks on cruise ships. The epidemiologist tasked with leading the federal agency's outbreak response on cruise ships also was included in the layoffs, CDC officials told CBS News. The cuts are problematic for Florida, where passengers disembark from cruise ships with gastrointestinal viruses and often travel through airports. The CDC documented a dozen outbreaks on ships in just the first four months of 2025, mostly from norovirus. Ten of those ships departed from, or docked in, Florida or both. The outbreaks involved as many as hundreds of passengers and crew members falling ill with symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Miller's remarks went beyond the barbed reading offered by the U.S. attorney general, Pam Bondi, who also characterized the supreme court order as only requiring the administration to provide transportation to Abrego Garcia if released by El Salvador. "That's up to El Salvador if they want to return him. That's up to them," Bondi said. "The supreme court ruled that if El Salvador wants to return him, we would facilitate it, meaning provide a plane."	https://www.politico.com/news/2025/04/13/abortions-cancer-in-firefight	2025/04/15
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Closure of CDC hepatitis lab imperils U.S. outbreak response, prevention	Government-Public Health	The CDC employees whose jobs were cut out were responsible for monitoring, tracking and assisting with gastrointestinal outbreaks on cruise ships. The epidemiologist tasked with leading the federal agency's outbreak response on cruise ships also was included in the layoffs, CDC officials told CBS News. The cuts are problematic for Florida, where passengers disembark from cruise ships with gastrointestinal viruses and often travel through airports. The CDC documented a dozen outbreaks on ships in just the first four months of 2025, mostly from norovirus. Ten of those ships departed from, or docked in, Florida or both. The outbreaks involved as many as hundreds of passengers and crew members falling ill with symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Miller's remarks went beyond the barbed reading offered by the U.S. attorney general, Pam Bondi, who also characterized the supreme court order as only requiring the administration to provide transportation to Abrego Garcia if released by El Salvador. "That's up to El Salvador if they want to return him. That's up to them," Bondi said. "The supreme court ruled that if El Salvador wants to return him, we would facilitate it, meaning provide a plane."	https://www.statnews.com/2025/04/14/cdc-hepatitis-lab-closes-if-outbr	2025/04/15
CDC cruise inspectors laid off as ship arrives in Florida with norovirus outbreak	Government-Public Health	The CDC employees whose jobs were cut out were responsible for monitoring, tracking and assisting with gastrointestinal outbreaks on cruise ships. The epidemiologist tasked with leading the federal agency's outbreak response on cruise ships also was included in the layoffs, CDC officials told CBS News. The cuts are problematic for Florida, where passengers disembark from cruise ships with gastrointestinal viruses and often travel through airports. The CDC documented a dozen outbreaks on ships in just the first four months of 2025, mostly from norovirus. Ten of those ships departed from, or docked in, Florida or both. The outbreaks involved as many as hundreds of passengers and crew members falling ill with symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Miller's remarks went beyond the barbed reading offered by the U.S. attorney general, Pam Bondi, who also characterized the supreme court order as only requiring the administration to provide transportation to Abrego Garcia if released by El Salvador. "That's up to El Salvador if they want to return him. That's up to them," Bondi said. "The supreme court ruled that if El Salvador wants to return him, we would facilitate it, meaning provide a plane."	https://www.tampabay.com/news/florida/2025/04/14/norovirus-outbreak	2025/04/15
Trump officials step up defiance over man wrongly deported to El Salvador	Due Process	The CDC employees whose jobs were cut out were responsible for monitoring, tracking and assisting with gastrointestinal outbreaks on cruise ships. The epidemiologist tasked with leading the federal agency's outbreak response on cruise ships also was included in the layoffs, CDC officials told CBS News. The cuts are problematic for Florida, where passengers disembark from cruise ships with gastrointestinal viruses and often travel through airports. The CDC documented a dozen outbreaks on ships in just the first four months of 2025, mostly from norovirus. Ten of those ships departed from, or docked in, Florida or both. The outbreaks involved as many as hundreds of passengers and crew members falling ill with symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Miller's remarks went beyond the barbed reading offered by the U.S. attorney general, Pam Bondi, who also characterized the supreme court order as only requiring the administration to provide transportation to Abrego Garcia if released by El Salvador. "That's up to El Salvador if they want to return him. That's up to them," Bondi said. "The supreme court ruled that if El Salvador wants to return him, we would facilitate it, meaning provide a plane."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/14/trump-el-salvador-d	2025/04/15
US begins inquiry into pharmaceutical and chip imports in bid to impose tariffs	Economy-Tariffs	The CDC employees whose jobs were cut out were responsible for monitoring, tracking and assisting with gastrointestinal outbreaks on cruise ships. The epidemiologist tasked with leading the federal agency's outbreak response on cruise ships also was included in the layoffs, CDC officials told CBS News. The cuts are problematic for Florida, where passengers disembark from cruise ships with gastrointestinal viruses and often travel through airports. The CDC documented a dozen outbreaks on ships in just the first four months of 2025, mostly from norovirus. Ten of those ships departed from, or docked in, Florida or both. The outbreaks involved as many as hundreds of passengers and crew members falling ill with symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Miller's remarks went beyond the barbed reading offered by the U.S. attorney general, Pam Bondi, who also characterized the supreme court order as only requiring the administration to provide transportation to Abrego Garcia if released by El Salvador. "That's up to El Salvador if they want to return him. That's up to them," Bondi said. "The supreme court ruled that if El Salvador wants to return him, we would facilitate it, meaning provide a plane."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/14/trump-pharmaceuti	2025/04/15
'The last thread connecting people to services': why vets are risking all to care for Gaza's donkeys	International-Gaza	Alden's team operates a mobile clinic that has treated more than 7,000 donkeys and thousands of other animals since the outbreak of the current war in Gaza in October 2023. Donkeys are a lifeline for many Palestinians in Gaza. Israel's bombardment has decimated Gaza's infrastructure, destroying roads and leaving few functioning vehicles, while its blockade of the Palestinian territory makes fuel for transport difficult to find. Donkeys have filled the gap, used to transport goods and people — as they search daily for food, water and fuel, to get to hospitals and to transport them with their belongings each time Israeli forces order thousands to leave an area.	https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/apr/15/palestini	2025/04/15
Deadly floods and storms affected more than 400,000 people in Europe in 2024	Environment-Flooding	The CDC employees whose jobs were cut out were responsible for monitoring, tracking and assisting with gastrointestinal outbreaks on cruise ships. The epidemiologist tasked with leading the federal agency's outbreak response on cruise ships also was included in the layoffs, CDC officials told CBS News. The cuts are problematic for Florida, where passengers disembark from cruise ships with gastrointestinal viruses and often travel through airports. The CDC documented a dozen outbreaks on ships in just the first four months of 2025, mostly from norovirus. Ten of those ships departed from, or docked in, Florida or both. The outbreaks involved as many as hundreds of passengers and crew members falling ill with symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Miller's remarks went beyond the barbed reading offered by the U.S. attorney general, Pam Bondi, who also characterized the supreme court order as only requiring the administration to provide transportation to Abrego Garcia if released by El Salvador. "That's up to El Salvador if they want to return him. That's up to them," Bondi said. "The supreme court ruled that if El Salvador wants to return him, we would facilitate it, meaning provide a plane."	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/apr/15/europe-storms-	2025/04/15

Pennsylvania arson suspect planned to beat governor with hammer, documents say ‘Silicon Six’ accused of avoiding almost \$278bn in US corporation taxes over 10 years	Terrorism Welfare queens	A man who authorities said scaled an iron security fence in the middle of the night, eluded police and broke into the Pennsylvania governor’s mansion — where he set a fire — had planned to beat the governor, Josh Shapiro, with a hammer if he found him because he hates the politician, according to court documents released on Monday. The big Amazon tech firms known as the “Silicon Six” have been accused of paying almost \$278bn (£211bn) less corporate income tax in the past decade compared with the statutory rate for US companies making the same profits.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/14/suspect-arson-penw https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/15/silicon-six-accused	2025/04/15 2025/04/15
Despite a court order, White House bars AP from Oval Office event	Constitutional Crisis	Despite a court order, a reporter and photographer from The Associated Press were barred from an Oval Office news conference on Monday with President Donald Trump and his counterpart from El Salvador, Nayib Bukele. Last week’s federal court decision forbidding the Trump administration from punishing the AP for refusing to rename the Gulf of Mexico was to take effect Monday. The administration is appealing the decision and arguing with the news outlet over whether it needs to change anything until those appeals are exhausted.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-ap-press-freedom-court-gulf-cafed332a	2025/04/15
Two dead, another infected, as rare brain disease reported in one Oregon county	Health: Creutzfeldt-jakob	Two people are believed to have died of a rare, incurable brain disease within months of each other in a single Oregon county. Health officials said in a recent statement that three cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease have been found in Hood River County, 70 miles east of Portland, in the past eight months. Creutzfeldt-Jakob causes rapidly intensifying symptoms that present movement disorders and behavioral changes, similar to Alzheimer’s. The rare and deadly disorder is caused by infectious proteins called prions, which can cause small holes in the brain that resemble sponges under a microscope. In rare cases, Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease is linked to eating infected beef from cows with a related disease. Donald Trump has once again floated the idea of jailing U.S. citizens in El Salvador’s brutal prisons — this time from inside the White House in front of Salvadoran president Nayib Bukele. “The home grows. You gotta build about five more places,” he said. “It’s not big enough.”	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/creutzfeldt-jakob-d	2025/04/15
‘Home grows are next’: Trump tells El Salvador president to build more jails for U.S. citizens	Due Process	“I just asked the president — it’s this massive complex that he built, just complex — I said, “Can you build some more of them please? As many as we can get out of our country.” Trump said reporters. A U.S. citizen who voted for Donald Trump was detained by armed immigration agents during a stop in Virginia in March. A toddler, his mother, and his grandmother, all U.S. citizens from Puerto Rico, were detained while speaking Spanish while shopping in Milwaukee. U.S. citizen members of the Navajo Nation were stopped and questioned in Arizona and New Mexico. These are just some of the immigration-related incidents that have raised alarm among members of Congress and prompted them to reach out to the Trump administration for more information.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-2	2025/04/15
Trump officials stonewall Congress on queries on detained US citizens and green-card holders in migrant crackdown	Due Process	But more than a dozen representatives, all of them Democrats, told ProPublica they haven’t received any response, even as long as months after seeking information, prompting fears as the administration has denied a breakneck pace of deportations. More than 10 days after the Trump administration froze roughly \$66m of federal funds that had been earmarked for no- and low-cost family planning services, the providers that had been scheduled to receive that money are staring down the possibility of financial collapse.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-2	2025/04/15
Free US family planning clinics face ruin after White House freezes funds	Reproductive Rights	Seven states currently have no Title X funding, while another 16 states have lost most or some Title X dollars, according to the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, which represents the majority of Title X providers. In total, the funding freeze affects clinics that, in 2023, served about 845,000 total people.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/free-us-family-planning-clinics-18314918	2025/04/15
Rare, Nearly 120-Mile Long Tornado Path Confirmed From Arkansas To Missouri In Updated Survey Of March Outbreak	Environment-Tornado	Detective work by the National Weather Service has recently revealed that a tornado carved a rare, nearly 120-mile-long path from Arkansas into Missouri during the mid-March outbreak in the Midwest and Southeast.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rare-nearly-120-mile-long-150000813.html	2025/04/15
Migrants in Arizona receive notices from government: ‘It is time for you to leave’	Borders and immigration	Quarantly is one of scores, and perhaps hundreds, of asylum seekers living in Arizona who received similar notifications from the Department of Homeland Security on April 10 and 11 after being identified in the U.S. through the CBP One app during the Biden administration, according to immigration lawyers and refugee resettlement groups.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/migrants-arizona-receive-notices-govern	2025/04/15
Abortions Keep Increasing in the U.S., Data Show	Reproductive Rights	The research was conducted by the Guttmacher Institute, which studies and supports sexual and reproductive health and rights. The organization uses both a statistical model and survey responses from providers to estimate the number of abortions provided by clinicians in states without near-total bans for its Monthly Abortion Provision Study. The data released on April 15 show that nearly 1,038,100 abortions were provided in 2024 across all states without near-total bans—a less than 1% increase from 2023 to 2024. At the same time, researchers found that the number of abortions provided in Wisconsin increased from about 1,300 in 2023 to about 6,100 in 2024—an increase of 388%. Abortion access in the state became largely unavailable after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022 until late 2023, when a Wisconsin judge ruled that an 1849 law that had been interpreted as a ban didn’t make abortion illegal. Arizona, California, Kansas, Ohio, and Virginia also saw significant increases in the number of abortions provided in 2024 compared to the year before.	https://time.com/7277872/abortion-increasing-guttmacher-data/	2025/04/15
A Chicago law could shift where heavy industry operates — and who bears the burden of pollution	Environment-Pollution	The measure, expected to be introduced Wednesday, would transform how heavy industry is located and operated in the country’s third largest city. If passed into law, it would require city officials to assess the cumulative pollution burden on communities before approving new industrial projects.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chicago-law-could-shift-where-0800006	2025/04/16
Trump would be ‘very happy’ to send ‘homegrowns’ to El Salvador’s prisons, it’s ‘incredibly illegal’	Constitutional Crisis	But Trump’s suggestion that citizens can be imprisoned in foreign jails shows how “absolutely critical it is for the courts to put an immediate stop to this extrajudicial imprisonment by foreign proxy,” according to David J. Bier, director of immigration studies at the libertarian Cato Institute. “In fact, U.S. citizens can only be stripped of citizenship if they knowingly perform acts resulting in a voluntary relinquishment of citizenship such as a formal renunciation of nationality in the United States during a time of war or ‘leaving or remaining outside the United States during a time of war or national emergency to avoid military service,’” according to Elise Eisen. One way is a process known as civil contempt. That involves a judge issuing an order holding either the government wet large or an officer of the government in contempt. The judge could impose daily fines or even order someone jailed until the contempt is “purged,” which would happen when the offending party does what the judge wants. Criminal contempt requires charges by the Justice Department, which the president oversees, so it is a less viable option. A president can also revoke criminal contempt by issuing a pardon. Civil contempt, though, is not pardonable.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-very-happy-send-u-234301778.html	2025/04/16
What happens if a president and the federal government fail to follow a judge’s orders?	Constitutional Crisis	Under long-standing precedent, the president cannot be held in contempt because the president is not bound by court injunctions against the federal government. “There are no opinions of the Supreme Court on the subject,” he wrote. “When the courts of appeal hear a potentially relevant case, they usually dispose of it on narrow, case-specific grounds in a deliberate attempt to avoid the bigger and more portentous issues about whether and when judges can use contempt sanctions against the federal government.”	https://www.yahoo.com/news/what-happens-president-federal-government-f	2025/04/16
Grassley gets pressed in Iowa, scuffles at Marjorie Taylor Greene town hall	Politics	It was standing room-only in a small city hall building in Fort Madison, Iowa, where constituents overflowed out onto the sidewalk for a chance to talk with Iowa Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, pressing him on their concerns with the Trump administration’s deportation operation, the administration’s tariff policy, and government overreach.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-sen-grassley-pressed-trump-200028	2025/04/16
Whistleblower says DOGE may have caused ‘significant cyber breach’ at labor watchdog	Fuck that guy	A whistleblower complaint says that Elon Musk’s team of technologists may have been responsible for a “significant cybersecurity breach,” likely of sensitive case files, at America’s federal labor watchdog. In an affidavit, Berulis said he had evidence that DOGE staffers were given extraordinarily sweeping access to the NLRB’s systems, including to sensitive case files. He said that beginning in early March, logging protocols created to audit users appeared to have been tampered with, and that he had detected the removal of about 10 gigabytes worth of data from NLRB’s network sometime thereafter.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/whistleblower-says-doge-may-caused-16	2025/04/16
Biden says damage Trump has done to Social Security is ‘breathtaking’	Government-SSA	“Well, look what’s happening. In fewer than 100 days, this new administration has made so much damage, done so much damage, and so much, it’s kind of breathtaking it could happen that soon,” Biden said. Donald Trump has again blamed Volodymyr Zelenskyy for starting the war with Russia — a day after a major Russian attack killed 35 people and injured 117 others in the Ukrainian city of Sumy. The US president said Ukraine’s leader shared the blame with Russian President Vladimir Putin for the “millions of people dead” in the conflict.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/biden-one-first-past-president-1716006	2025/04/16
Trump blames Zelenskyy for starting war after massive Russian attack	International Relations	“You don’t start a war against someone 20 times your size and then hope that people give you some missiles,” he said at the White House on Monday. The burgeoning partnership between Trump and Bukele is not limited to Albreto Garcia. Trump sent hundreds of other deportees to El Salvador last month, many without due process. And on Monday, he intensified his threats of lawful deportations even further: He openly mused about sending U.S. citizens to the Salvadoran prison. “The implication of the leaders’ rhetoric is a remarkable catch-22: Both the American and Salvadoran governments are asserting they have no authority to fix what multiple judges have found to be a grievous error.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-blames-zelenskyy-shares-blame-0423	2025/04/16
Trump, in a rare move, deferred to another world leader: it’s a clear legal plea	International Relations	While violent crime in the U.S. is at or near record lows, Bukele portrayed the country as besieged by criminals and was explicit Monday that the U.S. should emulate the approach of El Salvador, which now has the highest per capita incarceration rate in the world. “You have 350 million people to liberate. To liberate 350 million people, you have to imprison some,” Bukele said. “We’re very eager to help. ... We know that you have a crime problem, a terrorism problem that you need help with. And we’re a small country but, if we can help, we will do it.”	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-favors-leader-authoritarian-helping-him-2	2025/04/16
1.4 Million Migrants With Deportation Orders Could Be Facing Daily Fines Of \$988 If They Don’t Leave The U.S.	Borders and immigration	A new push by the Trump administration could result in steep financial penalties for the 1.4 million migrants in the U.S. who are under final deportation orders. If the plan moves forward, individuals who fail to leave the country could be fined up to \$988 per day, with possible asset seizures for those who don’t pay.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/1-4-million-migrants-deportation-13456	2025/04/16
Elite Pentagon Unit Resigns En Masse After Clashing With DOGE	Fuck that guy	The Pentagon’s elite tech unit is collapsing after clashing with Elon Musk’s Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). Nearly every staffer at the Defense Digital Service (DDS) is resigning over the coming month, according to the program’s director Jennifer Hay and three other current members of the office—effectively shutting down the program. “The best way to put it, I think, is either we die quickly or we die slowly,” Hay said, according to Politico. She plans to leave by May 1. These types of gatherings are on the rise. While they may advertise different themes, there’s a shared belief system among them: a rejection of mainstream science, skepticism about the government and loud complaints that the powerful are hiding something from the everyday American.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elite-pentagon-unit-resigns-en-22210167	2025/04/16
Inside an anti-vaccine autism summit in the age of RFK Jr.	Health-Snake oil	With Kennedy now in Washington, and the president himself suggesting there’s merit to those claims, the gatherings are becoming less fringe and more politically relevant. Two people were tested and at least six people were removed as the Republican Congresswoman spoke at a town hall at Aetna’s Community Center in her home state of Georgia on Tuesday, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Three individuals were charged in connection over the disruption, including one who was charged with disorderly conduct, police told the outlet.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/inside-anti-vaccine-autism-summit-15350	2025/04/16
Protesters based at Marjorie Taylor Greene’s town hall, repeatedly disrupted	Politics	A former Colorado sheriff’s deputy convicted of killing a 22-year-old man in distress who called 911 for help was sentenced Monday to three years in prison, the maximum sentence, by a judge who said the shooting was about power. Andrew Buen was convicted in February of criminally negligent homicide in the 2022 death of Christian Glass, which drew national attention and prompted calls to reform how authorities respond to people with mental health problems.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/protesters-based-marjorie-taylor-greene-23	2025/04/16
Former Colorado deputy gets 3 years in prison for fatally shooting man who called for help	ACAB	There are plenty of officials in Trump’s White House and government who don’t want to give the news media what they’d deem a “win” or a “scalp.” The sources say. On a practical and legal level, Trump aides and lieutenants worry that complying too readily or quickly with court orders — or maybe even at all — would open the floodgates to other challenges and due process claims by other migrants whom the Trump administration shipped to prison in El Salvador, a person close to Trump and an administration official told Rolling Stone. They would much rather set the precedent that if they rendition a person to a foreign gulag, that person is staying there, no matter what. Allison Riggs, a Democratic justice on the North Carolina supreme court, is battling to keep her seat after a recent court ruling paved the way to overturn her election victory, telling the Guardian in an interview: “This is not just a North Carolina problem. This is an existential threat to democracy.” “I worry that this is honing a playbook to be used in the future, that people in power hold on to power by selectively challenging election outcomes that they don’t like,” she said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/former-colorado-deputy-gets-3-04154835 https://www.yahoo.com/news/why-trump-admin-publicly-mocking-the-supreme-court-1852	2025/04/16 2025/04/16
Why Trump and His Admin Are Publicly Mocking The Supreme Court	Constitutional Crisis	“I worry that this is honing a playbook to be used in the future, that people in power hold on to power by selectively challenging election outcomes that they don’t like,” she said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/existential-threat-democracy-us-judge-13	2025/04/16
‘An existential threat to democracy’: the US judge facing a challenge to her election victory	Voting Fucker			

		Merwyl was among the 238 Venezuelans deported to El Salvador under the Alien Enemies Act of 1758, according to Documented, a newsroom reporting on immigrant communities in New York City. He has no criminal record, neither in Venezuela nor the U.S. per the outlet, and does not have any tattoos, which is one of the criteria ICE officers use to claim migrants are members of the Tren de Aragua gang. The father and son arrived in the U.S. in 2023, along with Merwyl's grandfather and cousin. The family had fled Nicolas Maduro's dictatorship and came to America in hopes of economic stability. Before he was arrested, Merwyl had received his immigration papers and had a court date scheduled for February 2027. CBS' 60 Minutes released a report that found 75 percent of the Venezuelans — 179 men — deported by the Trump administration in March had no apparent criminal record. The migrants — who the administration claimed had ties to the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua — were sent to El Salvador without any due process. Fresh from a courtroom loss over The Associated Press' access to the presidency, the White House on Tuesday put forward a new media policy that sharply curtails access to Donald Trump by news agencies that serve media outlets around the world. It was the latest attempt by the new administration to control coverage of its activities. The move would block the AP and other wire services that serve billions of readers through thousands of news outlets. It comes after a judge ruled the White House had violated the organization's free speech by banning it because it disagreed with the outlet's decision not to rename the Gulf of Mexico.		
Trump Admin. Departs Tren With No Criminal Record to El Salvador Prison Report	Borders and immigration	While outlining a new "pool coverage" policy for small spaces like the Oval Office and Air Force One, the White House also said it will ultimately give press secretary Karoline Leavitt the final say over who gets to question her boss, according to people who have seen the plan. A senior Army official ordered Army libraries, including West Point, to remove all books "with the explicit and sole purpose of directly and overtly promoting DEI, gender ideology, and critical race theory in a manner that subverts meritocracy and unity," according to a memo sent last week by acting Assistant Secretary of the Army Derrick Anderson. It says the list of documents should be provided to the Army's chief librarian by April 16th. The memo, dated April 5th, was viewed by NPR. The U.S. government earlier announced that it would end a customs exemption allowing small-value parcels from Hong Kong to enter the U.S. without tax, slapping a 120% tariff on them starting from May 2. The "de minimis" exemption currently allows shipments that are worth less than \$800 to go tax-free. A government statement said Hongkong Post would not collect tariffs on behalf of Washington, and is suspending accepting non-airmail parcels containing goods destined for the U.S. on Wednesday, since items shipped by sea take more time. It will accept airmail parcels until April 27. But Helene, a federal disaster worker who coincidentally goes by the same name as the storm, also worries about this community's invisible problems that tend to persist, months later — like mold and financial and mental health aftereffects.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-admin-departs-leen-no-046238856	2025/04/16
The White House is starting a new media policy that restricts wire services' access to the president	Free speech	Until April 1, Helene worked at the National Center for Environmental Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Her team parachuted in after storms, wildfires, factory explosions, or toxic spills to help state and local officials assess where to put emergency resources. Helene and her CDC colleagues lost their jobs in Elon Musk's DOGE-directed layoffs of about 10,000 staff at federal health agencies. The Trump administration has drafted a memo to Congress outlining its intent to end nearly all federal funding for public media, which includes NPR and PBS, according to a White House official who spoke to NPR. A Maryland federal judge wants to find out if government officials are acting in "bad faith" in the case of Kilar Armando Abrego Garcia, who was mistakenly sent to a notorious Salvadoran prison. Judge Paula Xiris on Tuesday called for a two-week process of "expedited discovery," including questioning government officials under oath, to learn whether the government is doing enough to try to bring him back.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-starting-media-policy-03085	2025/04/16
U.S. Army libraries target books with a focus on DEI or 'gender ideology' for removal	Information Blackout	Better body armor, dynamic camouflage, foods synthesized in trenches, super soldiers, landmine-detecting bacteria and sabotaged materials shipped to the enemy are all promises of this field. And a new report concludes that Beijing is ascending to biotech dominance, at great risk to Washington. The Pentagon placed two top officials on administrative leave on Tuesday as part of an investigation into leaks at the Defense Department, a department official confirmed. Dan Caldwell, a senior adviser to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, was escorted out of the Pentagon building as part of an "unauthorized disclosure" investigation, Reuters first reported. Darin Sebek, the Pentagon's deputy chief of staff, was also placed on administrative leave pending an investigation, the Defense Department official told Axios, confirming Politico's reporting on the matter.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/15/mx-st-5396122/army-libraries-books-de	2025/04/16
Hong Kong post office will stop shipping parcels to the U.S. over tariffs	Economy-Tariffs	President Trump signed a memorandum on Tuesday attempting to curtail Social Security fraud, despite ample evidence against widespread improper payments. But there was, in reality, a "sanity check" of unemployment claims years before Doge launched its blitz of the federal government — including under Joe Biden. People previously involved with the process say Doge's claims are lifted from it. "They're coming up like they uncovered something brand-new," Andrew Stettler, who served as the director of unemployment insurance modernization at the US Department of Labor in the Biden administration, told the Guardian. "Going back in 2020 to say there was a lot of fraud — that's the definition of old news."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/15/mx-st-5396368/hong-kong-post-office	2025/04/16
DOGE cut a CDC team as it was about to start a project to help N.A. flood victims	Fuck that guy	Threat Doge and Musk failed to cite the survey, or the agency it came from, the US Department of Labor's office of inspector general is tasked with auditing state unemployment benefit systems. A suspect in a shooting at a Dallas high school that wounded four students and drew a heavy police response to the campus has been taken into custody, school district officials have announced. Three of the students were injured by gunfire and the fourth was injured in their lower body, according to the Dallas fire-rescue department. It said units were dispatched to Wilmer Hutchins high school just after 1pm and that the four male students were taken to hospitals with injuries ranging from serious to not life-threatening.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/04/15/mx-st-53864	2025/04/16
Trump plans order to cut funding for NPR and PBS	Information Blackout	The US needs to "stop whining" about being a victim after "taking a free ride on the globalisation train", China's official state media said, as its government reported a spurt of economic growth ahead of an expected hit from Donald Trump's tariffs. The US is not getting ripped off by anybody," it said. "The problem is the US has been living beyond its means for decades. It consumes more than it produces. It has outsource its manufacturing and borrowed money in order to have a higher standard of living than it's entitled to based on its productivity. Rather than being 'cheated', the US has been taking a free ride on the globalisation train." It added: "The US should stop whining about itself being a victim in global trade and put an end to its capricious and destructive behaviour."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/15/mx-st-5352827/npr-pbs-public-media-t	2025/04/16
Judge demands to know if White House is helping return wrongly-deported Maryland man	Constitutional Crisis	However, the CDC's experts dispute the idea that the condition is becoming more widespread, despite the rise in its data, instead attributing the uptick in cases to improved diagnostics. The report's authors say advances in screening and testing "have been apparent" since its last report was published and suggest that "differences in the prevalence of children identified with [autism spectrum disorder] across communities might be due to differences in availability of services for early detection and evaluation and diagnostic practices." More than half of all internet traffic is now made up of bots, according to a new report.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-demands-know-if-white-house-is-helping-return-wrongly-deported-maryland-man-03085	2025/04/16
U.S. trails China in race to utilize biotech on the battlefield	Technology-biotech	Democrats are at odds over whether to make opposition to the Trump administration's deportation policies — and trips to the El Salvadorian prison where deportees are being held — a centerpiece of their anti-Trump message. Some Democratic lawmakers and aides told Axios that Trump's deportation policies have been effective to curtail top issues like DOGE and tariffs in some constituent phone calls and emails. "We got 247 calls on this week, more than any other topic," Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Wisc.) told Axios. A chief of staff to another House Democrat told Axios that, of the 16 calls they personally handled in the last two days, all have been about deportations.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/16/biotech-report-china-military-compet	2025/04/16
2 top Pentagon officials put on leave amid leak investigation	Government-DOO	Reporters for these outlets often ask questions that mirror administration rhetoric. Trump is often elated to hear reporters speaking his language. President Trump blasted Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell on Thursday with the strongest suggestion yet of intentions to try to fire the nation's most powerful economic policymaker. The Fed is an apolitical institution. In a news conference in November, Powell was asked whether he would step down if Trump asked him to resign. Powell gave an unusually blunt answer: "No." He later said that the removal or demotion of top Fed officials was "not permitted under the law." Powell's term as Fed chair ends in May 2026. He was initially nominated by President Trump in 2017, and appointed to another four-year term by Biden in 2022.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/15/hegseth-pentagon-leak-investigatio	2025/04/16
Trump aids Musk's Social Security fraud hunt, despite lack of evidence	Government-SSA	A top National Institutes of Health scientist who specializes in nutrition and metabolism announced his sudden retirement after 21 years, citing censorship at the agency now headed by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. RFK pledged "radical transparency" after being confirmed as HHS secretary, but NIH senior investigator Kevin Hui said Wednesday he has "experienced censorship" of his work and not enough support on his recent research into ultra-processed food addiction. The Food and Drug Administration's decision to phase out animal testing in drug development is being hailed as a potential game changer, even though proponents say it may take years to get to a point where alternative methods can be used for all applications.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/15/trump-musk-social-security-medicar	2025/04/16
Doge unemployment 'fraud' discoveries are old finds, from Biden era, experts say	Fuck that guy	Companies that might have previously used rabbits to test if a drug irritated the skin could instead test it on human skin cells grown on a microchip. The National Institutes of Health and the European Commission are funding more research projects to minimize animal use in the drug approval process. A Trump administration budget proposal calls for eliminating programs like Head Start, funding for community mental health clinics and initiatives aimed at preventing teen pregnancy in fiscal 2026. ... In all, about \$40 billion, or one-third of the HHS discretionary budget, would be cut under the proposal compared with fiscal 2024 levels.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/16/elon-musk-doge-fra	2025/04/16
Dallas high school shooting suspect in custody after four students wounded	Guns- School shooting	Alternatives to animal testing include methods such as organ-on-a-chip technology, AI models and human cell-based assays. Companies that might have previously used rabbits to test if a drug irritated the skin could instead test it on human skin cells grown on a microchip. The National Institutes of Health and the European Commission are funding more research projects to minimize animal use in the drug approval process. A Trump administration budget proposal calls for eliminating programs like Head Start, funding for community mental health clinics and initiatives aimed at preventing teen pregnancy in fiscal 2026. ... In all, about \$40 billion, or one-third of the HHS discretionary budget, would be cut under the proposal compared with fiscal 2024 levels.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/16/dallas-high-school-sho	2025/04/16
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Democrats clash over how hard to fight Trump's deportations	Politics	A top National Institutes of Health scientist who specializes in nutrition and metabolism announced his sudden retirement after 21 years, citing censorship at the agency now headed by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. RFK pledged "radical transparency" after being confirmed as HHS secretary, but NIH senior investigator Kevin Hui said Wednesday he has "experienced censorship" of his work and not enough support on his recent research into ultra-processed food addiction. The Food and Drug Administration's decision to phase out animal testing in drug development is being hailed as a potential game changer, even though proponents say it may take years to get to a point where alternative methods can be used for all applications. Alternatives to animal testing include methods such as organ-on-a-chip technology, AI models and human cell-based assays. Companies that might have previously used rabbits to test if a drug irritated the skin could instead test it on human skin cells grown on a microchip. The National Institutes of Health and the European Commission are funding more research projects to minimize animal use in the drug approval process. A Trump administration budget proposal calls for eliminating programs like Head Start, funding for community mental health clinics and initiatives aimed at preventing teen pregnancy in fiscal 2026. ... In all, about \$40 billion, or one-third of the HHS discretionary budget, would be cut under the proposal compared with fiscal 2024 levels.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/17/democrats-deportations-trump-et-a	2025/04/17
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NIH's retiring top nutritionist accuses RFX run agency of 'censorship'	Government-NIH	A top National Institutes of Health scientist who specializes in nutrition and metabolism announced his sudden retirement after 21 years, citing censorship at the agency now headed by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. RFK pledged "radical transparency" after being confirmed as HHS secretary, but NIH senior investigator Kevin Hui said Wednesday he has "experienced censorship" of his work and not enough support on his recent research into ultra-processed food addiction. The Food and Drug Administration's decision to phase out animal testing in drug development is being hailed as a potential game changer, even though proponents say it may take years to get to a point where alternative methods can be used for all applications. Alternatives to animal testing include methods such as organ-on-a-chip technology, AI models and human cell-based assays. Companies that might have previously used rabbits to test if a drug irritated the skin could instead test it on human skin cells grown on a microchip. The National Institutes of Health and the European Commission are funding more research projects to minimize animal use in the drug approval process. A Trump administration budget proposal calls for eliminating programs like Head Start, funding for community mental health clinics and initiatives aimed at preventing teen pregnancy in fiscal 2026. ... In all, about \$40 billion, or one-third of the HHS discretionary budget, would be cut under the proposal compared with fiscal 2024 levels.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/17/trump-sb-nutrition-researcher-keyv	2025/04/17
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Ex-Trump cyber official leaves private sector role to fight DOJ probe	Political-Cyberpol	A top National Institutes of Health scientist who specializes in nutrition and metabolism announced his sudden retirement after 21 years, citing censorship at the agency now headed by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. RFK pledged "radical transparency" after being confirmed as HHS secretary, but NIH senior investigator Kevin Hui said Wednesday he has "experienced censorship" of his work and not enough support on his recent research into ultra-processed food addiction. The Food and Drug Administration's decision to phase out animal testing in drug development is being hailed as a potential game changer, even though proponents say it may take years to get to a point where alternative methods can be used for all applications. Alternatives to animal testing include methods such as organ-on-a-chip technology, AI models and human cell-based assays. Companies that might have previously used rabbits to test if a drug irritated the skin could instead test it on human skin cells grown on a microchip. The National Institutes of Health and the European Commission are funding more research projects to minimize animal use in the drug approval process. A Trump administration budget proposal calls for eliminating programs like Head Start, funding for community mental health clinics and initiatives aimed at preventing teen pregnancy in fiscal 2026. ... In all, about \$40 billion, or one-third of the HHS discretionary budget, would be cut under the proposal compared with fiscal 2024 levels.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/16/trump-chris-krebs-sentinelone-doj-b	2025/04/17
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DOGE assigns staffers to work at agency where it allegedly removed sensitive data	Fuck that guy	The ad hoc Department of Government Efficiency team is assigning two staffers to work at the independent agency where a whistleblower alleged Tuesday DOGE may have already removed sensitive labor data from its systems. The email, sent to staff on behalf of NLRB chairman Marvin E. Kaplan and acting general counsel William Coven and shared with NPR by two NLRB employees at regional offices who are not authorized to speak publicly, said two DOGE representatives would be detailed to the agency from the General Services Administration "part-time for several months" and would largely work remotely. California is challenging President Donald Trump's tariffs in court, arguing in a lawsuit filed Wednesday morning that he lacks the authority to unilaterally impose the levies on foreign goods and that they are doing irreparable harm to the state's economy. Gov. Gavin Newsom and Attorney General Rob Bonta are asking a federal court to pause the tariffs being levied against Mexico, China and Canada, as well as the across-the-board 10% tariff enacted by Trump. The suit argues that the law the president is relying on — the International Economic Emergency Powers Act — has never been used before to justify tariffs, and that Trump needs Congressional authorization for actions with such broad economic consequences.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/16/nx-1-5368851/doge-nlb-whatifblow	2025/04/17
Trump's Tariffs Could Wreck California's Economy, The State Is Suing	Economy-California	After people started testing positive for hepatitis C in a coastal Florida town in December, state officials collected blood from patients, wrapped their specimens in dry ice and mailed them straight to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga. The hepatitis C virus, which is spread through contact with infected blood and can lead to deadly liver cancer, is notoriously hard to identify. But if anyone could understand what was happening in Florida, it would be the Division of Viral Hepatitis in the CDC's headquarters. Using samples from the laboratory's collection of nearly 1 million frozen specimens, scientists helped make the initial discovery of the hepatitis C virus in the 1980s. In 2020, that research was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine. But on April 1, the outbreak investigation was brought to a halt. At 27 of the lab's scientists received an email from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services informing them that they were losing their jobs. Like thousands of other employees who received similar emails that day, the scientists were told they would be placed on administrative leave until June 2, after which they would no longer work for the CDC. A tiny agency that coordinates homelessness policy across the federal government has been effectively shut down, with all its staff put on administrative leave. Congress created it in 1987, he said, "to make sure that the federal response to homelessness is coordinated, is efficient, and reduces duplication across federal agencies."	https://www.kqed.org/news/12036195/trumps-tariffs-could-wreck-calif	2025/04/17
In the middle of a hepatitis outbreak, U.S. shuffles the, one CDC lab that could help	Health- CDC	Legally, the homeless agency's authorization continues until 2026. But DOGE, the cost-cutting team overseen by Elon Musk, told its employees Monday that they'd be put on leave the next day, according to an email from one employee that was shared with NPR. Judge James Boasberg of the U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia ruled Wednesday that there is "probable cause" to find the Trump administration in criminal contempt of court for violating his order last month to immediately pause any deportations under the Alien Enemies Act. "The Court ultimately determines that the Government's actions on that day demonstrate a willful disregard for its Order, sufficient for the Court to conclude that probable cause exists to find the Government in criminal contempt," Boasberg wrote on Wednesday. "The Court does not reach such conclusion lightly or hastily, indeed, it has given Defendants ample opportunity to rectify or explain their actions. None of their responses has been satisfactory."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/16/nx-1-5355113/hepatitis-cdc-lab-outbr	2025/04/17
Trump administration has gutted an agency that coordinates homelessness policy	Economy-Housing	The White House said it plans to immediately appeal. Retail spending — one of the key drivers in the economy — saw its biggest jump in more than two years during March, as more people rushed to buy cars and other big-ticket items ahead of President Trump's new tariffs. Spending at stores, restaurants and car dealerships grew 1.4% in March compared to February, according to Wednesday's data from the Commerce Department. That's the biggest increase since January 2023 — and the driver was mainly autos. Spending on cars, trucks and auto parts rose more than 5% compared to February. Despite evidence that suggests there is no one single cause of autism, Kennedy is vowing to uncover an underlying reason by September. During a news conference Wednesday, Kennedy claimed, without evidence, that environmental exposures — such as the nation's food supply, water or medicine — are likely contributing to rising autism rates in kids. He called autism a "preventable disease," an assertion pushed back on by health experts. Harvard University professors are grappling with difficult — sometimes life or death — decisions, after being ordered to stop their research this week when the Trump administration froze more than \$2.2 billion in funding over the university's refusal to bow down to policy demands. Harvard School of Public Health Professor Sarah Fortune has been researching tuberculosis for over a decade. She received a stop-work order this week on a \$60 million contract involving more than a dozen labs at schools across the country. Part of that research involves a vaccine study on a group of primates in Pittsburgh whose lives are now on the line. While it's possible researchers will garner enough external support to save those animals, she says there simply isn't an alternative funding source large enough to support the entire research program.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/16/nx-1-5368851/trump-doge-homelessa	2025/04/17
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Whistleblower Says He Received Threats After Investigating Whether Elon Musk's Minions Were Stealing Government Data	Fuck that guy	Though there's ample brazenly unethical and allegedly illegal behavior on display in this second Trump administration, these whistleblower claims are particularly troubling because Musk has had it out for the NLRB — which has also, notably, accused SpaceX of illegal anti-labor practices — since it forced him in 2021 to delete an old anti-union tweet. "To date, nothing has been done," Xinis told the Justice Department lawyer before her Tuesday, "Nothing." Less than 24 hours later, a second federal judge said he would be launching proceedings to determine whether to hold Trump administration officials in criminal contempt for ignoring his order to not remove certain Venezuelan migrants from the country. Either way, the recent clashes in court raise stark questions for a country already exhausted by a steady stream of unprecedented moves by the Trump administration and a mountain of lawsuits challenging them — on immigration enforcement, federal funding streams to the states, LGBTQ+ rights and school funding, among many issues.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/whistleblower-says-received-threats-inve	2025/04/17
Defying courts in deportation cases, Trump risks a tipping point, experts say	Constitutional Crisis	Lutnick said Trump would enact "a special focus-type of tariff" on smartphones, computers and other electronics products in a month or two, alongside sectoral tariffs targeting semiconductors and pharmaceuticals. The new duties would fall outside Trump's so-called reciprocal tariffs on China, he said. Experts have said there is little possibility of manufacturing an entire iPhone — or any piece of consumer electronics, for that matter — in the US alone. Apple itself has said such a feat is unlikely. Then Apple got a temporary exemption, perhaps a product of Tim Cook's favorable relationship with Trump. The acting head of the Social Security Administration rebuffed a federal judge's request to appear at a hearing to "clarify" reports alleging that the Trump administration is placing thousands of immigrants on the agency's "death master file" to harass them out of the country.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/defying-courts-deportation-case-trump-04	2025/04/17
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Donald Trump is shrugging off the Supreme Court. These are uncharted waters.	Constitutional Crisis	Because we have entered uncharted waters: The president, who is supposed to govern alongside Congress and the court system, now appears to be acting with next to no constraints. More than 500 international students, faculty and researchers around the country have had their visas revoked with little or no explanation in recent weeks as the Trump administration continues its immigration crackdown. But Baxter, one of the filing attorneys in the Atlanta lawsuit, said the Trump administration is going well beyond targeting only activists. Anywhere officials saw a student encounter with a police officer, they would revoke the student visa, he said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-shrugging-off-supreme-232	2025/04/17
New lawsuit alleges traffic stops, dismissed cases used as criteria to revoke student visas	Borders and immigration	"So not only would they revoke the person's student visa, even if there was no conviction, if there was just an arrest, and sometimes there wasn't even an arrest, there was just an encounter and maybe a ticket, they would revoke the student visa," he said. Staff at Elon Musk's so-called "department of government efficiency" (Doge) demanded to meet with an independent non-profit to discuss embedding a team within their organization, according to the non-profit, stating that refusal to take the meeting would mean a violation of Donald Trump's executive order empowering Doge. Doge staff member Nate Cavanaugh emailed the Vera Institute of Justice, a criminal justice reform non-profit that is independent from the government, on 11 April to demand the meeting, according to a copy of the email. Vera's staff was confused by the request, as its government funding had been canceled a week prior, but agreed to a call which they said took place on Tuesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lawsuit-alleges-traffic-stops-dismissed-12	2025/04/17
Doge tried to embed staffers in criminal justice non-profit, says group	Fuck that guy	The Trump administration is shrugging the state department's last test using legislation to monitor foreign disinformation campaigns. Known as the Counter Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (RFIMI) hub, the closure represents a huge victory for rightwing critics who had alleged that the office, despite only looking at foreign state-level disinformation attacks on other countries, was involved in censoring American conservative speech. It comes as part of a broader effort by the Trump administration to dismantle what it describes as government overreach in monitoring speech. Juan Francisco Mendez was reportedly on his way to a dental appointment when ICE agents interrogated his vehicle. According to the family's lawyer, Ondine Galvez-Sniffitt, agents used a hammer to break the car window before apprehending Mendez and his wife. Galvez-Sniffitt told The Associated Press that the agents initially claimed they were searching for a different individual, but proceeded to detain Mendez despite the apparent case of mistaken identity. Donald Trump's pick for U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia has appeared on Russian state media more than 150 times, according to a new report. Ed Martin, the current interim U.S. Attorney for D.C., appeared on networks funded by the Russian government from August 2016 to April 2024 as a guest commentator on RT and Sputnik, The Washington Post reports. Martin helped organize the "Stop the Steal" movement promoting the baseless position that the 2020 election was rigged against Trump. He has also vowed to pursue legal action against anyone impeding Elon Musk's DOGE work, and made headlines last month for his history of inflammatory remarks.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/16/doge-musk-vera-no	2025/04/17
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Trump's United States of Emergency	Trump Bulshit	In his first 100 days, President Trump has declared more national emergencies — more creatively and more aggressively — than any president in modern American history. Powers originally crafted to give the president flexibility in rare moments of crisis now form the backbone of Trump's agenda, enabling him to steamroll Congress and govern by unilateral decree through his first three months in office.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/18/trump-national-emergency-declara	2025/04/18
Senator meets with Maryland man being held at El Salvador prison	American Gulag	"I said my main goal of this trip was to meet with Kilmar. Tonight I had that chance." Van Hollen said in posts to his social media accounts. "I have called his wife, Jennifer (Vlasquez Sural), to pass along his message of love. I look forward to providing a full update upon my return."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/18/el-salvador-prison-atrepe-garcia-se	2025/04/18
A rapid unraveling: Global economic leaders echo Trump on trade imbalances	Economy-Trade	That is a nod to countries that sell far more goods and services abroad than they buy from others. In the current protectionist era, that creates a huge net risk. Never before has the U.S. — the world's biggest consumer — threatened a sudden withdrawal from the global stage. The Trump administration's informal end-of-April deadline for Russia to agree to a ceasefire in Ukraine is drawing near without any commitments from the Kremlin. U.S.-Russia talks have shown little clear progress and President Trump's promise of a swift peace deal appears nowhere near fruition. Still, he insisted Thursday that a ceasefire was getting closer and that he'd be "hearing from Russia this week."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/18/wfs-imp-free-trade-trump	2025/04/18
Putin tests Trump's patience by slow-walking ceasefire talks	International Relations	Luigi Mangione was indicted by a New York grand jury Thursday on four federal charges, including murder through the use of a firearm, which could make him eligible for the death penalty. Mangione is facing both federal and state charges in connection to the killing of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson last year. Attorney General Pam Bondi earlier this month directed the Justice Department to seek the death penalty in the case.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/18/putin-us-cessfire-proposal-putin	2025/04/18
Luigi Mangione indicted on federal charges	Dry tinder	At least two Republican House members and Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem have touted the same Salvadoran prison that turned away a Senate Democrat seeking to speak with a mistakenly deported constituent.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/17/luigi-mangione-indicted-federal-mur	2025/04/18
These are the lawmakers who have visited CECOT, El Salvador's mega-prison	American Gulag	"Given that the Administration's use of CECOT for illegal and unconstitutional deportations is rife with 'administrative errors' ... I urgently request a CODEL to conduct oversight," Ramirez wrote on Wednesday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/17/poli/cienfuegos-salvador-prison-cecot-	2025/04/18
Supreme Court "perfectly clear" on returning deported Maryland man. Appeals court	American Gulag	"The Trump administration must work to return a wrongly deported Maryland man, a federal appeals court said Thursday, rejecting a request to block a lower court's order requiring his return. "The government is asserting a right to stash away residents of this country in foreign prisons without the semblance of due process that is the foundation of our constitutional order," the ruling said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/17/supreme-court-perfectly-clear-on-re	2025/04/18
The State Department is changing its mind about what it calls human rights	Human Rights	The Trump administration is substantially scaling back the State Department's annual reports on international human rights to remove longstanding critiques of abuses such as harsh prison conditions, government corruption and restrictions on participation in the political process. NPR has learned. Despite decades of precedent, the reports, which are meant to inform Congressional decisions on foreign aid allocations and security assistance, will no longer call governments out for such things as denying freedom of movement and peaceful assembly. They won't condemn retaining political prisoners without due process or restrictions on "free and fair elections." Forcibly returning a refugee or asylum seeker to a home country where they may face torture or persecution will no longer be highlighted, nor will serious harassment of human rights organizations. At least two people were killed and six others hospitalized after a shooting by a student at Florida State University in Tallahassee, according to law enforcement. ... Authorities identified the alleged gunman as Phoenix River, the son of a current and longtime Leon County deputy. Sheriff Walter McNeil says the 20-year-old suspect had access to one of the deputy's personal handguns, and it was found at the scene along with a shotgun. The sheriff says the suspect, an FSU student who is in custody, was well-known to the department and had participated in several training programs, including as a member of the department's youth advisory council.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/18/nx-1-535711/state-department-huma	2025/04/18
Gunman kills 2, wounds 6 others during a shooting at Florida State University	Guns- School shooting	The U.S. Supreme Court Thursday deferred any ruling on President Trump's claim that there is no automatic guarantee to birthright citizenship in the Constitution. To date, every court to have considered Trump's executive order banning birth right citizenship, issued on day one of his administration, has blocked it. But he has doggedly persisted in his contention that birthright citizenship is unconstitutional, an idea widely considered a fringe view because the Supreme Court ruled to the contrary 127 years ago, and that decision has never been dismantled.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/17/nx-1-5368177/su-shooting-injuries-nv	2025/04/18
Supreme Court to hear challenge to Trump's birthright citizenship order in May	Supreme Court	It is difficult in some cases to get to the very heart of the matter. But in this case, it is not hard at all, a three-judge panel on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit wrote. "The government is asserting a right to stash away residents of this country in foreign prisons without the semblance of due process that is the foundation of our constitutional order."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/17/nx-1-54221/supreme-court-birthright-ci	2025/04/18
Court denies White House appeal of 'shocking' Abrego, Garcia deportation case	American Gulag	Employees at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau have begun receiving layoff notices, the latest attempt by the Trump Administration to shrink the bureau and reduce the scope of its work. The reduction in force notices come after a recent court ruling by a federal appeals panel cleared the way for the layoffs. The three-judge panel said the bureau's leaders can send a reduction in force notice to employees they have determined to be unnecessary to carry out CFPB's statutory duties.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/17/nx-1-541111/appeals-court-deportation-a	2025/04/18
The CFPB starts to lay off staff as the agency plans a shift in its focus	Government- CFPB	The panel otherwise left intact a separate federal judge's injunction that prevents the agency from being dismantled — including that its data cannot be deleted or destroyed, and that employees must be given workspace or the tools to work remotely.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/17/nx-1-5369206/cfpb-layoffs-of	2025/04/18
As Trump jets into his staff, HUD puts its D.C. headquarters up for sale	Government- HUD	The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is looking for a smaller, cheaper building for its headquarters. It's part of a larger Trump administration push to shrink not only the number of federal employees, but also the office spaces where they work. Adding to the anxiety, Ledy says, is a more man-made problem: the funding cuts to federal lands agencies by Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency or DOGE, and namely the elimination of hundreds of Forest Service jobs, with reports that thousands more could follow. "What's going to happen if a fire starts, who's going to respond to that? Right now it doesn't feel like there's a lot of confidence that the federal government is going to be able to act and respond accordingly," Ledy says. Kayla has been rehired, for now, following a recent court ruling. But she says morale is down and the work that actually helps protect the land and wildlife from fires - the lesser publicized things like watershed restoration and brush clearing - isn't getting done.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/17/nx-1-5369254/hud-headquarters-d-c-6	2025/04/18
Trump's Forest Service cuts have people in tinder dry, New Mexico on edge	Government- USAG	In interviews, several federal workers described a similar demoralizing environment to NPR, but most didn't want to go on the record. As federal agencies brace for the Trump administration's next round of slashing the U.S. government, recent staff departures are already raising concerns about whether the Census Bureau can continue producing reliable statistics for the country. The federal government's largest statistical agency is well into preparations for the 2030 national head count of U.S. residents, which is set to be used to determine how federal funding is allocated to local communities and how presidents, members of Congress and other levels of government are elected. The bureau also carries out the surveys that produce the monthly jobs report and other key data sets. "It's a challenge being efficient because it feels like we're spending time in our meetings just discussing, 'What can we do to keep things afloat?'" says a current employee at the bureau who NPR has agreed not to name because they fear retaliation at work. "That's valuable time that could be spent on doing the real work that supports America's data."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/17/nx-1-53694960/trumps-forest-service-c	2025/04/18
Brain drain at Census Bureau has employees warning about the country's statistics	Government- Census	Google has illegally built "monopoly power" with its web advertising business, a federal judge in Virginia ruled (PDF) on Thursday, siding with the Department of Justice in a landmark case against the tech giant that could reshape the basic economics of running a modern website. There are a group of 17 metallic elements that are difficult to extract from the earth, but are crucial for U.S. defense. The ask comes after China curbed exports of some of those minerals as part of its retaliation against American tariffs. China dominates the rare earth mineral market, mining about 60% of the world's total supply, and this dominance has raised concerns about supply chain security. The White House says America's dependence on imports exposes the country to "economic coercion." A shortage of rare earths, however, could impact everything from electronics and clean energy to defense and medical diagnostic equipment.	https://www.kqed.org/news/12039411/googles-ad-dominance-is-illegal	2025/04/18
Google's Ad Dominance Is Illegal, Federal Judge Rules	Economy- Monopoly	At the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) facility in Kendall, they'd just been told Aguilar's path to legal immigrant status had been approved. His marriage to a U.S. citizen — Rodriguez — was deemed valid. He had a good, taxpaying job and no criminal history. But then: "The USCIS officer that was interviewing us told me that me and our two-year-old son had to be escorted out," Rodriguez recalled to WLRN. "And I'd say about two minutes later, our attorney came out and she told me that Josue was being detained by ICE."	https://www.kqed.org/news/12039411/googles-ad-dominance-is-illegal	2025/04/18
Rare earth minerals aren't rare, but the U.S. is having a hard time getting them	Economy- Minerals	ICE are federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents — and they took Aguilar to the notorious Krome Detention Center for migrants in far west Miami-Dade County, leaving his wife Rodriguez stunned. But Kennedy rejected the idea that the steady rise in diagnoses has been driven by increased access to autism screenings, while criticizing research that has focused on the genetic factors that scientists say contribute to the development of autism. Rather, he described the neurological disorder as "preventable" and blamed the rise in diagnoses to the spread of an infectious disease. He discussed plans for studies focused on environmental toxins that, he believes, may be responsible for increased rates of the condition, promising to have "some of the answers" by September. "Autism destroys families, and more importantly, it destroys our greatest resource, which is our children. These are children who should not be suffering like this," Kennedy said. "These are kids who will never pay taxes, they'll never hold a job, they'll never play baseball, they'll never write a poem, they'll never go out on a date. Many of them will never use a toilet unassisted." This characterization quickly prompted backlash from parents of autistic children, many of whom took to social media to condemn Kennedy's comments. Eric Garcia, a reporter for the Independent who was at Kennedy's press conference and was diagnosed with autism around 1994, told Yahoo News that he worried Kennedy's framing of autism as an "epidemic" could negatively influence the public's perception of it, creating more fear than understanding.	https://www.wlrn.com/immigration/2025-04-16/migrant-detention-depor	2025/04/18
Taken by ICE moments after securing a path to legal migrant status: A Honduran's story	Borders and immigration	Welcome back to the United States of Trump, where the Constitution is like a cocktail napkin with some scribbles on it, where a unanimous Supreme Court ruling is given the same deference as a customer service complaint, and where the president's daily intelligence briefing requires three Big Macs and a television tuned to Fox News. ... The new headliner is that Trump just effectively told the Supreme Court to go screw itself. The highest court in the land ruled unanimously that the Trump administration must "facilitate" the release of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a Salvadoran national wrongfully deported, against a judge's order. It's El Salvador's release CECOT mega-prison. Compounding the problem is that the president has surrounded himself with men and women who are utterly loyal to him, unwilling to challenge him, and certainly unable to contain him. (The praise lavished on Trump by the members of his Cabinet during their meetings would make even Kim Jong Un blush.) On top of that, this is an administration filled with third-rate intellects, conspiracy theorists, and misfits. They aren't qualified to manage Oak Hill, Alabama, or Monowi, Nebraska, let alone the federal government. Their combination of maliceousness and incompetence has produced enormous, dangerous, and in some cases lethal disruptions. THE SECOND TRUMP PRESIDENCY, more even than the first, will be defined by Trump's authoritarian desires and his neptitude. It might be that the latter impedes the former, unless efficiency can help in the dismantling of democratic institutions, but having an administration filled with freaks and fools can impede that effort and catalyze public disaffection and even resistance.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/parents-react-to-rfk-jr-child-autism-press-conference-when-there-is-ignorance-that-breeds-fear-	2025/04/18
Parents react to RFK Jr.'s child autism press conference. When there is ignorance, that breeds fear	Political Cesspool	The highest court in the land ruled unanimously that the Trump administration must "facilitate" the release of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a Salvadoran national wrongfully deported, against a judge's order. It's El Salvador's release CECOT mega-prison. Compounding the problem is that the president has surrounded himself with men and women who are utterly loyal to him, unwilling to challenge him, and certainly unable to contain him. (The praise lavished on Trump by the members of his Cabinet during their meetings would make even Kim Jong Un blush.) On top of that, this is an administration filled with third-rate intellects, conspiracy theorists, and misfits. They aren't qualified to manage Oak Hill, Alabama, or Monowi, Nebraska, let alone the federal government. Their combination of maliceousness and incompetence has produced enormous, dangerous, and in some cases lethal disruptions. THE SECOND TRUMP PRESIDENCY, more even than the first, will be defined by Trump's authoritarian desires and his neptitude. It might be that the latter impedes the former, unless efficiency can help in the dismantling of democratic institutions, but having an administration filled with freaks and fools can impede that effort and catalyze public disaffection and even resistance.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/parents-react-to-rfk-jr-child-autism-press-conference-when-there-is-ignorance-that-breeds-fear-	2025/04/18
Opinion - Trump is laughing at the Supreme Court and the Constitution	Trump Bulshit	The highest court in the land ruled unanimously that the Trump administration must "facilitate" the release of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a Salvadoran national wrongfully deported, against a judge's order. It's El Salvador's release CECOT mega-prison. Compounding the problem is that the president has surrounded himself with men and women who are utterly loyal to him, unwilling to challenge him, and certainly unable to contain him. (The praise lavished on Trump by the members of his Cabinet during their meetings would make even Kim Jong Un blush.) On top of that, this is an administration filled with third-rate intellects, conspiracy theorists, and misfits. They aren't qualified to manage Oak Hill, Alabama, or Monowi, Nebraska, let alone the federal government. Their combination of maliceousness and incompetence has produced enormous, dangerous, and in some cases lethal disruptions. THE SECOND TRUMP PRESIDENCY, more even than the first, will be defined by Trump's authoritarian desires and his neptitude. It might be that the latter impedes the former, unless efficiency can help in the dismantling of democratic institutions, but having an administration filled with freaks and fools can impede that effort and catalyze public disaffection and even resistance.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-trump-laughing-supreme-court-11	2025/04/18
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		An E. coli outbreak linked to romaine lettuce ripped across 15 states in November, sickening dozens of people, including a 9-year-old boy in Indiana who nearly died of kidney failure and a 57-year-old Missouri woman who fell ill after attending a funeral lunch. One person died. But chances are you haven't heard about it.		
A deadly E. coli outbreak hit 15 states, but the FDA chose not to publicize it	Health- E.coli	The Food and Drug Administration indicated in February that it had closed the investigation without publicly detailing what had happened — or which companies were responsible for growing and processing the contaminated lettuce.	https://www.rbcnews.com/news/usa-news/colli-bacteria-lettuce-outbreak	2025/04/18
U.S.-born American citizen under ICE hold in Florida, after arriving from Georgia	Borders and immigration	A U.S.-born American citizen was being detained at the request of immigration authorities Thursday despite an advocate showing his U.S. birth certificate in court and a county judge finding no reason for him to be considered an "illegal alien" who illegally entered Florida.	https://www.rbcnews.com/news/latino/us-born-citizen-detained-ice-jwr	2025/04/18
Associated Press Seeks New Court Order To Restore Access After Trump White House Excludes All Wire Services From Permanent Pool Slot	Information Blackout	The Associated Press is asking a federal judge to enforce his order that the Trump White House had to be open to the wire service because it refused to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America in style guidance. "It is time for you to leave the United States," read the threatening message that Dr. Lisa Anderson received last week, she told NBC affiliate WTVT on Wednesday. Anderson, 58, was born in Pennsylvania and lives in Cromwell.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/associated-press-seeks-court-order-1334	2025/04/18
Connecticut doctor born in Pennsylvania held to leave the U.S. by Homeland Security	Borders and immigration	Unlike two Massachusetts immigration attorneys and U.S. citizens who have received similar emails, Anderson has nothing to do with immigration. Except for now, as she's looking to hire just such a lawyer, confused as to what landed her on Homeland Security's radar.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/connecticut-doctor-born-pennsylvania-39	2025/04/18
The Trump Admin's Lies About Kilmar Abrego Garcia, Debunked	Borders and immigration	Summary She didn't say it was illegal because Trump wants it to happen, and Bondi has made clear throughout her first few months on the job that she's not concerned with the law so much as pleasing the president. It was no secret that Trump had designs on turning the Justice Department into an arm of the White House, but the degree to which Bondi and other officials are publicly pushing MAGA propaganda — largely through a steady stream of TV appearances — marks an alarming betrayal of the separation of powers that has undermined American democracy since the nation's founding. Trump, in his second term, doesn't want an attorney general with limits. He wants one who is wholly loyal to him and him alone — not to any personal sense of duty, not to federal law, not to the Constitution, not to the United States. ... She doesn't even pretend to operate with any independence. "You were overwhelmingly elected by the biggest majority, and Americans want you to be president because of your agenda," she gushed at the same Cabinet meeting, before insisting that he, not Congress, has "the authority to determine how the rest of country will be spent." (Freezing congressionally appropriated funds, an act known as "impoundment," is widely understood to be unconstitutional.) The Department of Government Efficiency's website quietly removed nearly one billion dollars in what it claims to have "saved" through canceled contracts, grants or leases this past week. ... The largest of the disappeared cuts made this week, identified using the Wayback Machine, appears to be a \$1.1 billion contract with the Adacia Center for Justice. The group provided legal services for unaccompanied immigrant children who enter the U.S. DOGE initially claimed the termination would save \$287 million, but now the contract isn't listed at all. ... Ed Martin, the Trump administration's nominee to serve as US attorney for Washington, DC, failed to report hundreds of media appearances he's made in the past few years, including many on far-right outlets and Russian-state media, when he first filed his mandated disclosure forms to Congress, a CNN review found.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-admin-lies-kilmar-abrego-1538149	2025/04/18
Pam Bondi Stars in Trump's Made-for-TV Justice Department	Political Censorship	...	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pam-bondi-stars-trump-made-140000658	2025/04/18
Nearly \$1 billion of DOGE 'savings' vanish overnight	Fuck that guy	...	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nearly-one-billion-dollars-doge-16300061	2025/04/18
Trump's pick to be DC's top prosecutor failed to report nearly 200 appearances on far-right media outlets to Senate	Political Censorship	But a CNN Kfile analysis of Martin's initial 27-page disclosure form reveals that it does not come close to capturing the extent of his media appearances, and it lacks any reference to at least 240 podcasts, radio and TV interviews he's done in the past two years alone.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-pick-dc-top-prosecutor-110036970	2025/04/18
		The main connection between the Garcia case and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund case would seem to be the Trump administration's disregard for the rule of law. But they have a more substantive connection, as well. Consider the "evidence." Zeldin's EPA has muscled against the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The EPA cited a video from Project Veritas—known for hidden-camera sting operations against liberals—that showed an EPA employee in the weeks after Trump's election saying the agency was "trying to get the money out as fast as possible before they come in and stop it all... It truly feels like we're on the Titanic, and we're throwing, like, gold bars off the edge." The employee wasn't referring to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, as funds from that program had been allocated more than a month before Trump was elected, in accordance with federal statute. Nevertheless, Zeldin and Trump-aligned media used the clip as an opportunity to spread the idea that the Biden administration was distributing "gold bars" to a handful of shady nonprofits. Zeldin demanded that Citibank "must immediately return all of the gold bars," and official EPA communications have similarly raised the specter of some physical cache of actual gold bars. No such thing exists, of course. "Here we are, weeks in, and you're still unable to proffer me any evidence with regard to malfeasance," Chutkan told Justice Department lawyers during one hearing.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/common-thread-between-abrego-garcia-	2025/04/18
The Common Thread Between Abrego Garcia and the EPA's 'Gold Bars'	Constitutional Crisis	Republican Rep. Dan Meuser (Penn.) suggested that Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro was asking for it when an attacker burned down part of his house after his Passover celebration and that he needs to "tone it down" with actions against President Donald Trump.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-rep-says-arson-shapiro-co-201520046	2025/04/18
GOP Rep Says Arson On Shapiro's House Should Make Him 'Tone It Down' On Trump	Political Censorship	Despite Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s pledge to "Make America Healthy Again," the Department of Health and Human Services has abruptly added an advisory committee responsible for recommending which genetic disorders should be included in newborn health screenings.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kennedy-axes-hhs-committee-advising-2	2025/04/18
Kennedy axes HHS committee advising states on genetic screening for newborns	Health- Babies	You have the right to see a warrant. Ask the officer to stop the warrant underneath the door or display it through a window. If you open the door and allow the official to come into the house, this may be considered "consent" to enter. The warrant must be signed by a state or federal judge or a magistrate, giving the officer permission to enter your home. You're required to open the door only if the warrant has your correct information, a valid date, and is signed by a judge or magistrate. Look closely. Sometimes immigration officers only have paperwork they have issued.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-stepping-raids-know-rights-15000000	2025/04/18
ICE is Stepping Up Raids, Know Your Rights Before They Knock	Borders and immigration	Stewart first interceded with Eastman not in the aftermath of Trump's failed insurrection but in 2015, when she lashed him to a tiny, canted concave in, of all places, Verona, Italy. Eastman was speaking at the annual conference of the World Congress of Families—a far-right, Russian-American organization dedicated to the abolition of abortion and the buttressing of so-called "traditional values"—regaling his audience with tales of "how secularism, liberalism, and gender confusion are destroying everything good in the world." The speech, as Stewart writes, revealed Eastman to be "a committed ally of the theocrats." But there was also "some foundation other than biblical literalism." Stewart sensed, propelling him and cementing the kinds of liberal alliances crucial to Trump's reign.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-coalition-destroy-american-democrac	2025/04/18
The New Far-Right Coalition That's Out to Destroy American Democracy	Political Censorship	A 27-year-old man from Columbia who was being detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents allegedly threw an elbow and busted an agent's nose, according to federal prosecutors.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/columbian-national-broke-ice-agent-1926	2025/04/18
Colombian national 'broke ICE agent's nose' during attempted arrest in New Jersey	Borders and immigration	Whether you are a natural-born American Republican who worked in the Trump administration or a foreign-born pro-Palestinian student protester on a green card — anyone in this country, citizen or otherwise, can be deemed "bad people" by this government. And Trump is demonstrating that he will deploy the brute force of the most powerful office in the world on you, if he so chooses.		
		The continued survival of some of America's most sacrosanct values — including due process, freedom of speech, and checks and balances on the executive branch — is not certain. This isn't hyperbole. It is no longer an abstract threat. There's no reason to believe "it can't happen here" as it's already happening.	https://www.msnbc.com/opinion/msnbc-opinion/trump-due-process-dog	2025/04/18
When the second Trump White House promises to do something lawless — they mean it	Constitutional Crisis	Federal courts have broad discretion to determine whether a party is in contempt of court, according to the Brennan Center, a nonpartisan law and policy institute. The process would start with a judge issuing an order to show cause. Not said, which would essentially direct the government to explain why they appear to not be complying with an order. In Abrego Garcia's case, he said, the court would likely have to first take steps to develop a record about who is making the decisions. Context: There are two kinds of contempt proceedings: Civil and criminal.		
How judges can hold Trump admin accountable for defying court orders	Constitutional Crisis	Civil contempt, which is outside of the president's pardon power, seeks to force a party to comply. Not explained: Trump is familiar with the concept. Criminal contempt, on the other hand, is more about "punishing disrespect" of court authority — but it is subject to a presidential pardon. Trump has experience with this, too. The Supreme Court said on Thursday that it will hear arguments next month over President Trump's efforts to restrict birthright citizenship. ... The nation's highest court said it would hear oral arguments over the case on May 15. ... There are two types in the U.S.: jus sanguinis, ancestry-based citizenship, and jus soli, birthplace-based citizenship. In the former, which means "right of blood," children born abroad to at least one U.S. citizen parent may be entitled to U.S. citizenship, if they meet certain requirements. Jus soli, on the other hand, is "the right of the soil" guaranteeing citizenship to almost everyone born in the U.S.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/15/trump-defy-court-orders-contempt-g	2025/04/21
		Another House Republican committee chair said Friday he will not grant Democrats' request to lead a congressional delegation to El Salvador to check on the status of deportees being held there. ... At least seven House Republicans were present on the trip, according to a photo posted to X by the U.S. embassy in El Salvador. Driving the news: House Oversight Committee chair James Comer (R-Ky.), who was not on Smith's CODEL, said in a letter released Friday that he won't let Reps. Robert Garcia (D-Calif.) and Maxwell Frost (D-Fla.) lead their own.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/15/supreme-court-trump-deportations-y	2025/04/21
Supreme Court halts Venezuelan migrant deportations under Alien Enemies Act	Borders and immigration	Justice Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito dissented. The 50501 movement takes momentum from recent protests to encourage Americans to become each other's "social support web" as the administration's policies target marginalized communities. The 50501 movement, meaning 50 protests, 50 states, 1 movement, is pushing back against what it called executive overreach from the Trump administration. Its organizing started on Reddit. "Our movement shows the world that the American working class will not sit idly by as plutocrats rip apart their democratic institutions and civil liberties while undermining the rule of law," the movement's website said.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/15/50501-protests-saturday-trump	2025/04/21
What to know about birthright citizenship as it heads to Supreme Court	Citizenship	Zoom in: The website alleges with no evidence that the Biden administration "engaged in a multi-year campaign of delay, confusion and non-responsiveness" to hide evidence. It also said the World Health Organization's response to the pandemic was an "abject failure because it caved to pressure from the Chinese Communist Party and placed China's political interests ahead of its international duties." The website criticizes Anthony Fauci, former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, for pushing a "preferred narrative." Fauci denied suppressing evidence for the lab leak theory during House testimony last year. The Trump administration ousted Gary Shapley as acting commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, multiple outlets reported on Friday, citing anonymous sources. Trump selected former Rep. Billy Long (R-Mo.) to lead the agency, but he hasn't had a Senate confirmation hearing yet.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/18/covid-lab-leak-website-trump-white	2025/04/21
White House pushes COVID lab leak theory with new website	Trump Bullshit	Zoom out: The previous interim head, Melanie Krause, resigned after the Treasury Department agreed to release immigrants' tax data to immigrations and Customs enforcement.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/15/trump-internal-revenue-service-acti	2025/04/21
Trump administration replaces acting IRS commissioner	Trump Admin	Stop trying to predict and appraise President Trump's tariffs policies based on economic theories or market realities. Tariffs are pure psychology for the president, based into his brain like no other topic. Trump approaches tariffs, the remaking of the U.S. economy and the reshaping of global trade as a continuation of his presidential campaign. He ignored experts and assembled a team dedicated to executing his will and shuffling off the consequences of his unpredictability. He's not changing now — rocky rollout and chaotic financial markets be damned. "Donald Trump works at his own tempo, and he doesn't change the subject until he's sure he's clubbed people into seeing it as he does," the adviser said.	https://www.axes.com/2025/04/18/trump-mindset-tariffs	2025/04/21
Inside Trump's tariff brain	Trump Bullshit			

Wrongly deported Abrego Garcia traumatized at El Salvador's CECOT megaposition. Van Hollen	Borders and immigration	Abrego Garcia said his prison cell at CECOT had about 25 prisoners, and he was not afraid of them. He told Van Hollen he was fearful of prisoners in other cell blocks, who taunted him. Most cells were packed with about 100 people, Abrego Garcia estimated.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/18/imm-arrego-garcia-van-hollen-me	2025/04/21
The White House is for the first time soliciting corporate sponsors for the annual Easter Egg Roll event to be held Monday on the South Lawn. This comes as billionaire tech executives have faced growing criticism for cozying up to the Trump administration.	Trump Admin-Embarrasing	Board games have been booming. But the industry is starting to collapse under the weight of hefty tariffs against China, where most board games are produced.	https://www.rpr.com/2025/04/18/s-a-1-41377/white-house-easter-egg-rol	2025/04/21
White House solicits corporate sponsors for its Easter Egg Roll event		Board games have been booming. But the industry is starting to collapse under the weight of hefty tariffs against China, where most board games are produced.		
"People are losing their jobs, publishers are already closing," said Sam Bryant of Runaway Parade Games. "Containers full of games that were bound for the U.S. market are now sitting in warehouses in China."		The recent industry contraction has discouraged her, not just as a designer, but as a fan. "I know of specific games that I was waiting to play that aren't going to be created now," she said. "Hopefully we find another path forward or these tariffs change — but for now, I think we're just mourning the loss of this incredible era of board games."		
Tariffs against China threaten the booming board game industry	Economy-Tariffs	"A whole class of people who would have been the new designers are going to be wiped off the board and we won't see these new, unique ideas," Bryant said. "And it will become kind of a stagnant industry and people will just have what they have."	https://www.wbur.org/heresanother/2025/04/17/tariffs-board-games	2025/04/21
		A later found out that her adoptive parents never completed her naturalization. It meant she was technically barred from accessing things that she took for granted all her life — like college financial aid. It also left A, who is now in her 40s, vulnerable to deportation to her native South Korea — a country she hasn't been to since she was 3 weeks old, where she doesn't speak the language or know of any family.		
She grew up believing she was a U.S. citizen. Then she applied for a passport	Borders and immigration	Congress tried to address this issue by passing the Child Citizenship Act in 2000, which grants automatic citizenship to international adoptees. But the law only covered future adoptees and those under 18 at the time the law went into effect, or only those born after February 1983. It also did not apply to children who were brought to the U.S. on the wrong type of visa.	https://www.rpr.com/2025/04/18/s-a-1-43166/trump-immigration-citizen	2025/04/21
Thousands of federal workers would be easier to fire under Trump rule change	Government Jobs	The Trump administration is moving forward with efforts to make it easier to fire some federal workers from their jobs, as part of its push to both shrink the federal government and exert more control over it.		
		On Friday the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) proposed a rule reclassifying tens of thousands of career civil servants as "at-will" employees, the White House announced in a statement. Removing civil service protections would make workers easier to fire.	https://www.rpr.com/2025/04/18/s-a-1-4389550/trump-federal-workers-	2025/04/21
		All our U.S. customers have stopped their orders, she said. "Everyone is waiting. Nobody knows what's going on and we're all confused."		
		"The next morning, our customers were calling and emailing, one after the other, to stop their orders," Jiang said.		
No more 'made-in-China' in the U.S.? It's headed that way, Chinese exporters say	Economy-Tariffs	Last year, the United States imported \$438.9 billion worth of Chinese goods, according to the office of the U.S. Trade Representative. China was the United States' third biggest source of imported goods after the European Union and Mexico.	https://www.rpr.com/2025/04/18/s-a-1-4396532/a-trade-fair-in-southern	2025/04/21
		"The elevated tariffs now levied in both directions are consistent with most bilateral trade ceasing within the space of a couple of years," he wrote in a note on Thursday.		
Who is Jennifer Rauchert, wife of Pete Hegseth said to have been included on Signal chat about Yemen attack?	National security	Defense secretary Pete Hegseth's "Signalgate" has raised as he again after a new bombshell report that he shared details of a U.S. military strike on Yemen in a second group chat. This time, Hegseth is in hot water for reportedly adding his wife Jennifer Rauchert, brother Phil, and personal attorney Tim Parlatore, to a second Signal group where details about upcoming military strikes aimed at the Houthis were discussed, according to the New York Times.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/jennifer-rauchert-wife-pete-hegseth-00257	2025/04/21
As legal fight rages, ICE buses filled with Venezuelans heading toward airport turned around, video shows	Borders and immigration	Video from Friday night shows Immigration and Customs Enforcement buses full of Venezuelan migrants headed toward an airport in North Texas and abruptly turning around before the Supreme Court ruled the Trump administration must, for now, refrain from deporting Venezuelan men based in the state under the Alien Enemies Act.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/legal-fight-rages-ice-buses-116535383.html	2025/04/21
		At least 28 detainees — most, if not all, understood to be Venezuelan nationals — were placed on buses Friday evening at ICE's Bluebonnet Detention Center in Arson, Texas, and driven toward Abilene Airport, about 30 miles away.		
Hegseth shared detailed military plans in second Signal chat that included his wife and brother	National security	The revelation comes as some of Hegseth's closest advisers have begun sounding the alarm about the secretary's judgment, including his former press secretary, John Uhlly, and three former senior officials Hegseth fired last week — his top adviser Dan Caldwell, deputy chief of staff Devin Selnick, and Colin Carroll, who served as chief of staff to the deputy secretary of defense.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hegseth-shared-detailed-military-plans-2	2025/04/21
		"It's been a month of total chaos at the Pentagon. From leaks of sensitive operational plans to mass firings, the dysfunction is now a major distraction for the president — who deserves better from his senior leadership," Uhlly said in a statement.		
		President Donald Trump's Justice Department is defending the Affordable Care Act before the Supreme Court — a notable contrast to his first term, when his administration sought to repeal the law in Congress and then refused to defend it in a major challenge brought by GOP-led states. But a win for the federal government in the current case, concerning the law's mandates that certain preventive services are covered cost-free, could boost the power that Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has in shaping those requirements.		
		On Monday, the justices will be considering the legality of certain no-cost-sharing coverage mandates that were created by a government entity known as the US Preventive Services Task Force, which issues recommendations that are supposed to be shielded from political influence.		
Trump is defending Obamacare at the Supreme Court. A win could boost RFR Jr.'s influence	Supreme Court	At stake is the ability of millions of Americans to access cost-free preventive services that include cancer screenings, statins that help prevent cardiovascular diseases, PEP drugs that help prevent HIV infections, and counseling referrals for pregnant and postpartum women at increased risk of depression.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-defending-obamacare-supreme-co	2025/04/21
		Doddle, 59, is feeling an acutely personal version of the emotions shared by many Canadians. The border was once an afterthought, a barely existing barrier that Canadians and Americans traversed routinely for the most casual of reasons. Now that frontier, which is clearly visible from the roof of city hall, has become all-consuming for the residents of border towns who used to take living, working and playing between the United States and Canada for granted. Many of Doddle's constituents are furious with their southern neighbor, insisting that they will not travel to the U.S. or even purchase American-made products. Ahead of Canada's April 28 elections, the nation's relationship with the United States has become the defining issue of the campaign. The financial implications of the looming trade war are huge and destabilizing for the national economy, but so too are the much harder to quantify emotional costs of estrangement.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/canadian-mayor-once-revered-trump-110	2025/04/21
'We Didn't Even See the Border — Until Now.' How Trump Has Driven Canadians and Americans Apart	Borders and immigration	DHL Express announced it will suspend deliveries of more than \$800 in response to cost increases and U.S. Customs regulations brought on by the Trump administration's tariff plan.		
DHL suspends shipments of more than \$800 in response to Trump tariff plan	Economy-Tariffs	DHL said the deliveries will stop temporarily on Monday "until further notice," it said, adding that business-to-business shipments will continue but may face delays.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/dhl-suspends-shipments-more-800-18	2025/04/21
		Previously, shipments of up to \$2,500 were allowed to enter the United States with little paperwork, but starting Monday, the threshold will be lowered.		
		If Donald Trump were trying to lose his trade war with China, it's hard to see what he would be doing differently. The president's gambit is likely to strengthen China's geopolitical position, embolden Beijing militarily, and diminish both the United States' global standing and its economy.		
What if China Wins the Trade War?	Economy-Trade war	According to data gathered by Jason Miller, a professor at Michigan State University who specializes in supply-chain management, China produces more than 70 percent of the world's lithium-ion batteries, air conditioners, and cookware; more than 80 percent of the world's smartphones, kitchen appliances, and toys; and about 90 percent of the world's solar panels and processed rare earth minerals, the latter of which are crucial inputs to cars, phones, and several key military technologies.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/china-loses-trade-war-11300134.html	2025/04/21
		Some Democrats worry that Elon Musk may be pushed out of government before they can target him in the midterm attack ads, according to a report.		
Democrats fear that Elon Musk may be pushed out of government before they can use him in midterm attack ads	Fuck That Guy	The untested billionaire has proved an effective target for the Democrats after he has gutted federal agencies through the Department of Government Efficiency, but the party is "concerned" about their strategy if Musk takes a step back, Politico reports.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/democrats-fear-elon-musk-may-1442200	2025/04/21
		"As long as he's there using a chessman to all the programs that people back home rely on and need to make ends meet, of course we're going to make him a central character," Rep. Lori Trahan of Massachusetts, the co-chair of the House Democrats' messaging committee, told the outlet.		
		Immigration officials detained a US citizen for nearly 10 days in Arizona, according to court records and press reports.		
US citizen wrongfully arrested by border patrol in Arizona held for nearly 10 days	Borders and immigration	As the NPR affiliate Arizona Public Media, first reported, 19-year-old Jose Hermosillo, a New Mexico resident visiting Arizona, was detained by border patrol agents in Nogales, a city along the Mexico border about an hour south of Tucson.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/20/us-citizen-jose-hem	2025/04/21
		According to a border patrol criminal complaint, on 8 April, a border patrol official found Hermosillo "without the proper immigration documents" and claimed that the young American had admitted entering the US illegally from Mexico. Two days later, the federal court document notes that Hermosillo consented to claim he was a US citizen. On 17 April, a federal judge dismissed his case.		
		Fears of a new wave of deportations and student visa cancellations are rising at a number of Florida's most diverse universities after administrators signed agreements recasting campus police as federal immigration agents.		
'Trust is gone': fears grow as police on some Florida campuses trained by ICE	Borders and immigration	Miami's Florida International University (FIU) is one of at least 11 state colleges to enroll in the top tier of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 287(g) program that trains local police departments for "limited" involvement in immigration operations.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/21/florida-universities-	2025/04/21
		The partnerships give campus officers broad new powers to stop, question and detain students about their immigration status, and share information directly with ICE, which students and faculty members believe could escalate the Trump administration's assault on those studying in the US from abroad.		
		Britain's national parks have warned of a "catastrophic" risk from wildfires this Easter after one of the driest early spring seasons on record.		
UK national parks warn of 'catastrophic' risk from wildfires this Easter	Environment-Wildfires	A number of national parks have advised day-trippers about the dangers of lighting barbecues and dropping cigarettes after one of the worst fire seasons on record.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/apr/18/uk-national-pa	2025/04/21
		For the second year in a row, abortion providers performed more than 1m abortions in the United States in 2024. About 155,000 people crossed state lines for abortions — roughly double the number of patients who did so in 2020, before the US supreme court overturned Roe v Wade and paved the way for more than a dozen state-level abortion bans to take effect.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/20/us-abortion-travel-repo	2025/04/21
New figures shed light on US abortion travel as Trump cuts travelling research	Reproductive Rights	China has warned it will take "resolute and reciprocal" countermeasures against other countries negotiating with the US if they make a deal at China's expense during the trade war.		
		"China firmly opposes any party reaching a deal at the expense of China's interests," the ministry said on Monday.		
Beijing threatens countermeasures against countries that appease Washington in trade war	Economy-Trade war	"Apparement will not bring peace, and compromise will not be respected... To seek one's own temporary selfish interests at the expense of others interests is to seek the skin of a tiger." On Easter Sunday, communities in Texas and Oklahoma were beginning to assess the damage weakened by tornadoes. There were 17 reported events Saturday, according to Bob Oravec, lead forecaster with the National Weather Service's Weather Prediction Center. Five were confirmed in south-central Oklahoma, including one that inflicted substantial damage on a small town that was still recovering from a March tornado.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/21/beijing-threatens-count	2025/04/21
		The storm also brought heavy rain to a broad swath of north-central Texas across central-eastern Oklahoma, much of which saw 2 to 4 inches (5 to 10 centimeters) accumulate Saturday into Sunday.		
Tornado-producing storm deals deadly weather to Oklahoma and Texas	Environment-Tornado	The impact of the cuts by Trump appointees and Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency can be found everywhere in the Kansas City metropolitan area, which has long been a major hub for federal agencies about 1,000 miles away from Washington, D.C. Money once promised to the region for public health, environmental, diversity, food aid and an array of other programs has been and, and thousands of local jobs are in jeopardy.	https://apnews.com/article/oklahoma-flooding-deaths-weather-40b64f2	2025/04/21
This Midwestern city has long been a federal hub. The pain from DOGE's cuts is everywhere	Government Jobs	That story, "Prince and Knight," is one of five children's books featuring LGBTQ+ characters and aimed at kindergarten through the fifth grade that have roiled a diverse suburban Maryland school district and led to a Supreme Court case that the justices will hear on Tuesday.	https://apnews.com/article/doge-federal-cuts-job-musk-trump-kansas-c	2025/04/21
		Parents in Montgomery County who object for religious reasons want to pull their children from elementary school classes that use the books.		
		The county school system has refused and lower courts have so far agreed.		
A prince and knight fall in love and the Supreme Court is asked to intervene	Censorship	But the outcome could be different at a high court dominated by conservative justices who have repeatedly endorsed claims of religious discrimination in recent years.	https://apnews.com/article/supreme-court-maryland-lgbtq-books-public	2025/04/21

Everglades restoration would protect Florida Keys, while scientists watch drought conditions	Environment-Everglades	Steve Davis, chief science officer with The Everglades Foundation, called Florida Bay the estuary of the Everglades, which is actually a giant, slow-moving river starting around Orlando and running toward the southern end of the Florida peninsula. "What that meant for Florida Bay was that during wet years, there's enough water getting into the bay to keep the salinities within that optimal salinity range," Davis said. "But when we run into an average-to-dry year or a drought year, it meant that salinity levels in the bay would get so high that it could be detrimental to the health of the seagrasses and the other species that depend on that habitat." Florida Bay doesn't have particularly strong tides, meaning water can sit in the bay for up to a year. When evaporating seawater isn't replaced by water from the Everglades, bay salinity levels can double normal ocean salinity, Davis explained. A California city is considering arresting unhoused people who refuse their offer of shelter. San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan made the admission last month. Just 48 miles south of San Francisco, where officials are also struggling with how to solve homelessness, Mahan is aiming to fit the proposal into a pending budget plan that would allocate funding for shelter and temporary housing, per KQED.	https://nbcnews.com/flix/everglades-restoration-efforts-florida-bay-th	2025/04/21
California city may start arresting homeless people who refuse offer of shelter	Economy-Housing	If enacted, unhoused residents would first be issued a citation or warning. They'd only be subject to arrest if they decline shelter three times. As Donald Trump nears the end of his first 100 days in office, he has issued a record-breaking high of 124 executive orders, while signing a record-breaking low of just five new bills into law, and caused concerns among constitutional scholars. "These orders are extraordinary, not just in their number, but in their breadth," said Rory Little, a law professor at the University of California. San Francisco said at a recent panel discussion. "The current state of affairs can be characterized I think with no exaggeration as a crisis, a challenge to the rule of the law in the United States."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/san-jose-shelter-a	2025/04/21
Trump has signed just five bills into law...while issuing 124 executive orders. Here is why that matters	Trump Bullyh	Others in the panel noted how many of Trump's executive orders have pushed into areas typically run by states. Trump has set records for both his executive order tally and how few bills he has received from Congress. Instead, he has governed by his signature and targeted immigration, tariffs, diversity programs, education and a host of other areas. He has taken pen to paper to reshape America in his image with little resistance or pushback. A former commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service has warned that the Trump administration is weaponizing the agency and "priding itself on revenge." John Koskinen, who held the role of IRS commissioner from 2013 to 2017, has sounded the alarm as the agency is considering revoking Harvard University's tax-exempt status following the public fallout with President Donald Trump, and has agreed it will share undocumented immigrants' taxpayer data with the Department of Homeland Security. "This feels more like a total frontal attack," Koskinen said. "And not only the budget—it's the attempt to get access to protected data. And from the president suggesting that Harvard's tax-exempt status ought to be reviewed, it's just a small step to start ordering audits, even though that's illegal, and we start moving back toward the Nixon 'enemies list.'"	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-r	2025/04/21
'This is an administration priding itself on revenge.' Ex-IRS head sounds alarm over Trump's weaponization of agency	Trump Bullyh	"This is an administration priding itself on revenge, and the FBI director and the Department of Justice people are out there saying, in effect, 'We're going to get our opponents,'" Koskinen added when asked whether he believes Trump officials will succeed in making the IRS a "tool of his retribution." President Donald Trump bragged this week that gas is down to \$1.98 a gallon in a "couple of states." In fact it isn't, anywhere. "The two states that were tied with the lowest average gas price on Wednesday, Mississippi and Tennessee, were both at \$2.70 per gallon, according to data provided" by Triple A. The White House was unable to substantiate Trump's figures, though spokesperson Harrison Fields chided reporters to get out of their "big city bubble" and check the gas prices in "Middle America" — where they're also not \$1.98.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-r	2025/04/21
Trump brags gas is down to \$1.98 a gallon in a 'couple of states.' It isn't — anywhere	Trump Bullyh	Trump also claimed to reporters that the high price of eggs plummeted 92 percent, which is also not true. The Pentagon is in "total chaos" and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth is unlikely to remain in his role, according to his former top spokesperson, who parried a storm of dysfunction, backstabbing and continuous mistakes at the highest levels of the department.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-r	2025/04/21
Former Pentagon official warns department's dysfunction could topple Hegseth	Government-DOD	Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele proposed carrying out a prisoner swap with Venezuela on Sunday, suggesting he would exchange Venezuelan deportees from the United States whose government has kept imprisoned for what he called "political prisoners" in Venezuela.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/former-pentagon-official-warns-departme	2025/04/21
Salvadoran President Bukele proposes prisoner swap with Maduro for Venezuelan deportees	Borders and immigration	Former Republican National Committee (RNC) chair Michael Steele raised an eyebrow Friday about the Trump administration's dedication to preventing Kimar Abrego Garcia, a mistakenly deported man held in El Salvador, from returning to the U.S. Steele, in an essay published by MSNBC, called President Trump's playbook on the matter "an attempt to normalize the extrajudicial deportation of undocumented immigrants like Abrego Garcia and perhaps even U.S. citizens."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/salvador-president-nayib-bukele-2204	2025/04/21
Former RNC chief questions Trump, Vance on 'unearned amnesia' around Abrego Garcia case	Political Cesspool	A new study models the impact of the imposition of U.S.-funded disease treatment and prevention in the developing world — and suggests that Elon Musk and Marco Rubio will go down as among history's greatest monsters if funding and effective administration are not restored. In short: Tens of millions will die, millions of children die. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. again likened autism to an "epidemic" and said it is far worse than millions of COVID-19 deaths. The health and human services secretary made the comparison during a Sunday interview with billionaire GOP donor John Catsimatidis on WBAC 770 AM's The Calls Roundtable. Moreover, he claimed that the "pure economic cost of autism" will cost the United States \$1 billion a year in lost "productivity" by 2035.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/former-rnc-chief-questions-trump-173610	2025/04/21
Count the Dead by the Millions	Profite	"Autism affects children and affects them at the beginning of their lives, the beginning of their productivity," RFK Jr. said. "It dwarfs the COVID epidemic and the impacts on our country because COVID killed old people." Every 30 minutes, an emergency department treats another firearm injury, according to a new analysis from researchers at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that looked at 10 jurisdictions, including the District of Columbia. But cuts from the US Department of Health and Human Services and proposed changes to the federal budget could threaten research that reveals these kinds of firearm injury patterns. Experts say it would be nearly impossible to replicate the scale and scope of the timely firearm research the federal government is able to conduct.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/court-dead-millions-133000054.html	2025/04/21
RFK Jr. Calls Autism Worse than Covid in New Bonkers Rant	Cesspool	The Trump administration has slashed funding for universities and scientific research. Now, its lackeys appear to be escalating their tactics by menacing academic journals. "A publication's editorial decisions are none of the government's business, whether it's a newspaper or a medical journal," JT Morris, a senior supervising attorney at the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, told MediaPage Today. "When a United States Attorney wields the power of his office to target medical journals because of their content and editorial processes, he isn't doing his job, let alone upholding his constitutional oath," Morris added. "He's abusing his authority to try to chill protected speech." So if DOGE isn't saving us money, what's the reason for all the cuts? It can't be motivated by the cliché that "government should be run like a business." No successful business runs on the kind of bedlam being sown by Musk. What, in short, is going on here? Here are four possible explanations for what DOGE is actually up to. Maybe none of them are right. Or perhaps they're all accurate, to varying degrees. But one thing is certain: Each of them provides a more plausible insight into what DOGE is doing than the official explanation of saving taxpayers money. (1) It's an "exit" plan (2) It's techno-libertarianism for all (3) It's a heist (4) It's a confederacy of dunces	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-calls-autism-worse-145415477.html	2025/04/21
With future of gun research in question, new report finds US emergency departments see a firearm injury every 30 minutes	Guns	The Trump administration has slashed funding for universities and scientific research. Now, its lackeys appear to be escalating their tactics by menacing academic journals. "A publication's editorial decisions are none of the government's business, whether it's a newspaper or a medical journal," JT Morris, a senior supervising attorney at the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, told MediaPage Today. "When a United States Attorney wields the power of his office to target medical journals because of their content and editorial processes, he isn't doing his job, let alone upholding his constitutional oath," Morris added. "He's abusing his authority to try to chill protected speech." So if DOGE isn't saving us money, what's the reason for all the cuts? It can't be motivated by the cliché that "government should be run like a business." No successful business runs on the kind of bedlam being sown by Musk. What, in short, is going on here? Here are four possible explanations for what DOGE is actually up to. Maybe none of them are right. Or perhaps they're all accurate, to varying degrees. But one thing is certain: Each of them provides a more plausible insight into what DOGE is doing than the official explanation of saving taxpayers money. (1) It's an "exit" plan (2) It's techno-libertarianism for all (3) It's a heist (4) It's a confederacy of dunces	https://www.yahoo.com/news/future-gun-research-in-question-new-report-finds-us-emergency-departments-see-a-firearm-injury-every-30-minutes-1155365	2025/04/21
The Government is Now Threatening Academic Journals	Information Blackout	Call that the Trump triple play — he declares an emergency, then proclaims to have remedied the emergency, and then demands expansive powers to deal with the emergency that he claims to have already resolved. A federal judge in Massachusetts has ordered the State Department to issue passports to six transgender and nonbinary individuals while litigation continues challenging President Donald Trump's policy recognizing people only by their sex assigned at birth Trump's order signed on his first day returning to office Jan. 20 directed the government to recognize only two sexes, male and female. The State Department changed its policies to issue passports that "accurately reflect the holder's sex" assigned at birth, as directed in Trump's order. The change reversed more than 30 years of State Department policy allowing people to fill out passport applications based on gender identity. In 2022, the Biden administration allowed applicants to choose X as a neutral marker on applications, in addition to M for male or F for female. Harvard President Alan Garber said in a message to the campus community Monday that the "consequences of the government's overreach will be severe and long-lasting" and accused the administration of trying to impose "unprecedented and improper control." He said that while there are valid concerns about rising antisemitism, the law requires the government to engage with the university about the ways it is fighting that antisemitism. "The Government has not—and cannot—identify any rational connection between antisemitism concerns and the medical, scientific, technological, and other research it has frozen that aims to save American lives, foster American success, preserve American security, and maintain America's position as a global leader in innovation," states the complaint, filed in Massachusetts federal court. Harvard has "reasonable fear" that the administration will terminate or freeze additional federal funding, the filing states.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/government-now-threatening-academic-j	2025/04/21
DOGE isn't saving much money. So what is Elon Musk really up to?	Fuck That Guy	As many as 2,002 fired federal probationary workers who filed complaints with the Office of Special Counsel have had their cases dismissed as lacking merit, a source familiar with the dismissals tells Axios. These workers are among the tens of thousands caught in limbo after being fired — followed by a series of court rulings reinstating them, and then staying those reinstatements. Rep. Don Bacon (R-Neb.) on Monday became the first Republican member of Congress to openly indicate support for Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth's removal from office. "The military should always pride itself on operational security. If the reports are true, the Secretary of Defense has failed at operational security, and that is unacceptable," Bacon told Axios. Hegseth's chief of staff, Joe Kasper, left his job for another role at the Defense Department. He helped lead the leak investigation. The New York Times first reported Sunday that Hegseth "shared detailed information about forthcoming strikes in Yemen in a private Signal group chat that included his wife, brother and personal lawyer," Hegseth created the group in January before he was confirmed as defense secretary, per the NYT, citing unnamed sources. Supreme Court justices appeared inclined Monday to keep the Affordable Care Act's requirement that insurers cover certain recommended preventive services at no cost. At stake is access to no-cost screenings, tests, HIV drugs and counseling for the roughly 150 million Americans with private health insurance. After House Republicans refused to allow Democrats to organize official congressional delegations to El Salvador, four of them are traveling to the Central American nation anyway, Axios has learned.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-really-doge-4-080401392.htm	2025/04/21
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Musk wants to leave politics because he's tired of 'attacks' from the left, report says	Fuck That Guy	"Tesla has unfortunately become a political symbol globally of the Trump Administration/DOGE," Ives added, going on to argue that the company faces "potentially 15 percent—20 percent permanent demand destruction for future Tesla buyers due to the brand damage Musk has created with DOGE." "This is what happens when the entire Pentagon is working against you and the monumental charge you are trying to implement," Lawitt said. "Unfortunately there have been people at that building who don't like the change the secretary is bringing and they are leaking and lying to mainstream media, we have seen this game played before." What she did not mention is that the most public warning about Hegseth's conduct came from one of the aides he had appointed himself, while Hegseth's surviving aid, spokesman Sean Parnell, pointed the finger at other aides who were all Trump appointees. 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US airports face an increasing collision risk as drone use spikes	Aviation	An Associated Press analysis of an aviation safety database reveals that drones last year accounted for nearly two-thirds of reported near mid-air collisions involving commercial passenger planes taking off and landing at the country's top 30 busiest airports. That was the highest percentage of such near misses since 2020, when air traffic dropped during the COVID-19 pandemic. The first reports of near misses involving drones were logged in 2014, the AP found. The number of such encounters spiked the following year. Over the last decade, drones accounted for 51% – 122 of 240 – of reported near misses, according to AP's analysis.	https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/drones-airport-3	2025/04/22	
Fewer Americans are moving to Florida and Texas, new report claims	Economy-Housing	The threat from drones has become more acute in the last decade as the use of quadcopters and remote-controlled planes has exploded in popularity. The FAA estimates that Americans are operating more than a million drones for recreational and commercial purposes. Fewer Americans are moving to Florida and Texas, new data has shown, as "higher cost of living, economic uncertainty and increasing risk of natural disasters causes concern. Busy metropolitan cities such as Tampa and Dallas have seen a drop of almost two-thirds of people moving in, according to U.S. Census Bureau data reviewed by real estate company Redfin. Tampa had a net inflow of just over 10,000 residents in 2024, compared to 35,000 people the year before, according to the company. This marks the biggest slowdown in domestic migration of the 50 most populous U.S. metro areas.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/florida-texas-mov	2025/04/22	
Political news is making me miserable. Is it wrong to tune out?	Health-Mental health	Truly paying attention is incredibly hard. Well says, because it requires you to see a suffering person not just as "a specimen from the social category labeled 'unfortunate,' but as a man, exactly like us, who was one day stamped with a special mark by affliction." In other words, you don't get the "pleasure of feeling the distance between him and oneself" – you have to recognize that you're a vulnerable creature, too, and tragedy could befall you just as easily as it's befallen the suffering person in front of you. Consider a game of Tetris, he says. The abundance of blocks raining down on your screen is not the problem – given enough time, you could figure out how to stack them. The problem is that they fall at an increasing speed. And at extreme speeds, your brain just can't process very well. You start to panic. You lose control.	https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/political-news-making-miserable-wrong	2025/04/22	
Team Trump Drafts Dystopian Plan to Get Women to Have More Babies	Reproductive Rights	They are exploring options like reserving 30 percent of Fulbright scholarships to applicants who are parents and/or married, giving mothers that \$5,000 "baby bonus" that Trump promised during the campaign season, and even a government-funded program to better educate women on their own menstrual cycles so that they know when they should be trying for a baby. The administration has not yet settled on its final plan, according to the Times report. The impetus for this right-wing pronatalism is undeniably Project 2025 and the white ethnonationalists at the heart of it. Vice President JD Vance has also made childbearing a focus point, noting at the 2025 March for Life that he wanted more "babies in the United States of America" and more "beautiful young men and women" to parent them. He also infamously described the Democratic Party as full of "childless cat ladies" who are anti-children.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/team-trump-drafts-dystopian-plan-202505	2025/04/22	
The Bizarre Right-Wing War on...Empathy?	Cespool	The recurrence of the phrase "suicidal empathy" is no accident. The term is becoming a right-wing buzzword. Apparently coined by Canadian marketing professor Carl Saad, an intellectual Dark Web-adjacent figure, this concept was boosted by Musk in his February 28 appearance on Joe Rogan's podcast, where Musk declared empathy to be "the fundamental weakness of Western civilization" and said that "we've got civilizational suicidal empathy going on." Friedrich Nietzsche, call your office. Since 1990 the U.S. total fertility rate has declined from 2.1 births per woman – enough to fully replace the current population – to 1.62 births per woman in 2023, below the replacement level, according to a March report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, part of a larger decline in birth rates in wealthy peer countries.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bizarre-wing-war-empathy-0651221391u	2025/04/22	
The New Baby Boom: How the White House is looking to jumpstart the nation's birth rate	Reproductive Rights	The motivations behind such ideas are numerous, though many align with the right's emphasis on the family as the building block of society. Project 2025, the conservative policy blueprint that's informed many administration ideas, opens with a chapter on how to "restore the family as the centerpiece of American life," urging traditional roles for parents.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/baby-boom-white-house-looking-220419f	2025/04/22	
DOGE gets permission to access sensitive Justice Department immigration data	Fuck That Guy	The Trump administration's Department of Government Efficiency has reportedly received permission from the Justice Department to access a sensitive system containing detailed information about immigrants' interactions with the U.S. government.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-gets-permission-access-sensitive-0	2025/04/22	
Trump's "final offer" for peace requires Ukraine to accept Russian occupation	International Relations	The U.S. expects Ukraine's response Wednesday to a peace framework that includes U.S. recognition of Crimea as part of Russia and unofficial recognition of Russian control of nearly all areas occupied since the 2022 invasion, sources with direct knowledge of the proposal tell Axios. Two House members launched bids for U.S. Senate on Tuesday – and more of their colleagues in the lower chamber may soon follow in their footsteps.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/22/trump-russia-ukraine-peace-plan-cr	2025/04/23	
More House members want out of their "broken" chamber	Politics-House	"The House is broken, doesn't pass legislation, doesn't work anymore," said one House Democrat, calling the lower chamber "just a big congres along." West Virginia's GOP senators are urging top Trump officials to undo DOGE cuts that threaten the health and safety of their state's coal miners.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/22/house-members-resent-governor-2	2025/04/23	
West Virginia senators fight DOGE cuts that hit coal miners	Political Cespool	The issue is specifically at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in Morgantown, West Virginia, a main hub for the safety and health of coal miners and other workers. "It is my understanding that the [Reduction in Force] impacted every employee in these important programs," Caprio wrote. "I urge you to bring back the NIOSH employees immediately so they can continue to support our nation's coal industry."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/22/west-virginia-doge-cuts-coal-miners	2025/04/23	
EPA fires or reassigns hundreds of staffers	Government-EPA	"West Virginians, they're in lock step with President Trump," Justice told Axios. "But at the same time, there's so, so, so many people that are dependent" on programs like NIOSH, Justice expressed faith that Trump would fix the issue. The Environmental Protection Agency plans to fire or reassign more than 450 staffers working on environmental justice issues, it said Tuesday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/22/epa-fires-or-reassigns-hundreds-of-	2025/04/23	
Trump says he won't play hardball with China on trade	Economy-Tariffs	President Trump, in an Oval Office news conference, told reporters he did not intend to play hardball with China in making a trade deal. He also indicated that the ultimate tariff on China won't be 145%, though it won't fall all the way to zero, either.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/22/trump-china-trade-deal-tariffs	2025/04/23	
SCOTUS likely to back religious opt-outs for LGBTQ-themed books in schools	Supreme Court	The Supreme Court seemed inclined Tuesday to rule that parents must be able to opt their children out of school curriculum that includes LGBTQ storylines. The court's liberal justices questioned whether allowing families to opt out of exposing their kids to books with LGBTQ themes would expand their ability to opt out of other curriculum.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/22/books-igbtq-supreme-court-marylan	2025/04/23	censorship, rainbow threats, information blackout
Education Department cuts threaten summer learning programs	Government-DOE	"This is not just about books," Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson said. "This is about exposure to people of different sexual orientations and the objection, the sincerely held objection, that children shouldn't be exposed to this." Summer learning programs are essential for kids and working parents alike because federally-funded programs offer enrichment, academic support, social interaction and basic needs, like access to healthy food.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/22/trump-mcomhonor-education-departm	2025/04/23	
America's fact fight fudes	Maininformation	In Baltimore, an estimated 12,000 seats will be lost for summer opportunities this year compared to last year, said Ellie Mitchell, director of the Maryland Out of School Time Network. Government bodies once focused on combating mis- and disinformation are being gutted by the Trump administration. The State Department's Counter Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference hub is being eliminated. State Secretary Marco Rubio confirmed last week. The office was responsible for tracking and countering foreign disinformation campaigns. Meanwhile, the National Science Foundation has cancelled research grants related to misinformation and disinformation.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/22/fact-checking-misinformation-disinfo	2025/04/23	
Hegseth is in hot water again over sharing attack plans. But this time it may be worse	Political Cespool	But the details he shared, two hours before airstrikes hit in Yemen, almost certainly were classified, according to retired Marine Lt. Col. Mick Wagoner, who was a military lawyer for 17 years and deployed to four war zones. "A launch of an attack there is just no-way, no-how, that an American military operation starting off is going to not be classified for Lord's sake," he said. And Hegseth's defense also tacitly confirms that he shared those details with people, like his wife, he knew were not authorized to have the information. "The last time he was wrongly using an insecure communications device, and he mistakenly thought he was speaking only to security clearance holders," said Kevin Carroll, who served 30 years in the Army, then in the CIA and then the Department of Homeland Security in the first Trump administration. Security breaches like what happened in the Signal group chat are called "spillage" by the military, but this is more, says Carroll.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/22m-w-41-5372348/signal-pete-hegseth-de	2025/04/23	
Marco Rubio announces overhaul of U.S. State Department	Government-Jobs	"Here he's knowingly using an insecure communication device and he's knowingly giving classified information to people who are not security clearance holders so it's really more than a spill," Carroll said. "It really gets more to the sort of willfulness that is typically prosecuted by the Department of Justice." Secretary of State Marco Rubio says he is streamlining what he's calling a "bloated" bureaucracy. He's cutting about 700 positions and 132 offices at the State Department. In an Substack post explaining some of his changes, Rubio takes aim at the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, writing that it "became a platform for left-wing activists to wage vendettas against 'anti-woke' leaders in nations such as Poland, Hungary and Brazil, and to transform their hatred of Israel into concrete policies such as arms embargoes."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/22m-w-41-5372587/marco-rubio-announce	2025/04/23	

		At least eight immigration judges received notices that they would be put on leave and their employment would be terminated on April 22, according to two people familiar with the firing and to the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers union, which represents immigration judges. The two people spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.		
Trump fires more immigration judges even as he aims to increase deportations	Borders and immigration	"We cannot give everyone a trial, because to do so would take, without exaggeration, 200 years," Trump posted on social media on Monday. "We would need hundreds of thousands of trials for the hundreds of thousands of illegals we are sending out of the Country. Such a thing is not possible to do."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/22/mx-s1-5372681/trump-immigration-judges	2025/04/23
		A key part of the new missile defense system, which Trump described as "Golden Dome" in a speech earlier this year, will likely be space-based interceptors, according to experts and an executive order signed by the president. But building Iron Dome is a much more modest proposal than building a Golden Dome. "It's the difference between a kayak and a battleship," says Jeffrey Lewis, a professor at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Montpelier, who studies missile defenses.		
Trump wants a Golden Dome over America. Here's what it would take	Trump Bullshit	A big part of that difference is the size of the landmass that needs to be protected — Israel is more than 400 times smaller than the United States, and it's mostly flat desert that's easy to defend. In the benchmark survey, known as Bright Line Watch, U.S.-based professors rate the performance of American democracy on a scale from zero (complete dictatorship) to 100 (perfect democracy). After President Trump's election in November, scholars gave American democracy a rating of 67. Several weeks into Trump's second term, that figure plummeted to 55. "We've slid into some form of authoritarianism," says Steven Levitsky, a professor of government at Harvard, and co-author of How Democracies Die. "It is relatively mild compared to some others. It is certainly reversible, but we are no longer living in a liberal democracy." In a competitive authoritarian system, a leader comes to power democratically and then erodes the system of checks and balances. Typically, the executive fills the civil service and key appointments — including the prosecutor's office and judiciary — with loyalists. He or she then attacks the media, universities and nongovernmental organizations to blunt public criticism and tilt the electoral playing field in the ruling party's favor. "The government would still have elections and would nominally be democratic," says Rory Truex, a political scientist at Princeton who focuses on China. "But those elections would no longer be free and fair."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/22/mx-s1-5161658/trump-golden-dome-america	2025/04/23
Hundreds of scholars say U.S. is swiftly heading toward authoritarianism	End of America	They're the fixers, the ones who step in when Affordable Care Act enrollees have a problem with their coverage. Like a newborn incorrectly left off a policy or discovering that a rogue broker had signed them up or switched their plan without consent. Now, though, the broad federal reduction in force set in motion by the Trump administration has cut the ranks of those caseworkers, shuffling two out of six divisions of caseworkers, according to one affected worker and a former Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services official familiar with the situation, Jeffrey Grant. "It impacts not only our jobs, but all these people we serve," said one New York City-based caseworker, who was let go in a Feb. 14 purge affecting federal employees in their probationary periods. "Usually, we would have on average 14 days to take care of a case that was very difficult, although the urgent cases would be solved within two to three business days. It will now be delayed so much more. Whole teams get wiped out completely." The Trump administration's plan to begin collecting defaulted college loan payments from millions of borrowers risks contributing to an economic slowdown at a time when the U.S. faces an elevated risk of a recession, some experts told ABC News. Roughly 5 million borrowers will have their loans sent for collections beginning on May 5, the U.S. Department of Education, or DOE, said this week. Another 4 million people are in late-stage delinquency, meaning they could face collections within a matter of months. "The bottom line is: it's not going to be good for the economy, given the current economic situation that's already precarious," said Scott Izberman, a professor of education policy at Michigan State University. "It's an additional weight that you're putting on an unit to tip a pole that's precarious."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/22/mx-s1-53407531/trump-democracy-audit	2025/04/23
Help for ACA health plans could be harder to come by, since RFR axed teams of fixers	Health care	Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the secretary of health and human services, is set to amass the private medical records of Americans for a new autism study. Bhattacharya said during a presentation that the data will include medical records from pharmacy chains, lab tests, genomics data from patients treated by the Department of Veterans Affairs and Indian Health Service, claims from private insurers, data from smartwatches and fitness trackers and more.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/health-news/2025/04/22/mx-s1-5371	2025/04/23
Trump administration is about to collect payments from millions of student borrowers. Experts say it risks slowing the economy.	Economy-Student loans	White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt insisted during a Fox News appearance Monday morning that the Trump administration didn't make a mistake when they deported Maryland father Kimar Abrego Garcia.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-collect-payments-millions-student-borrowers-173	2025/04/23
Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to Launch National Autism Registry Using Americans' Private Health Records	Nazi checklist	However, Leavitt pushed back on that notion on Monday, saying, "We did not make a mistake. We have always maintained this was an individual who needed to be deported from our country."	https://www.yahoo.com/31st/robert-f-kennedy-jr-launch-205913592/	2025/04/23
Karoline Leavitt insists White House 'did not make a mistake' in deportation case - despite what their lawyers say	Misinformation	The White House is searching for a replacement for Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, a U.S. official told NPR on Monday. The report comes on the heels of a slew of other scandals that have embroiled Hegseth, including the departure of four senior advisers, some of whom left their roles as part of an investigation into press leaks. He was also a central figure in the initial Signal group chat leak—in which senior administration officials discussed details of the same Yemen attack on a Signal chat that previously included Atlantic journalist Jeffrey Goldberg. More importantly, however, Hegseth's glib goaf-key and all that goes with it is actually just one of a series of alarming developments during President Trump's first 100 days that, taken together, represent a deepening and unprecedented national security crisis for the United States. At every level of the Trump national security apparatus there are developments that suggest that America's standing as a superpower is in jeopardy, our safety and that of our allies is at risk, and that day-by-day as we become weaker, our enemies and rivals are being made stronger by the actions of the president and his team. While the State Department bureaucracy is too large and could use some reorganizing, nearly everything announced, planned, or leaked by the Trump administration is worrisome. Not only will the steps dramatically reduce our ability to shape and anticipate global developments, they will make it much harder for American companies and individuals abroad to have the support of their governments as the companies and citizens of other countries get from theirs. "What we're seeing now is the biggest trade war in history," Yun Sun, director of the China program at the Stimson Center, a Washington think tank, told The Wall Street Journal. "The risk of the trade war expanding to other domains is quite high." Outside of the trade issues, tensions have been ratcheting up between the U.S. and China for some time now, including alleged 18-for-18 cyber attacks between the two nations in recent months, and China conducting large-scale military drills around the U.S.-aligned island of Taiwan. Published in March 2025, the textbook's co-author Nina Ostamina, chair of the State DMA Committee for the Protection of the Family, claims that it will teach students "traditional moral values" that will improve "the demographic situation in the country" as part of a "Family Studies" course that was rolled out in the 2024-2025 school year. But some of those lessons for modern living come from a less-than-random source. Among the materials borrowed from "My Family" is the "16th Century 'Domestic'" — a collection of rules for maintaining patriarchal domestic order. It was written, supposedly, by Sylvester, a monk-tutor of czar Ivan the Terrible.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/karoline-leavitt-insists-white-house-1638	2025/04/23
Trump Has 'Begun Process' of Replacing Pete Hegseth, Report Says	Political Cesspool	AS PART OF the so-called Department of Government Efficiency, a former Tesla employee has been installed as a senior adviser to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, records shared with The Intercept show. Tarak Makecha, who previously worked at Elon Musk's electric car company, now has roles at both the FBI and the Justice Department's Justice Management Division, according to staff files. According to a DOJ source, who spoke on condition of anonymity out of fear of retaliation, Makecha's work at the Justice Department has focused in part on the department's grant-making operations, which DOGE recently leveraged to target a criminal justice nonprofit.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-begun-process-replacing-pete-175	2025/04/23
Opinion: Why Pete Hegseth Is Just the Tip of the Lunacy and Chaos Iceberg	Political Cesspool	THE TRUMP PHENOMENON and the surge of right-wing extremism in America has never really been about economic anxiety, as so many pundits have claimed. True, many rising voters, including some minorities, have supported Trump by wrongly thinking that he would be good for the economy. But for Trump's MAGA base, it has always been about race and racism. The fact that MAGA voters aren't motivated by the economy has become clear as Trump has tanked the stock market and threatened a global financial crisis with his crippling tariffs. Trump's voters, who loudly complained about inflation under the Biden administration, now say they don't care about the higher prices and financial panic generated by Trump's tariffs. Instead of economic angst, MAGA is gripped by a demographic paranoia of the same kind that surged throughout the South in the years just before the Civil War. The antebellum South feared what was to come in 20 years: America's western expansion would lead to the creation of so many free states that the South would eventually be outnumbered in Congress and lose its power to defend slavery. The Civil War was about the future.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-pete-hegseth-perilous-crisis-02	2025/04/23
Experts warn Trump's trade war with China could erupt into a cold war	International-Cold war	Outside of the trade issues, tensions have been ratcheting up between the U.S. and China for some time now, including alleged 18-for-18 cyber attacks between the two nations in recent months, and China conducting large-scale military drills around the U.S.-aligned island of Taiwan. Published in March 2025, the textbook's co-author Nina Ostamina, chair of the State DMA Committee for the Protection of the Family, claims that it will teach students "traditional moral values" that will improve "the demographic situation in the country" as part of a "Family Studies" course that was rolled out in the 2024-2025 school year. But some of those lessons for modern living come from a less-than-random source. Among the materials borrowed from "My Family" is the "16th Century 'Domestic'" — a collection of rules for maintaining patriarchal domestic order. It was written, supposedly, by Sylvester, a monk-tutor of czar Ivan the Terrible.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/experts-warn-trump-trade-war-02002481/	2025/04/23
Make Russia Medieval Again! How Putin is seeking to remodel society, with a little help from Ivan the Terrible	International-Russia	AS PART OF the so-called Department of Government Efficiency, a former Tesla employee has been installed as a senior adviser to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, records shared with The Intercept show. Tarak Makecha, who previously worked at Elon Musk's electric car company, now has roles at both the FBI and the Justice Department's Justice Management Division, according to staff files. According to a DOJ source, who spoke on condition of anonymity out of fear of retaliation, Makecha's work at the Justice Department has focused in part on the department's grant-making operations, which DOGE recently leveraged to target a criminal justice nonprofit.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/russia-medieval-again-putin-seeking-124	2025/04/23
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Trump's Power Feeds on White Demographic Fears NO-BID ICE CONTRACT WENT TO FORMER ICE AGENTS BEING SUED FOR FABRICATING CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ON THE JOB	Cesspool	Today, MAGA also fears the future. It fears that America will soon become so diverse that white people will lose their power over politics and society. U.S. IMMIGRATION AND Customs Enforcement just signed a contract worth \$73 million with a firm whose executives are accused of taking part in a scheme to manufacture evidence against a co-worker during their time working at the Department of Homeland Security. Beijing recently asked South Korean companies not to ship products containing China's rare earth minerals to U.S. defense firms, the Korea Economic Daily reported on Tuesday, citing government and company sources. By conventional measures, Donald Trump's second presidency is already descending into disarray amid a legal morass, self-inflicted errors, and a vast gap between its massive ambition and its capacity to enact that vision. On one hand, exhausting crises on multiple fronts point to a potentially failed administration. But as Trump attempts to destroy governing structures at home and abroad, chaos is itself a marker of success.	https://theintercept.com/2025/04/20/trump-racism-white-demographic-fears/	2025/04/23
China asks Korea not to supply products using rare earths to US defence firms, paper reports	Corruption	Beijing recently asked South Korean companies not to ship products containing China's rare earth minerals to U.S. defense firms, the Korea Economic Daily reported on Tuesday, citing government and company sources. By conventional measures, Donald Trump's second presidency is already descending into disarray amid a legal morass, self-inflicted errors, and a vast gap between its massive ambition and its capacity to enact that vision. On one hand, exhausting crises on multiple fronts point to a potentially failed administration. But as Trump attempts to destroy governing structures at home and abroad, chaos is itself a marker of success.	https://theintercept.com/2025/04/17/ice-deportation-contracts-us-adviser/	2025/04/23
How Trump's presidency can be a colossal failure and stunning success all at once	Trump Bullshit	Beijing recently asked South Korean companies not to ship products containing China's rare earth minerals to U.S. defense firms, the Korea Economic Daily reported on Tuesday, citing government and company sources. By conventional measures, Donald Trump's second presidency is already descending into disarray amid a legal morass, self-inflicted errors, and a vast gap between its massive ambition and its capacity to enact that vision. On one hand, exhausting crises on multiple fronts point to a potentially failed administration. But as Trump attempts to destroy governing structures at home and abroad, chaos is itself a marker of success.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/china-asks-korea-not-export-10523214	2025/04/23
Patience runs thin as Trump's battle with Supreme Court intensifies	Constitutional Crisis	On one hand, exhausting crises on multiple fronts point to a potentially failed administration. But as Trump attempts to destroy governing structures at home and abroad, chaos is itself a marker of success. Patience is running thin in the intensifying battles between the Supreme Court and President Trump, with the president's allies heightening their criticisms as the justices burn midnight oil. Just before 1 a.m. Saturday, the high court temporarily blocked the administration from deporting a group of alleged Venezuelan gang members to El Salvador under the rarely used Alien Enemies Act.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-presidency-colossal-failure-stunning-success-1620507/	2025/04/23
Hillzrk: RFK Jr.'s views on autism show that anti-science myths are rampant at the agency he leads	Political Cesspool	Trump's supporters responded to the ruling with fury, with some calling for the administration to ignore the emergency decision. A number of otherwise skeptical senators took at face value the pledge by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. at Senate hearings in January to "follow the science" on issues related to the causes of disease in the U.S., helping him receive confirmation as secretary of Health and Human Services. His advice was to ignore what decades of scientific research have established as contributors to the reported increase in autism prevalence. These include genetic factors, the ever-broadening definition of autism itself, now known as autism spectrum disorder, or ASD, and vastly improved screening programs nationwide. Kennedy's words were so aversive to understanding the truth about autism that they deserve to be set forth here in some detail. To a great extent, they're refuted by the CDC report itself, which Kennedy referred to repeatedly at his news conference. "It was [Jürgen] Habermas' mentor, Theodore Adorno, who wrote that the first step in that nation's descent into hell was, and I quote, 'The conversion of all questions of truth into questions of power,'" Gore said, according to Politico. "He died how the Nazis, and I quote again, 'attacked the very heart of the distinction between true and false.' End quote. The Trump administration is insisting on trying to create their own preferred version of reality," Gore said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hillzrk-rfk-jr-s-views-autism-100004620.html	2025/04/23
At Gore compares Trump team to Nazi Germany saying they are trying to create their own preferred version of reality	Nazi checklist	A big US science official on Tuesday backed away from a bold promise made by Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to reveal the cause of autism by September. Jay Bhattacharya, director of the National Institutes of Health, told reporters the timeline referred not to a discovery, but to the launch of a new research initiative — with no firm deadline for results.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/at-gore-compares-trump-team-1455120/	2025/04/23
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He disappeared after detention. Now ICE is silent on the fate of Venezuelan man	Borders and immigration	ICE agents told Gutierrez her boyfriend had been deported to his home country. But the family has searched in Venezuela, and he isn't there, she said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/missing-disappeared-detention-now-ice-silent-175	2025/04/23
		On Tuesday, former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said that Donald Trump's "misguided, wanton attack on the IRS" could cost the government \$1 trillion over the next decade.		
Trump's 'attack' on the IRS could cost the government \$1 trillion, former Treasury Secretary says	Government-IRS	Natasha Sarin, the president and cofounder of the Budget Lab at Yale, told Business Insider that Summers' estimate is conservative, and the losses may top \$2 trillion.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-attack-irs-could-cost-005829307/	2025/04/23
6.2 magnitude earthquake near Istanbul rattles Turkey	Environment-Earthquake	A 6.2 magnitude earthquake has rattled much of Turkey Wednesday morning, according to the United States Geological Survey.	https://abcnews.go.com/International/62-magnitude-earthquake-istanbul/	2025/04/23
Wildfire in New Jersey explodes to 8,500 acres as residents evacuated and structures threatened	Environment-Wildfire	A wildfire in New Jersey has exploded to over 8,500 acres after igniting Tuesday evening near Toms River, threatening more than 1,000 structures, shutting down a major highway and causing thousands of people to flee the flames.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/wildfire-new-jersey-explodes-8500-acres-r/	2025/04/23
		The Food and Drug Administration is suspending a quality-control program for testing fluid milk and other dairy products due to reduced capacity in its food safety and nutrition division, according to an internal email seen by Reuters.		
FDA suspends milk quality-control testing program after Trump layoffs	Government-FDA	The suspension is another disruption to the nation's food-safety programs after the termination and departure of 20,000 employees of the Department of Health and Human Services, which includes the FDA, as part of Donald Trump's effort to shrink the federal workforce.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/22/fda-milk-quality-test	2025/04/23
		"We used to think that pandemics would occur maybe once in our lifetimes. Now, it's definitely within the next few years. It could even be tomorrow," she says.		
		Thomson said the world was "probably more prepared than we were in 2019" but with quite significant vulnerabilities. "I can travel from Glasgow to Uganda in 12 hours — and back — and there's a lot of that going on.		
Pandemics, pathogens and being prepared: why the work to identify emerging threats never stops	Health-Preparation	"If we also look at road infrastructures, for example, in Africa, you see that there's this fantastic improvement in transport infrastructure, which is great, and it's associated with better lives than people lead. But we also have to prepare ourselves for what that can bring."	https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/apr/23/pandem	2025/04/23
		Cases of bird flu in US cattle and an ongoing international mpox emergency centred on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, have recently captured attention.		
Dengue fever on the rise in the US — with Florida and California the potential hotspots for outbreaks	Health-Dengue fever	Federal health officials are warning that cases of the mosquito-borne dengue fever are on the rise this year ahead of the summer travel season.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/dengue-fever-cdc-outbreak/	2025/04/23
		Transmission of the viral infection remains high in the U.S. and its territories, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in an alert. Residents in California and Florida need to be the most concerned as their states typically have the most cases in a given year.		
Inside the potentially bitter fight to replace Dick Durbin	Politics	Sen. Dick Durbin's (D-Ill.) announcement Wednesday that he is retiring rather than running for reelection in 2026 is likely to set off a fierce Democratic primary for his seat.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/23/durbin-primary-underwood-krishnamur	2025/04/24
		Durbin himself predicts that "at least a dozen" candidates will jump into the race, with at least three House Democrats and the state's lieutenant governor all eyeing bids.		
		"Similar and often better information assets already exist in the private sector from multiple vendors," he explained. "The data [NIH] are creating won't get at many of the most critical subjects that should be addressed — most important the genetic components."		
What to know about RFK Jr.'s autism registry plan	Nazi checklist	Kennedy, however, has rejected research finding no link between autism and vaccines, and has pledged a "massive testing and research effort" to find autism's cause by September.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/23/autism-registry-rfk-nih	2025/04/24
		Kennedy tapped David Geier, a vaccine denier who practiced medicine without a license in Maryland, to lead that study.		
12 states sue Trump administration over tariffs	Economy-Tariffs	A coalition of 12 states sued the Trump administration on Wednesday over what they called "illegal tariffs."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/23/states-attorneys-general-lawsuit-trump	2025/04/24
		The attorneys general are seeking a court order to block President Trump from being able to enact the tariffs, claiming that he lacked the authority to set them.		
Scammers stole \$16.6 billion from victims last year	Economy-Scams	"Congress has not granted the president the authority to impose these tariffs and therefore the administration violated the law by imposing them through executive orders, social media posts, and agency orders," New York Attorney General Letitia James' office said in a statement.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/23/fbi-internet-crime-loss-record-high-2	2025/04/24
		Consumers lost more than \$16 billion to scammers and cybercriminals last year, according to new FBI data published Wednesday.		
Trump accuses Zelensky of sabotaging U.S. peace plan for Ukraine	International Relations	There's a 35% increase from the total that people lost in 2023, indicating that scammers are getting better at tricking victims despite law enforcement, government and industry investments.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/23/trump-attack-zelensky-response-ukr	2025/04/24
		"Ukraine will not legally recognize the occupation of Crimea," Zelensky told reporters. "There is nothing to talk about. It is against our constitution."		
Americans souring on Trump's economic strategy, polls say	Trump Economy	Ukraine's constitution also commits the country to working toward NATO membership.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/23/trump-economy-polls	2025/04/24
		However, as Trump pointed out in his response, the document does not actually state that Ukraine recognize Russian control of Crimea, only that the U.S. will.		
Trump softens tariff tone amid empty shelves warning, market slump	Trump Economy	A majority of Americans disapprove of President Trump's handling of the economy, particularly his trade policies, per two new polls out Wednesday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/23/trump-economy-tariffs-china-powell	2025/04/24
		55% of U.S. adults say they are not confident Trump can make good decisions about economic policy, per a Pew Research Center survey of 3,589 people conducted April 7-13.		
		The CEOs of three of the nation's biggest retailers — Walmart, Target and Home Depot — privately warned him that his tariff and trade policy could disrupt supply chains, raise prices and empty shelves, according to sources familiar with the meeting.		
		"The big box CEOs told him [Trump] the prices aren't going up, they're steady right now, but they will go up. And this wasn't about food. But he was told that shelves will be empty," an administration official familiar with the meeting told Axios.		
		It's a huge loss. I can't put into words what a huge loss it is, says Marian Neuhouser, who chairs the steering committee for the federally funded Women's Health Initiative. The study, begun in the 1980s, has produced a series of groundbreaking results and was continuing to gather valuable data about women's health.		
Funding cut for landmark study of women's health	Health-Research	The Department of Health and Human Services is terminating contracts with all four regional centers that have been following tens of thousands of women who have been participating in the project for decades, according to the project's coordinating center.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/23/ncs-st-5372892/womens-health-initiative	2025/04/24
		One big question is what will happen to the huge repository of data, including blood and urine samples and genetic material, which represents a treasure trove that could be mined to make yet more important discoveries.		
Former Pentagon official on Houthi turmoil: 'It looks like they actually broke the law'	Political Cesspool	No, says Farkas, who worked under former Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel. She says that appointing someone without Pentagon experience isn't unusual, but it becomes a serious issue if they don't retain and empower experienced staff. "You need to make sure that you retain experienced personnel and you empower them so that they make sure that everything's moving smoothly and according to the law."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/23/ncs-st-5372612/former-defense-depart	2025/04/24
		We may have hundreds, if not thousands, of different neurogenetic factors that in combination with complicated environmental interactions influence presentations of autism, Zachary Warren, a pediatric psychiatrist and autism researcher at Vanderbilt University, told NPR at the time of Kennedy's remarks.		
NH autism study will pull from private medical records	Nazi checklist	"This idea is dangerous, unethical, and a serious threat to privacy. People with autism deserve dignity and respect—not surveillance by their own government," he wrote. "I stand with advocates across the country in strongly opposing this proposal."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/23/ncs-st-5372895/autism-nih-rfk-medical	2025/04/24
		"The collection and processing of personal information, especially health-related information that can reveal health conditions in this way, is out of context and inappropriate." Georgetown added.		
		Air in the U.S. has gotten cleaner for decades, adding years to people's lives and preventing millions of asthma attacks, but nearly half of Americans still live with unhealthy air pollution, a new report finds.		
Air pollution still plagues nearly half of Americans. That does a number on our health	Environment-Air pollution	The report, now in its 29th year, comes as the Trump administration pushes federal agencies to reconsider many of the regulations that have resulted in cleaner air in recent decades.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/23/ncs-st-5368131/air-quality-public-health	2025/04/24
		Environmental Protection Agency administrator Lee Zeldin has announced his intention to re-evaluate limits on soot pollution, which were last tightened in 2024, claiming the tighter rules restrict business activity. The EPA has granted exemptions on emissions reduction requirements to dozens of coal-fired power plants, which produce some of the most health-harming particle pollution.		
		Doctors and health experts have expressed alarm at the proposed changes.		
		"Any rollback of environmental regulations has the potential to have really widespread public health impacts," says Anne Tummala, an ear, nose, and throat physician and a spokesperson for this year's report.		
		The good news is the vast majority of people still have confidence in the safety of the measles vaccine, says Liz Hamel, director of public opinion and survey research at KFF, a nonprofit health policy research organization which conducted the poll.		
Like measles, misinformation is spreading, poll finds	Misinformation	The bad news: People are being exposed to a lot of false claims about measles — and many don't know what to make of it.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/04/23/ncs-st-5372	2025/04/24
		And a significant proportion leaned toward saying these false claims about measles are probably true. For example, 1 in 4 adults polled said vitamin A either probably or definitely prevents measles. And 19% believed it was probably or definitely true that the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine is more dangerous than getting infected with measles.		
		Southern California could be dealing with its worst toxic algae bloom ever.		
Unprecedented toxic algae bloom continues to kill Southern California whales and other wildlife	Environment-Oceans	Domoic acid toxicosis associated with a bloom off the Southern California coast is responsible for killing brown pelicans, sea lions, and now at least two whales.	https://naisd.com/news/dmalle-environment/unprecedented-toxic-algae	2025/04/24
		The Pacific Marine Mammal Center confirmed Wednesday that a female humpback whale, and a minke whale that was stuck swimming around Long Beach Harbor earlier this month, had high levels of domoic acid in their feces, stomach and urine.		
		Domoic acid is a potent neurotoxin that affects the brain, nervous system and organs.		
		But this spectacle has obscured a series of moves by the administration that could profoundly harm some of the most vulnerable people in the U.S.: children.		
		Consider: The staff of a program that helps millions of poor families keep the electricity on, in part so that babies don't die from extreme heat or cold, have all been fired. The federal office that oversees the enforcement of child support payments has been hollowed out. Head Start preschools, which teach toddlers their ABCs and feed them healthy meals, will likely be forced to shut down en masse, some as soon as May 1. And funding for investigating child sexual abuse and internet crimes against children, responding to reports of missing children, and preventing youth violence has been withdrawn indefinitely.		
		These stark reductions have been centered in little-known children's services offices housed within behemoth agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice, offices with names like the Children's Bureau, the Office of Family Assistance and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. In part because of their obscurity, the slashing has gone relatively overlooked.		
The Trump Administration's War on Children	Funding cuts	"Everyone's been talking about what the Trump administration and DOGE have been doing, but no one seems to be talking about how, in a lot of ways, it's been an assault on kids."	https://www.propublica.org/gdc/dethrow-trump-budget-cuts-harm-kids-ch	2025/04/24

		More children ages 1 to 4 die of drowning than any other cause of death. Nearly a quarter of adults received mental health treatment in 2023, an increase of 3.4 million from the prior year. The number of migrants from Mexico and northern Central American countries stopped by the U.S. Border Patrol was surpassed in 2022 by the number of migrants from other nations. We know these things because the federal government collects, organizes and shares the data behind them. Every year, year after year, workers in agencies that many of us have never heard of have been amassing the statistics that undergird decision-making at all levels of government and inform the judgments of business leaders, school administrators and medical providers nationwide.		
Trump's War on Measurement Means Losing Data on Drug Use, Maternal Mortality, Climate Change and More	Information Blackout	The survival of that data is now in doubt, as a result of the Department of Government Efficiency's comprehensive assault on the federal bureaucracy. That simple idea — that Musk might spend more time on his actual businesses — was enough to spark a rebound Wednesday in Tesla's stock price, which had been cratering due in large part to Musk's polarizing role in Trump's administration. But in the next breath Musk implied he wouldn't be leaving government entirely, and maybe not until 2029, when President Donald Trump's term is over.	https://www.propublica.org/article/trump-doge-data-collection-hhs-epa	2025/04/24
Elon Musk's government role gets even murkier	Fuck That Guy	"I'll have to continue doing it for, I think, probably the remainder of the president's term, just to make sure that the waste and fraud that we stop does not come roaring back, which will do it if he has the chance," Musk said, adding, "I think I'll continue to spend a day or two per week on government matters for as long as the president would like me to do so and as long as it is useful." "For 40 days, his family has been waiting to hear his fate," LULAC CEO Juan Proaño said. Finally, on Tuesday, an answer. The Department of Homeland Security confirmed to NBC News that Adrián had, in fact, been deported — to El Salvador. The news "saddens me a lot" and "shattered me," Alejandro said after he heard about his brother's whereabouts from NBC News.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-government-role-gets-191220	2025/04/24
After a month of searching, man learns from NBC News that DHS sent his brother to El Salvador	Borders and immigration	DHS didn't respond when it was asked whether Adrián was sent to CECOT, the mega-prison in El Salvador. But Alejandro learns that's the case, given the many Venezuelans who were sent to CECOT from Texas a few days after he was detained. While it remains unclear exactly what data will be collected, under the presented platform NIH researchers could have access to: Data collected during medical studies in a multitude of areas and from public and private institutions Data collected from peoples' smartwatches, which can range from heart health to sleep patterns Claims from private insurers that can cover items such as lengthy hospital stays, screening and testing	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mom-searching-man-learns-nbc-040403	2025/04/24
Here's the data the NIH can collect from your medical history for its 'autism database'	Nazi checklist	Data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which includes referrals to specialists, enrollment, diagnoses, and more The controversy concerns a \$10 million payment to the Hope Florida Foundation, which is tied to first lady Casey DeSantis's welfare assistance program Hope Florida and has led to criticism from some state House Republicans. Critics argue this money was inappropriately used to help campaign against a ballot measure that would have legalized recreational marijuana in the state last November.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/data-nih-collect-medical-history-1726032	2025/04/24 privacy
DeSantis faces growing storm over Hope Florida controversy	Political Cesspool	Simone Collins and her husband, Malcolm Collins, are pro-natalists who have advocated actions to make it less difficult for families to have children and ultimately reverse declining birth and marriage rates. Simone Collins told ABC News that she and her husband have submitted several draft executive orders to the White House Domestic Policy Council, including bestowing a "National Medal of Motherhood" to mothers with six or more children. They also proposed that couples should not face a tax penalty for getting married. However, MomRising CEO Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, whose organization says it advocates on behalf of more than a million mothers and families, said the programs are "sheer lunacy — coercive, counterproductive recipes for failure."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/desantis-faces-growing-storm-over-1009	2025/04/24
Trump administration looking at \$6,000 'baby bonus' to incentivize public to have more children	Reproductive Rights	A wildfire in New Jersey has exploded to 12,500 acres after igniting Tuesday in Ocean County and threatening more than 1,000 structures, shutting down a major highway and causing thousands of people to flee the flames.	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-administration-5000-baby-bonus	2025/04/24
New Jersey wildfire explodes to 12,500 acres, could be largest in 30 years	Environment-Wildfires	Shawn LaTourette, New Jersey's commissioner of Environmental Protection, said fire officials expect the blaze to grow and that it could turn out to be the largest wildfire in New Jersey in 20 years.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/wildfire-new-jersey-explodes-8500-acres-ri	2025/04/24
Novavax says its COVID-19 shot is on track for full FDA approval after delay	Health-Vaccines	Novavax's closely watched COVID-19 vaccine is on track for full approval after additional discussions with the Food and Drug Administration, the company said Wednesday. Novavax makes the nation's only traditional protein-based COVID-19 vaccine. It is still being sold under emergency use authorization — unlike mRNA vaccines made by Pfizer and Moderna that have earned full FDA approval for certain age groups.	https://abcnews.go.com/health/wireStory/novavax-covid-19-shot-track	2025/04/24
Largest coral bleaching event on record impacts 84% of world's reefs: NOAA	Environment-Oceans	The world's coral reefs are in the midst of the fourth and largest global bleaching event in recorded history, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced this week. The grim milestone was recorded between January 2023 and April 2025, with the agency documenting that bleaching-level heat stress has impacted 83.7% of the world's coral reef area. The Trump administration has shunted one of the US federal government's top scientific agencies onto a "non-science trajectory", workers warn, that threatens to derail decades of research and leave the US with "air that's not breathable and water that's not drinkable".	https://abcnews.go.com/US/targeted-coral-bleaching-event-record-impac	2025/04/24
Trump administration has set NOAA on 'non-science trajectory,' workers warn	Government Jobs	Trump administration officials are seeking to abolish the scientific research division at NOAA, the Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) office. It is the latest of a series of cuts at the agency that began the second Trump administration with 12,000 employees around the world, including more than 6,700 engineers and scientists. Norway has launched a new scheme to lure top international researchers amid growing pressure on academic freedom in the US under the Trump administration. Following in the footsteps of multiple institutions across Europe, the Research Council of Norway on Wednesday launched a 100m kroner (\$7.2m) fund to make it easier to recruit researchers from other countries.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/23/noaa-non-science-t	2025/04/24
Norway launches scheme to lure top researchers away from US universities	Economy-Jobs	The initiative is open to researchers from around the world, but it was expanded and accelerated after the Trump administration announced substantial cuts last month. Amid reports of infighting and chaos at the Pentagon, and with the secretary under fire for a second breach of operational security, CBS News reports that Hegseth recently ordered modifications to a room next to the department's press briefing room to turn it into a make-up studio. Citing multiple sources, the network says the project cost several thousand dollars, at a time when Donald Trump's administration is supposed to be focused on cost-cutting.	https://www.theguardian.com/education/2025/apr/23/norway-launches	2025/04/24
Hegseth spent 'several thousand dollars' turning Pentagon room into a make-up studio for his TV spots, report says	Political Cesspool	Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders has begged President Donald Trump to reconsider his rejection of her request for disaster relief funds after tornadoes devastated her state last month. The plea for help marks a significant departure from statements Sanders made in 2023.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/pete-h	2025/04/24
Sarah Sanders begs her old boss Trump to reconsider after president rejects Arkansas request for disaster relief funds	Political Cesspool	"As long as I am your governor, the meddling hand of big government creeping down from Washington DC will be stopped cold at the Mississippi River," she wrote in a post on X in January 2023. Since his inauguration on January 20, Trump has mentioned former President Joe Biden, his family or administration at least 580 times in public remarks or on social media, according to an analysis by NBC News.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/sarah-s	2025/04/24
Trump has mentioned Biden on average six times every day of his presidency as obsession with old foe continues	Trump Bullshit	A leaked federal government budget draft would eliminate services for LGBT+ youth who call a national suicide and crisis hotline that reaches thousands of young Americans every month. Under a budget plan from the Department of Health and Human Services, Donald Trump's administration would slash all funding for 568 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline's LGBT+ Youth Specialized Services, a federal program that runs the "988" phone line and connects callers with counselors and other services.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-1	2025/04/24
Trump wants to slash suicide lifeline for LGBT+ kids – despite it being the second biggest cause of death for American youth	Rainbow threats	Attorney General Pam Bondi on Tuesday issued a memo of directives to Justice Department employees to enforce the Trump administration's policies targeting gender-affirming care for minors, according to a copy of the memo obtained by CNN. The memo comes after President Donald Trump issued an executive order in January titled, "Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation." The executive order targets minors that identify as transgender and says that the United States will not "fund, sponsor, promote, assist, or support" minors who are seeking gender-affirming care.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-1	2025/04/24
Attorney general directs Justice Department employees to enforce policies targeting care for transgender minors	Rainbow threats	"Pursuant to the President's directive, I am issuing the following guidance to all Department of Justice employees to enforce rigorous protections and hold accountable those who prey on vulnerable children and their parents," the memo from Bondi said. "We have people who did not receive benefits come in every day with their ID and say, 'I'm not dead, I'm alive!'" says Rennie Glasgow, a claims technical analyst with 15 years of experience at the agency who handles the most challenging cases at the Schenckelady office. These supposed dead are not to be confused with more than 6,000 living immigrants the Trump administration moved to the SSA Death Master File (DMF) in an attempt to force them to self-deport by depriving them of the ability to work legally.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/attorney-general-directs-justice-departme	2025/04/24
DOGE's Social Security Cuts Create Chaotic 'Day of the Dead' Living	Government-SSA	"[DOGE staffers] went into the system and they killed off people," Glasgow told The Daily Beast. "About 4 million people, they marked them as dead. But they're not sure if those people were supposed to be marked as dead, so they're sending us an email saying, 'If these people come into the office with their identification, you can reinstate them.'" The U.S. Election Assistance Commission has operated in relative anonymity since, but is now central to President Donald Trump's executive order seeking to overhaul elections. One of the commission's boards will meet Thursday in North Carolina, the first commission-related meeting since the directives were announced. Among other things, Trump directed the agency to update the national voter registration form to add a proof of citizenship requirement. But whether the president can order an independent agency to act and whether the commission has the authority to do what Trump wants will likely be settled in court.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-social-security-cuts-create-0241166	2025/04/24
A little-known federal agency is at the center of Trump's executive order to overhaul US elections	Voting Fucker	The Trump crowd's approach to fertility is not the joy of parenthood or the warmth of close families. It's more like the "Great Replacement" theory made flesh. Give them credit for honesty, I guess. They don't really claim to be speaking up for family values. Instead, as Elon Musk admits, he wants a "region" of offspring "before the apocalypse" and is creating a harem to achieve it. He is married, but also father to at least fourteen children by four different women and willing to outsource his semen upon request. "No romance or anything," he explained to one baby mama, "just sperm."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-family-policy-stop-0930497	2025/04/24
Donald Trump Has a Family Policy, Stop Laughing.	Nazi checklist	When Ricardo Prada Vásquez tried to re-enter the country from the Ambassador Bridge, the 32-year-old Venezuelan immigrant was detained by immigration authorities. On March 15, the same day dozens of alleged gang members were summarily removed from the country and sent to a brutal Salvadoran prison, Prada told a friend in Chicago he was detained in Texas, expecting to board a plane to Venezuela. But he was not on a leaked list of 238 names of immigrants sent to El Salvador. He wasn't identified in the photos of men filmed inside the jail getting their heads shaved in shackles. Attorneys and family members have no idea where he is. Then, on April 22, only after his story was reported in The New York Times, Donald Trump's administration said he was deported to El Salvador.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/venezuelan-immigrant-accidentally-enter	2025/04/24
A Venezuelan delivery driver was 'disappeared' after making a wrong turn. The Trump administration claims they know where he is	Borders and immigration	In 2016, a Fox News host expressed outrage that Hillary Clinton had sent government emails over a private server while serving as secretary of state. This host said her behavior damaged the nation's credibility. He said it warranted being fired "on the spot." And he said someone who did "even 1/1000th" of what Clinton had done would be jailed.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/shaming-hillary-clinton-sharing-48kes-17	2025/04/24
From shaming Hillary Clinton to sharing strikes: Pete Hegseth's shift on handling sensitive info	Political Cesspool	"The fact that she wouldn't be held accountable for this, I think, blows the mind of anyone who's held our nation's secrets dear," he said on Fox News at the time, adding that those with top-secret clearances "know that even one hiccup causes a problem."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/shaming-hillary-clinton-sharing-48kes-17	2025/04/24

		There are so many different varieties of pronatalism and so many different motivations behind it, she says, adding that Vance probably represents "people who see it more from a religious lens, and, often, they are focused more on families and communities. And then there are some – which I think is probably where you're going to land with Elon Musk – who are thinking about it more from an existential point of view."			
Elon Musk, JD Vance and why 'pronatalism' is having a moment right now	Nazi checklist	For starters, more people feel they simply can't afford to have families amid economic uncertainty and rising housing prices. More couples are also delaying marriage, shortening their window to conceive naturally with their spouse. More people also don't see children as necessary to a fulfilling life.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-jd-vance-why-112444005.html	2025/04/24	
Warren Werns of 'Backdoor Way' Trump and Musk Want to Gut Social Security	Government-SSA	If the birth rate keeps declining, Scubba says, institutions that rely on young people to support older people will suffer. These include Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/warren-werns-backdoor-way-trump-1330	2025/04/24	
Non-hormonal male contraceptive implant tests at least two years in trials	Reproductive Rights	An implantable, non-hormonal male contraceptive has been shown in trials to last for at least two years.	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/apr/24/non-hormonal-male-	2025/04/24	
'Like a slap in the face,' Trump officials cut hundreds of millions to combat gun violence and special education	Government Funding	The contraceptive, known as Adam, is a water-soluble hydrogel that is implanted in the sperm ducts, preventing sperm from mixing with semen.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/24/trump-administratio	2025/04/24	
Now comes the 'womansphere', the anti-feminist media telling women to be thin, fertile and Republican	Cesspool	Hundreds of millions of federal grant dollars meant to prevent and respond to gun violence, opioid addiction and support victims of violent crimes were cut this week by the Trump administration. The U.S. department of justice emailed more than 350 organizations on Tuesday to tell them that the promised funding was being terminated. According to a termination notice shared with the Guardian, the Department of Justice said the money was rescinded because it "no longer effectuates Department priorities".	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/24/womansphere-herc	2025/04/24	
Key FDA drug data goes missing amid DOGE cuts	Information Blackout	Instead, the department intends to focus on "more directly supporting certain law enforcement operations, combatting violent crime, protecting American children, and supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault, and better coordinating law enforcement efforts at all levels of government", the notice read.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/23/fda-data-missing-doge-cuts	2025/04/24	
Trump looks to quickly develop deep-sea mineral extraction	Environment-Mining	Analyses of the 2024 election widely heralded the "manosphere" – the coalition of bro podcasters and YouTubers popular with male audiences – as key to delivering Donald Trump's victory.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/24/trump-looks-to-quickly-develop-deep-	2025/04/25	
Judge blocks Trump order to require proof of citizenship for voting	Voting Fucker	According to an AP poll, 56% of men under age 30 went for Trump compared with 41% four years prior. By meeting young men where they were at, Trump and his surrogates were able to reach voters who are typically among the least politically engaged segments of society.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/24/trump-order-voting-proof-of-citizen	2025/04/25	Judicial branch
Bolched filing reveals Justice Department's skepticism of congestion pricing suit	Trump Idiots	Now, there are the beginnings of an organized effort to create a similar alternative rightwing media ecosystem targeting young female U.S. audiences – one of the few demographics that has, until now, leaned substantially Democratic.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/24/tpc-congestion-pricing-intel-mex	2025/04/25	
Trump store sells hats leasing third term in 2028	Constitutional Crisis	Food and Drug Administration databases that physicians and public health experts rely on for key drug safety and manufacturing information have been neglected due to DOGE-directed layoffs, leaving health professionals flying blind on basic questions about certain drugs they're prescribing, current and former FDA officials told Axios.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/24/trump-2028-hats-sale-official-store	2025/04/25	
Judge blocks Education Department's DEI ban in K-12 schools	Judicial Branch	Information gaps that have become a hallmark of the workforce reductions and the sweeping reorganization of federal health agencies under Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. are putting patient safety at risk, according to agency employees.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/24/judge-pause-dei-ban-k-12-schools-j	2025/04/25	
How the U.S. government spends money	Government Funding	"To really a nightmare," said a current FDA official who requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the press. "Things that used to function are no longer functioning."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/24/hospital-security-health-insurance-gov	2025/04/25	
Military deportations not covered by order halting DHS removals, admin claims	Borders and immigration	"It's really a nightmare," said a current FDA official who requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the press. "Things that used to function are no longer functioning."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/24/trump-deportations-el-salvador-dhs-	2025/04/25	constitutional crisis
Trump-honored economist says tariffs causing scariest period in his lifetime	Economy-Tariffs	When enacting the National Voter Registration Act, Congress considered and rejected such a proposal, concluding that it was not necessary or consistent with the purpose of the law, the judge wrote.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/24/laffer-trump-tariffs	2025/04/25	
Home sales just posted their biggest monthly fall since 2022	Economy-Housing	"The President has no constitutional power over election regulation that would support this unilateral exercise of authority," the judge said. "The Constitution vests that power in the States and Congress alone."	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/24/nx-1-5372671/home-sales-march-apr	2025/04/25	
A developing political scandal in Florida has Gov. Ron DeSantis on the defensive	Political Cesspool	Federal lawyers mistakenly filed a confidential memo Wednesday in the Trump administration's fight against New York City's congestion pricing program.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/24/nx-1-5372650/desantis-florida-gov	2025/04/25	
Wrong turn leads to hundreds of immigrant arrests at the Detroit-Canada border bridge	Borders and immigration	The erroneously filed letter, dated April 11, said there is "considerable litigation risk" in defending Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy's rationale to end the program.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/24/nx-1-5374937/immigrant-arrests-detro	2025/04/25	
Colleague of Harvard scientist held by ICE warns that foreign scientists are scared	Borders and immigration	The Trump Organization is encouraging supporters to "mjkake a statement" with a "Trump 2028" hat, now on sale on the official Trump Store.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/24/nx-1-5372650/kenija-petrova-ice-han	2025/04/25	
Elon Musk wants control of a public beach. The state of Texas is preparing to give it to him.	Fuck That Guy	U.S. District Court Judge Landya McCafferty said in her Thursday order that the Trump administration's letter is "unconstitutionally vague."	https://www.hud.org/offices/2025-04-11/elon-musk-texas-starbase-spac	2025/04/25	
Oil companies expected a big business boom under Trump. Now they're worried	Economy-Fossil fuels	It shows that that what the government spends money on boils down to payments directly to Americans (Social Security, most prominently), directly paying medical bills or helping people buy health insurance.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/24/nx-1-5369423/oil-companies-boom-fr	2025/04/25	
Racial disparities in youth incarceration are the widest they've been in decades	Racism	In Third Way's analysis, 31 cents of each dollar the government spends consists of checks to Americans.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/24/nx-1-5359110/racial-disparities-in-you	2025/04/25	
Ocean County, New Jersey wildfire: 19-year-old charged with arson	Environment-Wildfires	Some 14 cents went to help people buy health insurance or manage their benefits and 12 cents toward medical bill payments.	https://xthru.org/articles/ocean-county-new-jersey-wildfire-arrest-arson/	2025/04/25	
Hegepath had an unsecured internet line set up in his office to connect to Signal, AP sources say	National security	Another 13 cents went to interest on the national debt. Spending on wages for the military and federal law enforcement is a small sliver, a combined 3 cents.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hegepath-had-unsecured-internet-line-205	2025/04/25	

Why MAGA World is so protective of Hegseth	Political Cesspool	"Much like Trump himself, Hegseth is viewed by the base as a genuine outsider and disrupter," one longtime Trump adviser told The Hill. "And because of the years he spent on Fox, they feel a real connection with him."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/why-maga-world-protective-hegseth-100c	2025/04/25	
Concerned about US vaccine misinformation and access, public health experts start Vaccine Integrity Project	Health-Information	Concerned that the nation's health leadership is casting unfounded doubt on the safety of well-studied vaccines and may take action to curb their use, a group of public health experts is working to put pieces in place to respond. The initiative, the Vaccine Integrity Project, will be funded by a foundation backed by Walmart heiress Christy Walton and has a steering committee helmed by former US Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg and former National Academy of Medicine President Dr. Harvey Fineberg, said Dr. Michael Osterholm, who is leading the initiative and who serves as director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/concerned-us-vaccine-misinformation-ac	2025/04/25	
RFK Jr. Wants an Autism Registry 'People Are Pleased'	Nazi checklist	The registry isn't the only tool Kennedy will have at his disposal for autism research. Bhattacharya also announced that the NIH will create a "real world platform" with data from electronic health records, pharmacy claims, snailtratches, fitness trackers, and health organizations, including the Department of Veterans Affairs, Defense Health Agency, and Indian Health Service. The platform will have "access to labs, imaging, genomics, claims and billing data — which often provides detailed diagnostic information," he said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-wants-autism-registry-180816944.html	2025/04/25	
Parents outraged after 'whites' and 'colored' signs are posted above water fountains in Georgia elementary school	Racism	A Georgia elementary school is facing furious backlash from parents after their students were subjected to signs on campus reading "whites only" and "colored only."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/parents-outraged-whites-colored-signs-2	2025/04/25	
Trump admin must seek return of another man who was improperly deported to El Salvador, judge rules	Borders and immigration	School officials said a teacher put up the signs as part of a history lesson on Ruby Bridges, the first Black student to desegregate a U.S. school in 1960 at just six years old. U.S. District Judge Stephanie Gallagher, a Maryland-based Trump appointee, ruled that the administration deported a 20-year-old Venezuelan man last month in violation of a legally binding, court-approved settlement agreement reached in a lawsuit last year. Under that settlement, the U.S. agreed not to deport migrants who arrived as unaccompanied minors until their asylum claims are fully adjudicated. The man, identified in court papers only as "Cristian," arrived in the U.S. as an unaccompanied minor and sought asylum in December 2022. That claim was still pending when he was deported last month.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-admin-must-seek-return-14134579	2025/04/25	
RFK Jr. Suggests Not Enough Teens Are Getting Pregnant, Ralls Against Youth Testosterone Levels	Political Cesspool	On Tuesday, Kennedy went on several ramps about teenage fertility and the sperm count of teen boys, first at a press conference in which he seemingly complained about teen pregnancy rates declining and then on "Jesse 'Men shouldn't eat soup' Walters' Fox News show. Kennedy's raling these concerns in the context of his crusade against synthetic dyes in foods, claiming it's harming kids by eradicating teen boys' sperm counts—his source for all of this largely seems to be the worm in his brain. "Our fertility is dropping dramatically. Teenagers in this country have the same testosterone levels as 68-year-old men," Kennedy said at the press conference, where he announced efforts to regulate synthetic dyes, specifically praising out eight dyes and coloring by 2026. But I mostly just want a lot like Kennedy wants teenage boys to get more testosterone from gummy gels pregant right-fucking now.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-suggests-not-enough-1407412079.html	2025/04/25	
Trump Team Tips Off Wall Street Execs About Coming Trade Deal	Corruption	"Why are Wall Street executives getting early alerts from people within the Trump White House about the status of trade negotiations?" Bloomberg's Joe Wiesenthal asked. "So they are just bribing wall street firms with insider info," author John Ganz commented. This kind of blatant action cuts through the air of working-class, little-guy concern that the Trump administration claims to have and puts its actual corporate effiten on full display. Trump is treating the market like a board game that he's rigged for himself and all of the rich friends who donated to his campaign. This isn't the first time this has happened, and it won't be the last.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trump-team-tips-off-wall-151055386.html	2025/04/25	
White House Faith Office Leader Says 'It's Not Hard' For Wives To Submit To Husbands	Cesspool	White Cain, a televangelist who has been called President Donald Trump's spiritual adviser, referred to her third husband, Jonathan Cain, as the head of her household, stating, "God has an order." The Faith Office leader has faced backlash for her church's financial practices. A Senate Finance Committee investigation that concluded in 2011 found that at White Cain's then-ministry, the megachurch Without Walls International, used tax-exempt funds to pay her family members millions of dollars in salaries.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-faith-office-leader-18290005	2025/04/25	
'This is Not How We Do Science, Ever'	Misinformation	Kennedy, who has no scientific or medical training himself, also seems confused about what a scientifically rigorous investigation would entail—and how long it might take. During this month's Cabinet meeting, he said that by September, HHS would complete "a massive research and testing effort involving hundreds of scientists from around the world." At last week's press conference, however, his comments suggested that HHS might rely heavily on AI and electronic-health-record data, which aren't gathered uniformly, can depend on self-reporting, and cover only populations that interact with the health-care system. And Jay Bhattacharya, the new, Trump-appointed director of the National Institutes of Health, recently gave a presentation detailing the administration's plans to source data for these investigations from hospitals, pharmacies, wearable devices, and other private sources with limited reach.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/not-how-we-do-science-ever-123000678.html	2025/04/25	
Trump Finds Another Country to Accept His Mass Deportations	Borders and immigration	The U.S. government is reportedly preparing to deport immigrants to Rwanda who can't be sent back to their country of origin due to fears of prosecution.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-finds-another-country-accept-1853	2025/04/25	
Whooping cough cases are rising again in the US	Health-Whooping Cough	Whooping cough cases are rising, and doctors are bracing for yet another tough year. There have been 8,465 cases reported in 2025, according to preliminary data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's twice as many cases as this time last year, based on CDC's final tally.	https://apnews.com/article/whooping-cough-perthusa-tdap-vaccination	2025/04/25	
199 days of DOGE: lots of chaos, not so much efficiency	Fuck That Guy	At the Social Security Administration, lawyers, statisticians and other high-ranking agency officials are being sent from the Baltimore headquarters to regional offices to replace veteran claim processors who have been fired or taken buyouts from the Trump administration. But most of the new arrivals don't know how to do the job, leading to longer wait times for disabled and elderly Americans who depend on these benefits, according to two people familiar with the situation. Asted about the changes, an SSA official said in an email that reassigned employees "have vast knowledge about our programs and services."	https://www.reuters.com/world/us/100-days-doge-lots-chaos-not-so-mu	2025/04/25	
What Elon Musk Didn't Budget For: Firing Workers Costs Money, Too	Fuck That Guy	Nearly 100 days into what Trump and tech billionaire Elon Musk have called a mission to make the federal bureaucracy more efficient, Reuters found 20 instances where the staff and funding cuts led to purchasing bottlenecks and increased costs, paralysis in decision-making, longer public wait times, higher-paid civil servants filing in mental jobs, and a brain drain of scientific and technological talent.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/24/us/politics/musk-cuts.html	2025/04/25	
'Nobody knows what's happening': DOGE cuts Norcross office of water monitors on the chopping block	Environment-Water	The Partnership for Public Service, a nonprofit organization that studies the federal work force, has used budget figures to produce a rough estimate that fringes, re-hirings, lost productivity and paid leave of thousands of workers will cost upward of \$135 billion this fiscal year. At the Internal Revenue Service, a DOGE-driven exodus of 22,000 employees would cost about \$8.5 billion in revenue in 2026 alone, according to figures from the Budget Lab at Yale University. The total number of departures is estimated to be as many as 32,300.	https://www.washpost.com/news/2025/apr/24/elon-musk-group-the	2025/04/25	
Alleged former members of neo-Nazi group claim hit leader's Russian spy	Cesspool	"Without this two-mile stretch of the river, Atlanta doesn't exist," Chattahoochee River keeper Jason Utelish said. "All of these facilities are dependent upon minimal flows of water to do what they need to do to do to safely protect the river."	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/24/kyiv-ukraine-killed-doge	2025/04/25	
'Vladimir, stop! Trump in rare rebuke to Putin as Kyiv attack toll rises to 12	International-Russia	However, the lease for the USGS office in Norcross, which monitors the water levels of three states, was listed for termination by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). The department claims it would save \$1.3 million by terminating the lease.	https://www.washpost.com/news/2025/apr/24/elon-musk-group-the	2025/04/25	
California's economy surpasses Japan's as it becomes fourth largest in world	Economy-California	"Nobody knows what's happening. It's just one blurb on a website, and we are preparing for a worst-case scenario," Utelish said.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/24/kyiv-ukraine-killed-doge	2025/04/25	
I saved \$38,000 by not buying anything new – here are seven reasons you should do the same	Personal Interest	Alleged former members of an international neo-Nazi terrorist organization are claiming its Russian-based and American leader is a Kremlin spy, according to online records reviewed by the Guardian. The allegation that Rinaldo Nazario, a former Pentagon contractor and founder of the Base, listed as a designated terrorist organization all over the world, is an alleged Russian intelligence asset could bring new meaning to his group's latest effort: sabotage and assassination missions inside Ukraine to weaken the government of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/24/us/politics/musk-cuts.html	2025/04/25	
April showers bring 'Wiry rain' to New England after storm abates desert dust 2,000 miles away	Environment-Rain	Donald Trump has issued a rare rebuke to Moscow for an air attack that killed 12 people in Kyiv, telling the Russian president in a social media post: "Vladimir, STOP!"	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/24/us/politics/musk-cuts.html	2025/04/25	
Judge bars Trump from denying federal funds to 'sanctuary' cities that limit immigration cooperation	Judicial Branch	California's economy has surpassed Japan's, making the Golden State the fourth largest economy in the world, Governor Gavin Newsom announced on Thursday. The state's nominal GDP reached \$4.1tn, according to data from the International Monetary Fund and the US Bureau of Economic Analysis, edging out Japan's \$4.02tn nominal GDP. California now ranks behind the US at \$29.18tn, China at \$15.74tn and Germany at \$4.65tn.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/24/us/politics/musk-cuts.html	2025/04/25	
National Weather Service to resume translating its products for non-English speakers	Government-NWS	Reason 1: your stuff is stressing you out Reason 2: you want to better steward your money Reason 3: overconsumption is killing the planet, and you want to help Reason 4: you want to reclaim your time Reason 5: you want more contentment, creativity and joy Reason 6: you want to stop conflating your worth with stuff Reason 7: you want to regain control over your impulses	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/24/us/politics/musk-cuts.html	2025/04/25	
Flu virus that can lead to paralysis and brain swelling detected in California's wastewater	Health-Flu	"You could see that dust got picked up in New Mexico two days before on Thursday by the same storm system," he said. "It then brought it up into the far northern part of the U.S. and then eventually brought it all the way to New England." Strong wind brought the dust to an altitude of around 10,000 feet (3,000 meters), he said, below the level of rain clouds.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/24/us/politics/musk-cuts.html	2025/04/25	
Trump doesn't want to boost taxes on millionaires, because he's worried they'll leave the country	Trump Bullshit	"So the rain kind of grabbed the dust as it was falling and brought it down to the ground," Bridges said. "It's kind of cool to think I was transported 2,000 miles (3,200 kilometers) across the country."	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/24/us/politics/musk-cuts.html	2025/04/25	
The Trump Administration Isn't Pro-Family, It's Pro-Patriarchy	Political Cesspool	A federal judge in California on Thursday barred the Trump administration from denying or conditioning the use of federal funds to "sanctuary" jurisdictions, saying that portions of President Donald Trump's executive orders were unconstitutional.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/24/us/politics/musk-cuts.html	2025/04/25	
Pete Buttigieg Takes Down Republicans With Precise Plan For Freedom in America	Politics	The National Weather Service will resume translating its products for non-English speakers. The weather service paused the translations this month because its contract with the provider had lapsed. Experts said the change could put non-English speakers at risk of missing potentially life-saving warnings about extreme weather.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/24/us/politics/musk-cuts.html	2025/04/25	
GOP Senator Plans Hearings On 9/11 To Find Out 'What Actually Happened'	Political Cesspool	The weather service said Thursday the contract has been reinstated, and the translations will resume by the end of the day Monday. A seasonal flu virus that can lead to paralysis has been detected in California wastewater. Influenza B has been shown at a "high" level over the last six weeks, according to recent data from Stanford University's WastewaterScan.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/24/us/politics/musk-cuts.html	2025/04/25	

		President Trump's global trade war is only a few weeks old, but even if it stopped today, the effect on supply chains could eventually be measured in months and years. And while the solution last time was "stop the virus," this time it might be even more complicated, because the problem stacks erratic policy on top of fragile supply chains. What they're saying: "We are in a period of unprecedented disruption that's not going to stop," says Bryan Gross, principal in operations transformation at PwC.		
Weeks of trade ripples threaten long disruption	Economy-Trade	This period goes back to the pandemic and runs through today's global economic unrest. "I think we are surely out of equilibrium," Gross says. As more than 100 wildfires burn across Florida, much of the state is experiencing a drought. Some areas, including the counties of Marion, Palm Beach and Hendry, are under extreme drought conditions.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/trump-china-tariffs-supply-chain	2025/04/30
14 million Florida residents are under drought conditions, some extreme. What to know	Environment-drought	About 14 million Florida residents were living in areas of drought as of Monday, April 28 - an increase of 18.3% since last week, according to the Drought Monitor	https://www.yahoo.com/news/14-million-florida-residents-under-212141	2025/04/30
Shipping volume will plummet 35% next week, LA port official says in CNBC interview	Economy-shipping	The Los Angeles port is expecting a 35% drop in cargo from Asia next week, Gene Senoka, the port's executive director, said in a CNBC interview on Tuesday. Major American retailers have now stopped all shipments from China and that contributes to around 45% of traffic in Los Angeles, he said.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/shipping-volume-plummet-35-next-141	2025/04/30
Trump Has Ordered Safeguards Stripped From Procurement As Pentagon Prepares To Spend \$1.7 Trillion	Government Spending	To summarize, the new executive orders purport not merely to change or improve regulations, but to simply eliminate most of the existing procurement rules developed through years of oversight processes and outside scrutiny. They effectively undo procurement safeguards put in place after tremendous waste was exposed during the Cold War. In their place, the executive orders would elevate certain procedures that allow the government to spend unlimited sums without competition — the so-called "other transactions" process that need not be completed and that circumvents safeguards put in place to protect tax dollars. The Executive Orders say there should be a "first preference" for other transactions processes, which is like having a "first preference" for bringing a pistol with no safety to compete in a boxing match. "It was so degrading. That you do all of this to a family, to women, your fellow citizens. And it was a little rough?" You literally traumatized me and my daughters for life. We're going to have to go get help or get over this somehow," Maria said. The agents told her that it could take days or months for the family's stuff to be returned, and wouldn't even give her a business card.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-ordered-safeguards-stripped-proc	2025/04/30
ICE Invades Wrong Home, Steals Their Life Savings, and Then Leaves	ACAB	Deputy Trump is 100 days into his second presidency, and to mark the occasion, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) plans to read into the congressional record what she says are 100cases of Trump using the presidency to personally benefit himself and his allies.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-invades-wrong-home-makes-165441	2025/04/30
Elizabeth Warren Marks 100 Days Of Trump By Reading About 100 Reports Of His Corruption	Go Liz Go	In a sear status statement, Van Hollen said Salvadoran Vice President Felix Ulloa told him this month that the Central American nation was holding Kimar Abrego Garcia "solely because the United States is paying the country to do so."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elizabeth-warren-marks-100-days-21065	2025/04/30
US senator presses Trump on wrongly detained man after El Salvador cites US funds	Concentration Camps	He said, "we have a deal with the U.S. government. They send people. We host them. They pay. And that's it." the senator wrote in the letter to Trump, citing Ulloa. Medical professionals and scientists agree with Kennedy that more attention should be paid to chronic disease, but many take issue with his misinformation surrounding vaccines and other health matters. Ninety percent of the nation's \$4.5 trillion in annual health care expenditures go to people with chronic and mental health conditions, according to the CDC.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-senator-presses-trump-wrongly-18533	2025/04/30
RFK Jr.'s Chronic diseases need top billing, not infectious diseases like measles and COVID	RFK JR BS	Every president over the last few decades have been trying to add more power to the executive branch and forward their agenda, Bonilla told ABC News. "Trump is taking that to the extreme." James Sample, a constitutional law expert at Hofstra University, said that Trump's playbook appears to be straight out of Project 2025, a blueprint for "taking the reins of the federal government" prepared for years by Trump's most conservative allies in anticipation of his comeback — although Trump claimed to never have read it. Trump and his supporters said his actions are justified because unelected bureaucrats and judges, they claim, had seized control from presidents — the one person elected nationwide, they argue, and granted total executive power by the Constitution.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-s-chronic-diseases-top-165055310-h	2025/04/30
Trump, echoing Project 2025, using 'food the zone' strategy to push agentic. Experts	Project 2025	Regardless, Sample said, the tactic should raise a red flag. President Donald Trump admitted earlier this month that the "homegrowns are next." Now he refused to eliminate the possibility that U.S. citizens could be deported by mistake.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-echoing-project-2025-using-17041	2025/04/30
Trump admits it's possible US citizens could be deported by mistake. Nothing will ever be perfect in this world.	US Citizens	Asked what would happen if his administration mistakenly removed the wrong person or an American citizen, Trump told the magazine: "Let me tell you that nothing will ever be perfect in this world."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-admits-possible-us-citizens-20485	2025/04/30
Customs warehouses are booming as U.S. businesses turn to a hope and prayer strategy of waiting out the tariff war	Economy-tariffs	Customs bonded warehouses are in high demand, said Cindy Allen, a customs broker and CEO of Trade Force Multiplier LLC. "That's what I call the hope and prayer strategy," she explained. "You bring goods, you don't pay the duty, you hope that it's gonna go down—you hedge your bets." Bonded warehouses are secure storage facilities where imported goods can be held without paying duties or taxes until the goods are officially released into the market or exported. It remains unclear how the program will end, given Hegseth also acknowledged the Pentagon would continue enacting "the minimum of WPS required by statute." But, Kathleen McInnis, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, who has studied the intersection of gender and national security, described Hegseth's move as "bizarre," particularly his declaration that WPS is a "woken... Biden initiative."	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/customs-warehouses-booming-a-bu	2025/04/30
Hegseth announces he's ending Pentagon involvement in Trump initiative empowering women championed by Ivanka Trump and Rubio	Political Censorship	"This is Trump 45 policy," she said. "This is his law. And we've learned through its implementation how much more effective it can make the force. At a time when "bro-casters" like Joe Rogan are helping drive the political narrative, Kennedy has tapped into the following of these "non-fluencers" to further his agenda, which has included narratives that aren't scientifically sound. Reality check: While the moms discuss the value of eating whole foods, getting exercise and quality sleep, they've often veered into misinformation as they advocate for natural health and parental choice, experts said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hegseth-announces-ending-pentagon-inv	2025/04/30
RFK Jr.'s not-so-secret weapon: the moms	RFK JR BS	The Supreme Court sided with Health and Human Services on Tuesday in a case over whether safety net hospitals that care for low-income seniors should get higher Medicare reimbursements. The majority of justices ruled that the law considers SSI to refer to cash benefits, with eligibility determined on a monthly basis. A patients' SSI eligibility status "is not a perfect measure of income — but neither is income a perfect measure of whether a patient is more costly to treat," Justice Amy Coney Barrett wrote for the majority. "In the end, the Medicare fraction and ultimate DSH adjustment reflect a balance of multiple competing interests, including increased funding for hospitals, administrability, efficiency, and allocation of finite resources." Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, joined by Justice Sonia Sotomayor, wrote in a dissent that the opinion endorses a formula that "arbitrarily undercounts" the low-income patients served by a hospital.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/rfk-moms-online-infingerc	2025/04/30
SCOTUS sides with HHS in hospital payment case. Trump fires Doug Emhoff, other Biden appointees from Holocaust museum board	Supreme Court	"The decision the majority has made in this case will deprive hospitals serving the neediest among us of critical federal funds that Congress plainly attempted to provide," she added. The Trump administration began firing members of the Biden-appointed Holocaust Memorial Council — including Doug Emhoff, the husband of Joe Vice President Harris who co-ed Tuesday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/scotus-hhs-medicare-hospital-paym	2025/04/30
House Democrats' old guard prepares to fight the youth revolt	Political Infighting	Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-Va.) shock announcement that he plans to step down as the ranking member of the House Oversight Committee is set to open yet another rift in Democrats' intergenerational war. The party's grassroots base is virtually in open revolt against its older establishment. Now the old guard is preparing for a last stand against their younger, social media-savvy colleagues.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/democrats-connolly-also-crochett-tyr	2025/04/30
Trump's late push for huge new corporate tax cuts	Trump Bullshit	The Trump administration is pressuring Congress to dramatically expand the number of business-friendly tax cuts in a budget bill that's already complicated and costly. New additions, such as full expensing to build new factories in the U.S., are leading to confusion among senators and staffers on what President Trump absolutely must have in his tax bill, and how much it will ultimately cost.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/trump-corporate-tax-cuts-expensin	2025/04/30
Wisconsin judge 'temporarily relieved' of duties by state's high court	Nazi Checklist	The Wisconsin judge arrested by the FBI last week for allegedly trying to help an undocumented defendant avoid arrest was exonerated suspended by the state's Supreme Court on Tuesday, per a court order. Dugan, who has served nearly a decade on the court, was temporarily prohibited from exercising the powers of a circuit court judge in the state until further order from the court, per the order. News that Attorney General Brian Boudie is resuming the practice of trying to seize reporters' phone records to smoke out leakers is the latest and most significant effort by the Trump administration to target the press as part of its early agenda. In Trump's first 100 days ... The White House banned the AP from covering its events and is embroiled in a lawsuit over the matter. The State Department ordered the cancellation of federal news subscriptions. The Defense Department replaced the press offices of several mainstream organizations with mostly conservative outlets. The Trump administration reportedly drafted a memo to Congress outlining its plans to cut federal funding for public broadcasters. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) called on the CEOs of NPR and PBS to testify at a DOGE subcommittee hearing about what she says is "systemically based content." The Federal Communications Commission is also investigating the two public broadcasters over whether their member stations violated FCC rules around airing commercial ads. FCC Chair Brendan Carr has launched investigations into Comcast/NBCU, Paramount/CBS and Disney/ABC. The administration has also tried to gut the government-funded U.S. Agency for Global Media and its outlets. It has ordered the firing of three board directors from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which allocates federal funding to NPR and PBS. CPB has subsequently sued the administration for trying to fire three members of its board.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/32/wisconsin-judge-hannah-dugan-arre	2025/04/30
Trump targets the media in his first 100 days	Information blackout	The Trump Administration has dismissed the scientists working on the country's flagship climate report, a move that threatens to curtail climate science and make information about global warming less available to the public. The National Climate Assessment is the most trustworthy and comprehensive source of information about how global warming affects the United States. It answers common questions about how quickly sea levels are rising near American cities, how much rain is normal for different regions and how to deal with wildfire smoke exposure.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/29/trump-100-days-news-media	2025/04/30
White House dismisses authors of major climate report	Information blackout	The Trump Administration has dismissed the scientists working on the country's flagship climate report, a move that threatens to curtail climate science and make information about global warming less available to the public. The National Climate Assessment is the most trustworthy and comprehensive source of information about how global warming affects the United States. It answers common questions about how quickly sea levels are rising near American cities, how much rain is normal for different regions and how to deal with wildfire smoke exposure.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/29/m-a-1-5380181/climate-assessment-au	2025/04/30
Trump called Bezos after a report that Amazon would post products' import charges	Economy-Tariffs	The last tweet notes that the new low-cost Amazon Haul store considered the idea of listing import charges on certain products, Amazon spokesperson Tin Doyle said in a statement. "This was never approved and is not going to happen." "Jeff Bezos is very nice. Terrific. He solved the problem very quickly. He did the right thing. Good guy," Trump said at the White House. President Trump has signed two executive orders promising to "unleash high-impact local police forces" and to step up law enforcement pressure on "criminal aliens." While the orders are separate, they share a White House vision of reinvigorated local police who work closely with federal law enforcement. The order on policing calls on federal agencies to provide "new best practices" to state and local police, improve police training and pay, and improve the tracking and reporting of crime statistics, among other measures popular with law enforcement.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/29/m-a-1-5380035/amazon-tariffs	2025/04/30
Trump aims to 'unleash' local police, but cautions against standing in the way of ICE	ACAB	"As a total package, it's worrisome, because of the excessive reach of the Feds trying to control local policing," Moskows says. In the first 100 days of his second term, President Trump has moved aggressively to fulfill his promise of retribution against an extraordinary range of individuals and organizations, targeting political opponents, news organizations, former government officials, universities, international student protesters and law firms. An NPR review has found that the administration is using a vast array of government powers to launch criminal investigations, sweep people into ICE detention, ban companies from receiving federal contracts, revoke security clearances and fire employees.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/29/m-a-1-5375181/donald-trump-100-days	2025/04/30
Trump has used government powers to target more than 100 perceived enemies	Nazi Checklist	This agenda of retribution has defined the early days of the second Trump administration.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/29/m-a-1-5375181/donald-trump-100-days	2025/04/30

New lawsuit argues Trump and DOGE's government overhaul is unconstitutional	Fuck that department	In a lawsuit filed late Monday, the plaintiffs charge that actions taken by the president, Elon Musk and the heads of nearly two dozen federal agencies to dramatically downsize the federal workforce violate the Constitution because Congress has not authorized them. "Three months into this Administration, there can be no real doubt that impacted federal agencies are acting according to the direction being given by President Trump through DOGE, OMB, and OPM," the lawsuit states, referring to the government efficiency team that Musk oversees, as well as the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). "Over and over, newly appointed agency heads have explained that they are reorganizing, eliminating programs, and cutting thousands upon thousands of jobs, because the President directed them to and because DOGE told them how much and what to cut." In 2023, Rogers' predecessor in the top job was forced to resign – twice – after recordings emerged of him describing African American deputies on his force as "black b*stards". The department was also under a recent federal investigation over allegations of sprawling embezzlement. Despite this track record, the Columbus county sheriff's office scored a recent win under the new administration of Donald Trump.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/29/mx-st-153807333-trump-doge-lawsuit-fed	2025/04/30	
Trump officials increasingly recruit local police for immigration enforcement despite 'red flags'	ACAB	On 5 March, the Trump administration accepted the sheriff's department as an official partner in the all-out push by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to execute the president's election promise of mass deportations. Trump's department of homeland security (DHS) signed a memorandum with Rogers known as a 287(g) agreement, which will empower the beleaguered department of Columbus county to help carry out the complex and controversial task of implementing federal immigration law and identifying residents potentially eligible for deportation.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/ng-interactive/2025/apr/30/trump	2025/04/30	
Trump border pick accused of 'cover-up' over death of man beaten by US agents	ACAB	Rodney Scott, Donald Trump's nominee to lead Customs and Border Protection (CBP), has been accused by a former top official of orchestrating a "cover-up" over the death of a man detained while trying to enter the country from Mexico, according to a letter obtained by the Guardian.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/29/trump-customs-border	2025/04/30	
Cash, emergency food and wind-up radios: How to survive a power outage	Infrastructure	Preparing for future calamity can still carry a stigma – "even I'm afraid of looking a bit bonkers", admits Easthope – but while "These are not end times", she says, it is still worth knowing you would be able to cope if something went suddenly wrong. She has a cupboard full of essentials – tins, a first aid kit, dried food, a can opener – and a "go bag" packed with daily essentials such as a phone charger, battery pack, underwear and washing and some medication.	https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/apr/29/how-to-survive-a-power-outage	2025/04/30	prepping
UPS to cut 20,000 jobs, close some facilities as it reduces amount of Amazon shipments it handles	Economy-Jobs	UPS is looking to slash about 20,000 jobs and close more than 70 facilities as it drastically reduces the amount of Amazon shipments it handles. "Amazon is our largest customer but it's not our most profitable customer," Tomé said at the time. "Its margin is very dilutive to the U.S. domestic business." The government directives and ensuing court battles have left many immigrants unsure of what to do. "I do know that he says, 'America for the Americans,'" she said. "But all the jobs, all the production that happens because of immigrants? It's obvious we're needed." She said she will leave the U.S. if ordered to. Others aren't so sure. "I really can't go back," said a Haitian woman who asked to be identified only as Nicole because she fears deportation. "It's not even a decision." She works at a meatpacking plant, deboning cattle carcasses for more than \$20 an hour. She received Homeland Security's message, but insists it can't refer to someone who has followed the laws as she had, pointing to a phrase exempting people who have "otherwise obtained a lawful basis to remain".	https://apnews.com/article/ups-amazon-ecce-105621fe23b2d0de78a2d4	2025/04/30	
Immigrants working legally in the Texas Panhandle live in limbo under Trump's crackdown	Borders and immigration		https://apnews.com/article/trump-immigration-texas-panhandle-mexico	2025/04/30	
Florida is poised to become 2nd state to ban fluoride from public water systems	Health-Fluoride	Florida is poised to become the second state to ban fluoride in public drinking water, over the concerns of dentists and public health advocates who say the mineral is a safe, effective way to protect people of all ages from developing cavities.	https://apnews.com/article/florida-fluoride-ban-public-water-systems-de	2025/04/30	
Atlanta's controversial 'Cop City' training center opens after years of flitting	ACAB	"Cop City is an officially opening today, made possible only through extreme state violence," Micah Herskint wrote on X, calling the facility "a police compound that will serve as the infrastructure of fascism."	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/atlanta-cop-city	2025/04/30	
The "*** your feelings" crowd is suddenly getting really upset over Democrats cussing	Political-Crisispool	However, now that Democrats and liberals have begun to openly curse in public with a little more frequency throughout Trump's first 100 days in office, right-wing media is suddenly up in arms over the "undignified" language, claiming it's "embarrassing" that they are "constantly swearing."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/democrats-cussing	2025/04/30	
Mike Johnson Quietly Moves to Block Democrats Investigating Trump	Political-Crisispool	Speaker of the House Mike Johnson is trying to prevent Democrats from opening up inquiries into the Trump administration. Johnson used his authority on Monday to advance a measure in the House Rules Committee that would prevent any votes on "resolutions of inquiry," which would take away one of the few oversight tools that House Democrats have as the minority party in this chamber.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mike-johnson-quietly-moves-block-14094	2025/04/30	
Europeans Are Talking About These Major Current Events That Are Barely Making Headlines In The US. And It's Eye-Opening To See What We're Missing	International	This isn't just rich people buying vacation homes — it's a sign of wealthy Americans seeking "escape properties" in politically stable countries. The trend reflects growing concerns about economic and political uncertainty back home, with affluent Americans literally buying insurance policies in the form of Swiss property. It's also reshaping these small European communities as more digital nomads and foreign investors arrive.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/europeans-talking-major-current-events-5	2025/04/30	
After killing unarmed man, Texas deputy told colleague: 'I just smoked a dude'	ACAB	"Get that [redacted] police as he fired one shot, striking Randall in the chest. Randall continued to run down the street but collapsed face down. Iversen radioed for help and then tried to render medical aid, but Randall died on the pavement. The bullet had torn through his ribs, lungs and heart, according to autopsy records. After another deputy arrived minutes later, Iversen, then 57, returned to his patrol car and phoned a colleague.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/killing-unarmed-man-texas-deputy-99004	2025/05/01	
Prosecutor says officer killed in gunman's Pennsylvania hospital siege was hit by police fire	ACAB	An officer killed while responding to a Pennsylvania hospital siege was struck by a shotgun blast fired by police that also hit an armed man holding hostages, a prosecutor disclosed at a news conference Wednesday.	https://apnews.com/article/pennsylvania-hospital-shooting-ba511550409	2025/05/01	
Columbia student arrested during immigration interview wins release	Borders and Immigration	A judge ordered that Columbia University student Mohsen Mahdawi be released from custody Wednesday while his case proceeds. Context: Mahdawi, a legal U.S. resident who was arrested while attending what he believed to be a naturalization interview, is one of several students who advocated for pro-Palestinian causes who have been targeted by the Trump administration.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/columbia-mohsen-mahdawi-release	2025/05/01	
Budget airline Avolo faces backlash for signing up to fly deportation flights for ICE	Borders and Immigration	Judge Geoffrey W. Crawford found Wednesday that Mahdawi, 34, did not pose a danger to the public, and was he a flight risk, the New York Times reported. Avolo Airlines got a warm welcome from travelers and politicians in Connecticut when the budget carrier brought non-stop flights to Tweed New Haven Airport. But that reception has turned chilly after Avolo announced a contract to begin operating deportation flights for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or ICE starting next month. Hundreds of protesters gathered outside the New Haven airport earlier this month to denounce the move.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/30/ga-143572/avolo-airlines-deportation-flights	2025/05/01	
'I don't have a place to self-deport to': US citizen and lawyer gets DHS letter telling him to get out of America	Borders and Immigration	Adam Peña, a California attorney and citizen of the United States, says he was "shunned" to receive a self-deportation email from the Department of Homeland Security in early April, ordering him to leave within seven days. Peña, born in El Paso, Texas, received a notice of self-deportation on April 10 in which DHS informed him his parole was ending and he had seven days to "leave the United States."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dont-i-place-self-deport-165224962.html	2025/05/01	
Venezuelan detainees at Texas center spell out SOS with their bodies	Borders and Immigration	Detainees at the US Homeland Security immigrant detention center in the small city of Arizon, Texas, sent the outside world a message this week: SOS. With a Reuters drone flying nearby, 31 men formed the letters in the dirt yard of the facility on Monday.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/30/venezuelans-sos-ice	2025/05/01	
Khalil Noan says Kilmer Alleges Garcia would be deported immediately if sent back to US	Borders and Immigration	Ten days earlier, dozens of Venezuelan detainees at the center were given notices by immigration officials that alleged they were members of the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua and subject to deportation under a wartime law, according to documents shown to Reuters, recorded video calls and court proceedings.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/30/khalil-noan-kilmer	2025/05/01	
Haitian woman dies in ICE custody	Borders and Immigration	Kristin Kainin, the US Homeland Security secretary, said that if Kilmer Alleges Garcia was sent back to the US, the Donald Trump administration "would immediately deport him again."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/haitian-woman-dies-ice-custody-1801313	2025/05/01	
We are witnessing slow constitutional collapse in the US	Constitutional Crisis	A Haitian woman died last week while in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody, according to federal immigration officials. Science is suffering: massive cuts to federal funding of research into medicine, climate change or anything that might include a word on a long list of banned ones – like "transition" – has decimated research, made the US a global laughingstock, and set the cause of human thriving back by years. The economy is in chaos, and the bribery is all but in the open; it no longer seems to occur to many Americans that their politicians should not be on the take.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/comment/2025/apr/30/ga-we	2025/05/01	
Bondi and Hegseth ordered to look at how military can be used in domestic operations	Constitutional Crisis	Donald Trump has ordered Attorney General Pam Bondi and Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth to look at how the United States military might be used to prevent crime. 9% of respondents said it would take at least \$10,000 to convince them to have kids, and 30% said it would take more than \$25,000 — of the nearly 700 votes cast in a BabyCenter poll. 41% — the largest portion — said that cash wouldn't drive their baby-making decisions.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bondi-hegseth-ordered-look-military-1424	2025/05/01	
\$8K for a baby? More like \$500K, some parents say	Economy-Parenting	Out-of-pocket payments for pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum health care average almost \$3,000, per a KFF analysis. And baby-related expenses in the first year cost parents an average of more than \$20,000, according to new BabyCenter data.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/baby-bonus-reaction-poll	2025/05/01	
Trump's manufacturing renaissance could mean more jobs for robots	Economy-Robot jobs	With his sweeping tariff and trade policies, President Trump envisions a U.S. manufacturing renaissance that will bring back good-paying, working-class jobs to America's auto industry. But advances in AI and other technologies paint a different picture of the future. Armies of robots — some in human form — doing difficult or repetitive tasks once done by people, who instead put their brains to work in different ways.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/trump-manufacturing-robots-jobs	2025/05/01	
Hospitals begin to grapple with tariff fallout	Economy-Tariffs	Hospitals across the country are starting to reckon with the effects President Trump's tariffs are having on medical supplies like syringes and PPE, and in some cases freezing spending and making other contingencies. The pandemic spawned more domestic manufacturing of medical gear — and an anticipated reduction in dependence on overseas suppliers. But many of the startups have since disappeared, the New York Times reported, leaving the health system once again vulnerable to supply shocks amid threats like measles outbreaks and avian flu.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/01/hospitals-struggle-tariff-impacts	2025/05/01	
From subs to bases, 'climate change crisis' has consequences for U.S. military	Environment-Climate Crisis	Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth says the Pentagon will no longer "do climate change crap" — but the changing climate has a lot in store for the U.S. military. Climate change is already shifting geopolitics. President Trump has mused about 40 "big" contractors and taking control of Greenland as melting Arctic ice aggravates competition with Russia and China. Rising sea levels and deeper flooding jeopardize existing bases and limit where new ones can be built. See: Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia and Parris Island in South Carolina. Drought and extreme heat kills. It also spurs economic and political unrest, as evidenced by the extreme spikes in the Sahel. Separately, keeping cool requires planning and resources, complicating logistics in far-flung theaters. Changing ocean properties also affect how submarines, often touted as America's ace in the hole, play hide and seek.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/hegseth-pentagon-navy-climate-change	2025/05/01	
Texas and Oklahoma face flooding threats as deadly storms sweep much of U.S.	Environment-Severe weather	The south-central U.S. is facing a "heightened" risk of flash flooding into Thursday following days of deadly storms across a region that's spanned from Texas to the Northeast, the National Weather Service warns. More rounds of thunderstorms were expected Thursday across Oklahoma and north Texas, with the NWS warning of risks for large hail in addition to flooding and it said "strong winds may accompany any storms from Texas northeast through the lower Great Lakes."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/01/storm-severe-weather-us	2025/05/01	
Transportation secretary warns 'people will lose their lives' unless US adopts new air traffic control system	Government-FAA	Duffy raised severe concerns about the U.S.'s "aging" air traffic control infrastructure during a televised cabinet meeting, after President Donald Trump said he would ask Congress for funding toward the new system. "If we don't build a brand new system, there's going to be failures and people will lose their lives," Duffy said.	https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/air-traffic-control	2025/05/01	

		The head of the Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday that the agency is now looking at whether it will still approve COVID-19 vaccines for next winter, citing a lack of data on booster shots.			
FDA chief says they're looking at whether to approve COVID shots for next winter	Health- Covid	His answer marks a change from during the Biden administration, when FDA officials backed plans to routinely update the COVID-19 vaccines each year.	https://www.cbsnews.com/news/fda-covid-booster-shots-mary-mahay/	2025/05/01	
Trump targets NYT with new legal threat over CBS News lawsuit coverage	Information Blackout	President Trump on Wednesday said the New York Times should be held liable for "interference" in his ongoing lawsuit against CBS News. The threat is the latest Trump has made against a news outlet whose coverage he dislikes or disagrees with, and the Times quickly pushed back on it. "It's fair to criticize the press, but the latest threat of weaponizing lawsuits to chill them is alarming from a constitutional perspective," Lytrea Lidsky, a media law professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, said. Of course, as she laid bare at the start of Monday's presser, these sessions are mostly a way to take softball questions and applause lines from a host of MAGA sycophants who are absolutely ecstatic to be given the opportunity to sit in the White House and play reporter.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/trump-cbs-news-lawsuit-new-york-ty/	2025/05/01	
White House is now holding press briefings specifically for MAGA influencers. It's going just how you'd expect	Information Blackout	Leavitt, meanwhile, reacted by telling Nelson — who boasts 625,000 followers on X (formerly Twitter) and was once convinced the moon had disappeared — that she wished "there were people in the legacy media that were like you" and "cared about the facts" of Trump's accomplishments.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-now-holding-press-2155490	2025/05/01	
Red tape blocking broadband upgrades — Openreach	Infrastructure	Around one million people risk being digitally excluded because of red tape which is blocking broadband upgrades to flats and apartments, according to a report.	https://www.the-independent.com/tech/red-tape-openreach-london-alor	2025/05/01	
Microsoft president says company respects European laws amid US criticism	International Relations	We understand that European laws apply to our business practices in Europe, just as local laws apply to local practices in the United States and similar laws apply elsewhere in the world. This includes European competition law and the Digital Markets Act, among others. Smith said in a blogpost, also delivered in a speech in Brussels. If Trump's tariff actions reached a point where it encroached on the constitutional power of Congress, Johnson said he'd call Trump first before stepping in.	https://tech.yahoo.com/business/articles/microsofts-brad-smith-says-co	2025/05/01	
Too 4 moments from Speaker Johnson's Axios interview	Political Cesspool	Johnson has repeatedly said he wants to pass Trump's "one, big beautiful bill" full of tax cuts, border funds and spending reductions by Memorial Day. Johnson said he was not sure that House Republicans would come up with \$500 billion in savings in the Medicaid program, but "We aspire to that."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/speaker-mike-johnsons-axios-interv	2025/05/01	
GOP blocked Hegseth Signal probe because he is 'undefensible', says Rep. Adam Smith	Political Cesspool	Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., told Morning Edition that House Speaker Mike Johnson and House Republicans blocked any inquiry resolutions into the matter because they know Hegseth and his actions are "undefensible." Smith filed a resolution of inquiry, which allows a member of the House to force an investigation even when they're in the minority.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/30/mw-st-5381159/hegseth-signal-investig	2025/05/01	
'This is Pathetic': Lindsey Graham Ripped After 'Groveling' New Trump Message	Political Cesspool	Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) is catching hell from critics after suggesting that President Donald Trump could be the next pope.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pathetic-lindsey-graham-rippe-groveling	2025/05/01	
Lovefest or Cabinet meeting? For Donald Trump, it's both	Political Cesspool	Trump, never bashful about his achievements, is usually the one doing the bragging. But in a two-hour game of one-upmanship before the television cameras on Wednesday, top Cabinet officials took turns denigrating the president with praise that went beyond even the usual levels of adulation from those who work for Trump.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-cabinet-meeting-stocks-detainees-ru	2025/05/01	
How Trump's policies and Project 2025 proposals match up after first 100 days	Project 2025	Summary	https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-project-2025-first-100-days/	2025/05/01	
New research contradicts RFK Jr.'s claim that severe autism cases are rising	RFK JR BS	Autism is a spectrum disorder, meaning it can have a range of manifestations — some mild, others more pronounced — that affect how people socialize, communicate, learn or behave. The new research being shared this week found that only mild cases rose from 2000 to 2016.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/research-contradicts-rfk-jr-claim-130001	2025/05/01	
Oklahoma religious charter school case could hinge on Chief Justice Roberts	Supreme Court	The Supreme Court's conservative majority Wednesday indicated it would be open to allowing the country's first religious charter school, with some hesitancy from Chief Justice John Roberts. The Okla. bid, which centers on a proposed Catholic virtual school, challenges the U.S. doctrine of separating church and state.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/oklahoma-religious-catholic-charter	2025/05/01	
President Trump's first 100 days marked by DOGE, tariffs and deportation	Trump Bullshit	- DOGE, governmental overhaul and a tightening grip on power - Immigration and deportations - Tariffs - Foreign Policy - Redistribution - Targeting DEI and transgender rights - Signalgate	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/30/mw-st-5379594/trump-100-days	2025/05/01	
White House press secretary says Trump is 'trolling' about a 3rd term but poses \$50 Trump 2027 hats as 'tying off the shelves'	Trump Bullshit	When Leavitt was asked at the White House about the chance that Trump may push for another term in office, she smiled. "Trump trolling," she said. "Although the hats are flying off the shelves."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-press-secretary-says-18200	2025/05/01	
100 days and 100 of the most hilarious, horrific, and heinous things done by the Trump administration	Trump Bullshit	Summary	https://www.yahoo.com/news/100-days-100-most-hilarious-120005610	2025/05/01	
Fact check: Debunking 100 Trump false claims from his first 100 days	Trump Bullshit	Summary	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fact-check-debunking-100-trump-190506	2025/05/01	
Trump 100 days: tariffs, egg prices, ice arrests and approval rating — in charts	Trump Bullshit	Summary	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/ng-interactives/2025/apr/30/trump	2025/05/01	
Trump 100 days: delusions of monarchy coupled with fundamental ineptitude	Trump Bullshit	Summary	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/29/trump-100-days-dy	2025/05/01	
First Trump-era GDP report signals mass tariff preparation	Trump Economy	The backward-looking aspects of Wednesday's economic data releases are better than they look at first glance. The forward-looking ones are worse. In Q1, economic activity was generally solid as companies tried to front-run tariffs. But there are early warnings that April may have brought some gloom, and that inflation is elevated in ways that will limit the Federal Reserve's willingness to cut rates in response to any deterioration. And the whipcase effects driven by large-scale tariffs, paired with the usual lags and measurement problems in economic data, mean that we are entering a volatile period for the key gauges CEOs and policymakers rely on in their decision-making.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/gdp-adv-report-trump-tariffs-recessi	2025/05/01	
Trump on possible toy shortages: "Maybe the children will have two dolls instead of 30"	Trump Economy	President Trump appeared to acknowledge Wednesday that toy shortages are possible as his tariff hikes ripple through the economy. "Somebody said, 'oh, the shelves are gonna be open,'" Trump told reporters Wednesday. "Well, maybe the children will have two dolls instead of 30 dolls, and maybe the two dolls will cost a couple of bucks more." The big picture: His comments came amid growing concern that that the 2025 holiday shopping season will be significantly disrupted.	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/trump-china-tariffs-toy-shortage-cri	2025/05/01	
This is Trump's stock market, like it or not	Trump Economy	Toy Association CEO Greg Ahearn told The New York Times this week that the industry is facing "a rotten supply chain that is putting Christmas at risk." "If we don't start production soon, there's a high probability of a toy shortage this holiday season," Ahearn said. President Trump rejected any blame for the stock market's slide this year in a post Wednesday morning. "This is Biden's Stock Market, not Trump's. I didn't take over until January 20th," he wrote on Truth Social. But in January 2024, when the market was doing well, but he wasn't even president yet, he had a different take "THIS IS THE TRUMP STOCK MARKET BECAUSE MY POLLS AGAINST BIDEN ARE SO GOOD THAT INVESTORS ARE PROJECTING THAT I WILL WIN, AND THAT WILL DRIVE THE MARKET UP."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/trump-stock-market-gdp-biden	2025/05/01	
100 days of Trump's impact on the U.S. dollar	Trump Economy	The dollar has fallen nearly 10% in President Trump's first 100 days, the steepest drop for a new administration this century. This is Biden's Stock Market, not Trump's, he posted on Truth Social on Wednesday morning. "I didn't take over until January 20th. Tariffs will soon start kicking in, and companies are starting to move into the USA in record numbers."	https://www.axios.com/2025/04/30/trump-tariffs-recession-dollar-100-d	2025/05/01	
Trump pins stock market struggles on Biden — weeks after taking credit for it	Trump Economy	The data contradicts Trump's assessment of the stock market. The S&P 500 soared after Trump's election victory, indicating optimism from Wall Street about where he would take the economy. At the time, Trump was more than happy to take credit for the market fluctuations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-pins-stock-market-struggles-16354	2025/05/01	
Ford CEO says the automaker is so dependent on imports it can't even buy certain car parts in the U.S.	Trump Economy	Ford's CEO warns the company "has" to import certain parts "to make its vehicles. That could send prices higher, even as the automaker extends employee pricing to consumers. Analysts have warned that car prices in the U.S. will go up by several thousand dollars due to tariffs.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/ford-ceo-says-automaker-dependent-1	2025/05/01	
Trump administration asks Supreme Court to strip legal protections from 350,000 Venezuelan migrants	Borders and Immigration	The Trump administration on Thursday asked the Supreme Court to strip temporary legal protections from 350,000 Venezuelans, potentially exposing them to being deported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-asks-supreme-court	2025/05/02	
Sophisticated new ICE tracking system raises privacy concerns for public	Borders and Immigration	Federal officials are building a sprawling new database system they're calling "ImmigrationOS" to track and target millions of people living illegally in the United States. A \$30 million no-bid contract with GOP megadonor Peter Thiel's Palantir Technologies will help Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents build a sophisticated system to prioritize people for deportation, including accused gang members and people who have overstayed their tourist visas. The contract with the Denver-based company calls for rolling out a prototype this fall.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/sophisticated-ice-tracking-system-raises	2025/05/02	privacy
Moldy food, used underwear, inside the US prisons, where Trump is jailing immigrants	Borders and Immigration	Several immigration detainees said they had been mistreated, neglected and denied due process — some unable to contact anyone for days on end during their abrupt transfers to prisons, then left in the dark about their ongoing deportation cases. Some detainees described shortages of food, clothes, toilet paper and other necessities. Others alleged they were forced to live in dirty, overcrowded cells and unable to access basic medical care and regular outdoor time.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/01/trump-immigrants	2025/05/02	human rights
German spy agency labels AfD as 'confirmed rightwing extremist' force	Cesspool	Germany's domestic intelligence service has designated the far-right Alternative für Deutschland (AfD), the biggest opposition party, as a "confirmed rightwing extremist" force, meaning authorities can step up their surveillance as critics call for it to be legally banned.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/02/german-spy-agency-s	2025/05/02	
DOJ Proposes Giving Legal Advice to Immigrants in Cases it Oversees	Conflict of interest	After abruptly declining to renew a contract with a nonprofit to provide court-ordered legal assistance to families separated at the border under the first Trump administration, the U.S. Department of Justice has proposed providing that service itself. Experts worry that's a conflict of interest that could put those families at risk of deportation and being separated again.	https://www.kqed.org/news/12038327/doj-proposes-giving-legal-advice	2025/05/02	
Defiant JD Vance dismisses anti-Trump ruling: A judge 'doesn't decide' presidential rights in respect to immigrants under Alien Enemies Act	Constitutional Crisis	A judge doesn't have the authority to tell President Donald Trump that he cannot deport immigrants under the Alien Enemies Act, Vice President JD Vance declared during a Fox News interview Thursday. It's the president's decision, he told Bret Baier on Special Report, laying the groundwork for a constitutional confrontation over American authority.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/jd-vance-dismisses-anti-trump-00475769	2025/05/02	
Crypto industry to hold big fundraiser for Trump PAC	Corruption	The crypto industry is holding a \$15 million all-head fundraiser for President Trump on Monday in Washington, according to a copy of the invitation obtained by Axios. Trump has been cooping up to the crypto industry — including by launching a crypto venture called World Liberty Financial, which he cofounded last year with longtime friend Steve Witkoff now the White House's envoy to the Middle East.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/01/crypto-fundaiser-trump-pac	2025/05/02	
Bipartisan push to ban lawmakers from trading stocks gets boost from Trump	Corruption	President Trump's House minority leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., don't agree on much. But their public support of legislation to ban members of Congress from trading individual stocks could revive prospects for a bipartisan effort that's stalled on Capitol Hill for years.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/02/mw-st-5381400/lawmaker-stock-ban-ty	2025/05/02	
Mortgage rates get more treacherous	Economy- Housing	The difference between the best and worst rates offered on any given day worked out to \$287 per month in mortgage payments on a home that sold for the median sale price. Mortgage rates are still high in absolute terms, refinancing activity is low, and the difference between a good rate and a bad rate is much bigger than normal.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/02/mortgage-housing-rates	2025/05/02	
Dozens of homeless people living in national forest evicted by US Forest Service	Economy- Housing	Dozens of homeless people who have been living in a national forest in central Oregon for years were being evicted on Thursday by the US Forest Service, as it closed the area for a wildfire prevention project that will involve removing smaller trees, clearing debris and setting controlled burns over thousands of acres. The project has been on the books for years, and the decision to remove the encampment in the Deschutes national forest comes two months after the Trump administration issued an executive order directing federal agencies to increase timber production and forest management projects aimed at reducing wildfire risk. It wasn't immediately clear if the evictions were a result of that order, but hot hose aids advocates seized on the timing on Thursday, as US Forest Service officers blocked the access road.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/01/homeless-evicted-1	2025/05/02	

		Aluminum is not a luxury good. It's a foundational metal—indispensable to energy transmission, cars, construction, packaging, and even military products. And yet, despite rising demand, U.S. production capacity has all but collapsed. At the turn of the millennium, the United States was the global leader in aluminum production. Twenty-three smelters operated nationwide. Today, only four remain active—and they are not running at full capacity. The closure of key plants in recent years has hollowed out a once-robust industry. However, some Amazon sellers have reportedly already raised prices due to the tariffs, and others have said they plan to opt out of Prime Day this year due to the rising costs to their business. China-based brands like Temu and Shein also responded to the tariffs this week by raising prices, and the effects of the tariffs are expected to be felt more broadly in the coming weeks. So what can we expect? Here are 7 more companies that have said that the tariffs will likely force them to raise prices: 1 Best Buy 2 Autozone 3 Procter & Gamble 4 Adidas 5 Nintendo 6 Rolex 7 Target		
Worried about high prices from tariffs? Wait till the aluminum crunch America isn't ready for	Economy-Tariffs		https://finance.yahoo.com/news/worried-high-prices-tariffs-wait-165431	2025/05/02
"We Will Pass Those Costs To The Consumer"—These 7 Companies Say They're Set To Raise Prices Because Of The Trump Tariffs	Economy-Tariffs		https://finance.yahoo.com/news/7-companies-said-prices-likely-205342	2025/05/02
More than 60 percent of toy makers forced to cancel orders as Trump's tariffs threaten Christmas	Economy-Tariffs	Hundreds of toymakers have canceled orders since President Donald Trump imposed hefty tariffs on China, raising the prospect of a nightmare before Christmas. In a Toy Association survey of 410 small and medium-sized toy manufacturers taken this month, 64 percent of small toy companies and 80 percent of mid-sized toy companies said they have canceled orders. Meanwhile, roughly half said they would go out of business within weeks or months if U.S. tariffs on China remained in place.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/more-60-percent-toy-makers-forced-1398	2025/05/02
Sand grommer's turtles, how wildlife is falling foul of the demand for Insta-perfect beaches	Environment-Beaches	As sand grommers have been transforming beaches from vital habitats into backdrops for photoshoots, their work has had an enormous impact on the turtle population. "Occupation of the beach by private owners reduces a vital living space for the turtle," says Salvatore Uno, a naturalist and co-founder of Caretta Calabria Conservazione, who has been monitoring and protecting loggerhead turtle nests since 2005. "There is still not much sensitivity to coexisting with this species." Tractors not only crush or displace eggs — their mere presence can scare away female turtles, preventing them from nesting.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/may/02/sand-grommer	2025/05/02
Summer 2025 has it all - droughts, heat and storms, oh my!	Environment-Summer	Many cities have already felt summer-like warmth this spring. Phoenix already saw a triple-digit day earlier this month. In the coming months, AccuWeather says more intense heat is expected in the northern Rockies, Northwest and Plains regions. In the Northwest, Boise, Idaho, Spokane, Washington, and Billings, Montana, are likely to see the most scorching heat. The heat will contribute to a wildfire season that could escalate, burning more than 7 million acres. A later start is expected for wildfire activity in the Northwest, but there is vegetation that has acted as kindling, forecasters noted. The fire risk is earlier in the Southwest, and "very high" to "extreme" in the region, Texas, the Rockies and the Interior Northwest. U.S. K-12 public school systems got nearly \$360 in federal revenue per person in fiscal 2023, per new census data.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/summer-weather-nc	2025/05/02
Where K-12 schools get the most federal revenue	Federal Funding	School systems in Alaska (\$846), North Dakota (\$519) and Mississippi (\$502) received the most revenue from federal sources per person in fiscal 2023. Utah (\$220), Maine (\$230) and New Hampshire (\$234) received the least.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/02/federal-revenue-schools-map	2025/05/02
		A young Department of Government Efficiency staffer, who has yet to obtain his undergraduate degree, has been tasked with using artificial intelligence to rewrite an entire agency's rules and regulations, according to a report. DOGE, run by the world's richest person Elon Musk, has caused a whirlwind of chaos in President Donald Trump's first 100 days in office by making swift and sweeping changes to the federal government, dismantling agencies, executing mass firings, and slashing government contracts. Now, DOGE is installing a college junior at the Department of Housing and Urban Development to rewrite its regulations — using AI, Wired reported.		
A DOGE staffer who hasn't even graduated college yet is using AI to rewrite an entire agency's rules and regulations	Fuck that department	A DOGE staffer introduced Christopher Sweet, a student with no prior government experience, in an email sent to the department employees this month noting that Sweet was recently a third-year at the University of Chicago, where he was studying economics and data science. The school official said Sweet is "on leave from the undergraduate college." The outlet noted: "Elon Musk in government is completely unprecedented, but there has never been a single person, certainly not a single non-presidential person, who has been as utterly and pointlessly destructive as Elon Musk," Robert Weissman, co-executive director of Public Citizen, a progressive consumer rights advocacy group, told The Independent. "He has commercial motivations," he said, "but primarily he's been engaged in an authoritarian wrecking project with no actual purpose, but really deadly impact."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/doge-ai	2025/05/02
Elon Musk is leaving Trump. Or is he? What's next for Doeg's authoritarian wrecking ball?	Fuck that guy	The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is holding on to its status as the little agency that could, this week surviving yet another court challenge over layoffs that would effectively gut the agency. CFPB is a relatively small operation tasked with fighting big businesses on behalf of consumers. This case, filed by the National Treasury Employees Union and advocacy groups, is essentially the CFPB's kind of fight, but this time it's their own hides on the line.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-leaving-trump-next-085125200	2025/05/02
CFPB's fight to survive is its kind of fight	Government-CFPB	The Trump administration says it will stop paying out \$1 billion in federal grants that school districts across the country have been using to hire mental health professionals, including counselors and social workers. The grants were part of the 2022 Bipartisan Safer Communities Act — a bill passed in the aftermath of the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, in which a teen gunman killed 19 elementary school students and two adults and injured 17 people. The bill, among other things, poured federal dollars into schools to address rising concerns about a student mental health crisis. More than 250 attorneys in the justice department's civil rights division have either left, been reassigned, or accepted a deferred resignation offer since January, according to an estimate provided to the Guardian by people familiar with the matter. The significant decrease in personnel underscores how Donald Trump is gutting the arm of the federal government responsible for enforcing federal civil rights laws. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as of Thursday, has ended a new mortgage-rescue program that so far has helped about 20,000 veterans avoid foreclosure and keep their homes. The move leaves millions of military veterans with far worse options than most other Americans homeowners if they run into trouble paying their home loans. And it comes at a time when nearly 90,000 VA loans are seriously past due, with 33,000 of those stuck in the foreclosure process, according to the data and analytics firm ICE.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/02/cfpb-trump-federal-workers-court	2025/05/02
Education Department stops \$1 billion in funding for school mental health	Government-DOE	Although "hastated" by the unhealthy and inconvenient conditions, Burke said she doesn't let it get her down. Human wastewater contaminating homes and yards in these rural parts of central Alabama "has become a way of life," she said. The problem has existed so long and was so pervasive that a 2017 study determined 1 in every 3 adults in the county had the intestinal parasite hookworm. The Biden administration investigated and allocated nearly \$26 million to rebuild Lowndes County's water infrastructure, with the Department of Justice declaring the majority-Black area was suffering from "environmental racism."	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/01/tx-1-5382582-trump-school-mental-hl	2025/05/02
Justice department civil rights division loses 73% of lawyers under Trump	Government-DOJ	The Biden administration investigated and allocated nearly \$26 million to rebuild Lowndes County's water infrastructure, with the Department of Justice declaring the majority-Black area was suffering from "environmental racism."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/01/civil-rights-division	2025/05/02
Trump's VA strands thousands of veterans by ending a key mortgage program	Government-VA	Although "hastated" by the unhealthy and inconvenient conditions, Burke said she doesn't let it get her down. Human wastewater contaminating homes and yards in these rural parts of central Alabama "has become a way of life," she said. The problem has existed so long and was so pervasive that a 2017 study determined 1 in every 3 adults in the county had the intestinal parasite hookworm. The Biden administration investigated and allocated nearly \$26 million to rebuild Lowndes County's water infrastructure, with the Department of Justice declaring the majority-Black area was suffering from "environmental racism."	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/01/tx-1-5382448/va-veterans-affairs-mort	2025/05/02
Trump shut down program to end human waste backing into Alabama homes, calling it 'illegal DEI'	Health-Environment	But earlier this month, President Donald Trump issued an executive order to kill the deal, calling it "illegal DEI." We are only about one-third of the way through the year 2025, and yet the United States has suffered nearly triple the number of cases of measles in 2025 as it did in all of 2024. Measles is caused, of course, by a pathogen, but it is enabled by human ignorance and human neglect. Rising numbers of children are going unvaccinated. About a third of American children fail to get the full suite of vaccines that the CDC—Centers for Disease Control—recommends. And about 7 percent of American children go unvaccinated against measles, mumps, and rubella.	https://www.rbcnews.com/news/health/trump-canceled-dei-program-16	2025/05/02
America's Pro-Disease Movement	Health-Pro disease	Florida health officials announced this week that an individual at Fort Lauderdale's Dillard High School had contracted tuberculosis. "They did contact tracing and they have identified a certain number of kids that they are thinking have been exposed and they're going to test those kids based on parental consent to see if they're actually confirmed cases, etc.," Broward County Public Schools Superintendent Howard Hopton told reporters. President Trump signed an executive order Thursday directing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's board of directors to "cease federal funding for NPR and PBS," the nation's primary public broadcasters. Trump contends that news coverage by NPR and PBS contains a left-wing bias. The federal fund for NPR and PBS is approved by Congress. Press freedom in the United States has hit a record low, according to the latest World Press Freedom Index published annually by Reporters Without Borders.	https://www.thedailystar.com/podcasts/archive/2025/04/the-david-trump-9	2025/05/02
Tuberculosis case is confirmed at Florida high school. Here's what to know	Health-TB	President Trump signed an executive order Thursday directing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's board of directors to "cease federal funding for NPR and PBS," the nation's primary public broadcasters. Trump contends that news coverage by NPR and PBS contains a left-wing bias. The federal fund for NPR and PBS is approved by Congress. Press freedom in the United States has hit a record low, according to the latest World Press Freedom Index published annually by Reporters Without Borders.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tuberculosis-case-confirmed-florida-high-16	2025/05/02
Trump orders end to federal funding for NPR and PBS	Information blackout	Press freedom in the U.S. now falls in line with developing countries, such as Gambia, Uruguay and Sierra Leone.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/02/tx-1-5384790-trump-orders-end-to-fv	2025/05/02
U.S. press freedom falls to historical low	Information blackout	The White House has launched a Drudge Report-like political website collecting pro-Trump news stories, the administration's latest attempt to sidestep critical mainstream media coverage.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/02/us-press-freedom	2025/05/02
Trump gets his own Drudge Report-type website so White House can push pro-president news	Information blackout	"It's a place for supporters of the president's agenda to get the real news at in one place in a shareable and readable format," an administration official told Axios.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-y	2025/05/02
China Hints at Possible Thaw With US in Evaluating Trade Talks	International Relations	China said it is assessing the possibility of trade talks with the US, the first sign since Donald Trump hiked tariffs last month that negotiations could begin between the two sides.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/china-says-evaluating-us-talks-011542	2025/05/02
Gaza humanitarian aid ship bombed by drones in waters off Malta	International-Palestine	A ship carrying humanitarian aid and activists to Gaza has been bombed by drones and disabled while in international waters off Malta as it headed towards the Palestinian territory, its organisers have said. Announcing on social media that Waltz would be departing his corner West Wing office to be nominated as ambassador to the United Nations, Trump declared Rubio would be moving in, taking up the critical post on an interim basis in addition to his current job and several other acting roles. It remains an open question whether Rubio's new role will be temporary or if he will serve both positions for an extended period as Kissinger did in the Nixon and Ford administrations, when he spent six years as national security adviser and four as secretary.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/02/gaza-humanitarian-ai	2025/05/02
With another role in his portfolio, Rubio ascends in Trump's orbit	Political Cesspool	The president moved swiftly on Thursday with new assignments for Waltz and Rubio to avoid the narrative of staff disjunction and chaos that often dominated his first term in office. But the decision leaves Rubio wearing multiple hats, including acting USAID administrator and acting archivist of the United States. Ed Martin, President Trump's nominee for U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, is trying to distance himself from a convicted Jan. 6 Capitol rioter known for his racist and antisemitic rhetoric. Federal prosecutors have described the man, Timothy Hale-Cusumelli, as a "Nazi sympathizer." ... "I am not close with him," Martin told the Senate. "The statements that individual made are abhorrent, deplorable and unacceptable in any context."	https://www.cnn.com/2025/05/02/politics/marco-rubio-trump-world-nike	2025/05/02
Trump nominee gives misleading testimony about ties to alleged 'Nazi sympathizer'	Political Cesspool	However, in an email in September 2024, NPR wrote to Martin and made him aware of a laundry list of Hale-Cusumelli's prior antisemitic and racist statements. In subsequent weeks and months, Martin continued to praise Hale-Cusumelli as an "amazing guy" and "great friend," and they appeared at multiple events together. President Trump said on Thursday he is nominating his national security adviser Mike Waltz as his ambassador to the United Nations in the first big shake up of top aides since Trump started his second term. Trump said on social media that he would make Marco Rubio his interim national security adviser — a role that will come on top of his existing job, Secretary of State. It's very unusual for one person to hold both major roles. Waltz' new job will depend on confirmation by the U.S. Senate, where Republicans narrowly control the majority — but where some have expressed concerns after inadvertently invited a journalist into a private text chat discussing military plans for U.S. strikes on the Houthis in Yemen. Even more incredibly, Bond told Trump that 75 percent of the nation's population would be dead if not for his leadership. The attorney general touted that the administration has seized 3,400 kilos of fentanyl since Trump took office, before turning from Trump to face the camera. "Which saved — are you ready for this, media?" — 258 million lives. Kids are dying every day because they're taking this junk, laced with something else. They don't know what they're taking. They think they're buying a Tylenol or an Adderall or a Xanax, and it's laced with fentanyl, dropping dead. No longer, because of you, what you've done."	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/01/tx-1-538093382-martin-trump-hale-c	2025/05/02
Trump is sending his national security adviser Mike Waltz to the US in a shakedown	Political Cesspool	Even more incredibly, Bond told Trump that 75 percent of the nation's population would be dead if not for his leadership. The attorney general touted that the administration has seized 3,400 kilos of fentanyl since Trump took office, before turning from Trump to face the camera. "Which saved — are you ready for this, media?" — 258 million lives. Kids are dying every day because they're taking this junk, laced with something else. They don't know what they're taking. They think they're buying a Tylenol or an Adderall or a Xanax, and it's laced with fentanyl, dropping dead. No longer, because of you, what you've done."	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/01/tx-1-5330845-trump-waltz-rubio	2025/05/02
Pam Bondi Flatters Trump With Claim That 75% of America Would Be Dead If Not for Him	Political Cesspool	It's a very impressive number, especially when considering the population of the United States is around 340 million.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pam-bondi-flatters-trump-claim-19534341	2025/05/02

Stephen Miller claims Trump has literally never visited America. As White House continues to deflect from bad economic news	Political Censorship	When he was pressed on whether there will be any news on additional tariff relief or any of the trade deals Trump and his advisers have been promising for weeks now. Miller declined to "get ahead of any announcements" but claimed that countries the world over "are desperate and dying to make trade deals with the United States." He added that Trump was remaining "personally involved in making sure that these negotiations serve only one interest, which is the interest of the United States of America."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/stephen-miller-claims-trump-literally-163d	2025/05/02	
Social Media Calls Out North Korea Vibes At Trump Cabinet Meeting	Political Censorship	But the sympathy and North Korea energy was too much for many on social media, with even conservative pundit Ann Coulter slamming the "Kim Jong Il-style tributes" she witnessed	https://www.yahoo.com/news/social-media-calls-north-korea-222d1b9d	2025/05/02	
Trump 100 days: White House action plan makes Project 2025 look mild	Project 2025	Many of Trump's moves in his first 100 days come directly from Project 2025, which involved more than 100 conservative organizations and represented a sort of consensus among the Trumpist right about what he should do in a second term. In some instances, he has gone beyond the project's suggestions. And in other cases, because the project was written in 2023, subsequent policy ideas haven't been as relevant. The Heritage Foundation has the details on the actions and goals.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/02/expect-2025-trump	2025/05/02	
May day protesters rally nationwide against the 'war on working people'	Protest	Protesters took to the streets nationwide on Thursday in May Day rallies opposing the Trump administration, hoping to seize the momentum of recent widespread grassroots protests against policies implemented by the administration.			
US health agency's 'review' advocates for therapy for youth gender dysphoria	Rainbow threats	As President Trump marked the 100th day of his second term, anti-Trump protesters continued to express a range of concerns with the administration's recent actions, including the elimination of thousands of federal jobs, immigration raids and billionaire Elon Musk's involvement in downsizing the U.S. government.	https://www.npr.org/2025/04/30/mu-s1-5382560/may-day-protests-history	2025/05/02	
Kennedy Issues Demands for Vaccine Approvals That Could Affect All Covid Boosters	RFK JR BS	The federal health department released what it described as a "comprehensive review" of pediatric gender dysphoria – advocating for therapy instead of medical care for youth whose gender identity does not match their assigned sex.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/01/gender-dysphoria	2025/05/02	
RFK Jr calls for CDC plan for alternative measles treatments	RFK JR BS	Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on Thursday announced plans to require all new vaccines to be tested against placebos and to develop new vaccines without using mRNA technology, moves that extend his reach deep into vaccine development and raise questions about whether Covid boosters will be available in the fall.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/01/us/politics/r-f-kennedy-jr-vaccine-safety-placebos	2025/05/02	
US Health secretary Kennedy revives misleading claims of fetal debris in measles shots	RFK JR BS	A spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services called the requirement for placebo testing "a radical departure" from existing standards. But that will depend on how the department defines "new," because most new vaccines are already tested either against placebos – inert substances — or, in some cases, against vaccines for other diseases.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-health-secretary-kennedy-revives-21d	2025/05/02	
Mark Zuckerberg says don't worry about loneliness epidemic because he can just recreate all your friends in AI	Technology: ai	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is directing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to come up with treatments for measles using "existing drugs in combination with vitamins and other modalities."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/zuckerberg-ai-friends	2025/05/02	
Inside Trump's 100 days of presidential profits	Trump Bullshit	Experts have said there is no evidence that any treatments can speed up recovery from measles and pediatricians have called his claims about budesonide and claritromycin "unproven and risky." U.S. health secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. reprised various misleading claims about vaccines this week, adding that the measles vaccine contains cells from aborted fetuses and the mumps vaccination does not work.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-health-secretary-kennedy-revives-21d	2025/05/02	
Spooked by Trade Wars, Trump Officials Heard Supplies: 'It Would Be Stupid Not To'	Trump Bullshit	The world will adjust to the demand for AI friends, he said, and we will "find the vocabulary as a society to be able to articulate why that is valuable and why the people who are doing these things, why they are rational for doing it and how it is adding value for their lives."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/spooked-trade-wars-trump-officials-140d	2025/05/02	
Plans revealed for massive military parade on Trump's 78th birthday	Trump Bullshit	President Trump warned American families this week that they may have to make do with fewer — and more expensive — holiday toys. But for Trump's own inner circle, a veritable Golden Age is well underway. Trump's family has enjoyed a historically lucrative first 100 days, leveraging its proximity to power — and raking in billions — through a flood of ethically murky business ventures.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	corruption
Trump uses National Day of Prayer to insult Biden, spread election lies and claim he was sent by god	Trump Bullshit	Two Trump administration officials and a Trump aide tell Rolling Stone that they have done some stockpiling of their own in recent weeks or months, and that they know others working in Republican politics — inside and outside of the administration — who are doing the same. One of the Trump officials says they have already run to Target to buy-buy toilet paper, some types of food, and other household supplies.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
What we know about the killings of a Cincinnati deputy and an 18-year-old who was shot by police	ACAB	The White House has previously denied that any such event was in development but the documents — dating from April 28 and 29, seen by the Associated Press (AP) but not yet made public — outline a spectacular occasion to mark the commander-in-chief's birthday, which happens to fall on the same date as the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
Army Black Hawk helicopter forces two jetliners to abort landings at DCA	Aviation	President Donald Trump used the National Day of Prayer to attack Joe Biden, perpetuate election lies and brag about his administration's first 100 days in office.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
What we know about the massive staffing shortage that has caused 7 days of major delays at Newark Airport	Aviation	While hosting the National Day of Prayer, the president, for the most part, breezed past faith and instead bashed Democrats, praised his administration's efforts, and repeated his 2020 "rigged election" claims.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
Trump administration sues Colorado and Denver for allegedly interfering in immigration enforcement	Borders and immigration	On Thursday, city police fatally shot an armed 18-year-old as he ran from them, and the next day a long-serving sheriff's deputy was hit and killed by a car that authorities say was driven by the young man's grieving father.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
Does a president need to uphold the Constitution? Trump says 'I don't know'	Constitutional Crisis	In an email reported by Politico, Chris Smith, Federal Aviation Administration assistant administrator for government and industry affairs, said the Army helicopter "took a scenic route around the Pentagon versus proceeding directly from the west to the helipad."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
Don't Look at Stock Markets, Look at the Ports	Economy-Ports	Sem said the helicopter violated safety standards and required air traffic controllers to order two commercial jetliners to perform "go-around maneuvers," aborting their landings and returning on another flight.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
Trump says tariffs could be permanent, but strikes softer note on China	Economy-Tariffs	For years, the shortage of certified air traffic controllers in the US has led to flight disruptions and headaches for travelers across the country, most recently at busy Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey, where staffing issues have led to major delays for an unparalleled seventh day in a row.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
Trump announces 100% tariffs on movies 'produced in foreign lands'	Economy-Tariffs	The Federal Aviation Administration on Sunday implemented a Ground Delay Program until midnight ET. Flights are being delayed an average of two hours and 13 minutes, according to an advisory from the FAA.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
Captive-bred axolotls thrive in Mexican wetlands, researchers find	Environment-Animals	Multiple accelerating factors seem to have caused the massive delays, including the nationwide air traffic controller shortage, a walk-off by Newark Air traffic controllers this week, according to United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby, the closure of a runway for "rehabilitation work," and unspecified technology failures.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
42 apex predators that feast on venomous snakes released in Florida. What to know	Environment-Animals	The Trump administration is tapping multiple agencies for a whole-of-government campaign to achieve its goal of deporting millions.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
Elon Musk wanted to turn his SpaceX launch site into a city. Voters in Texas just said yes	Fuck that guy	The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reached an agreement with DHS to share the tax information of undocumented immigrants with authorities.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
Real ID deadline is Wednesday, what to know before flying	Government	The DOJ is engaged in a number of headline-grabbing lawsuits over deportations.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
Cuts have eliminated more than a dozen US government health-tracking programs	Government Funds	Social Security is also now an immigration enforcement tool.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
After paying people to leave, one federal agency is scrambling to fill positions	Government Jobs	HUD Secretary Scott Turner said last month that federal housing assistance will no longer be granted to undocumented immigrants or to "sanctuary cities".	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said Wednesday that cities and states that give undocumented immigrants driver's licenses and those that are "sanctuary cities" will not receive federal funding.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		The U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the USPS' law enforcement arm, has quietly started to cooperate with federal immigration officials in order to find undocumented immigrants, the Washington Post reported this week.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		The Department of Justice sued Colorado and Denver on Friday for allegedly interfering with federal efforts to enforce immigration laws, the latest attempt by the Trump administration to crack down on what some call sanctuary cities and policies.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		Governor Ron DeSantis wants approval from the Department of Homeland Security to allow Florida National Guard members to serve as immigration judges. He's looking at plying judge advocates from the Florida National Guard to help expedite deportation.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		President Trump — when asked if he thinks he needs to uphold the Constitution on "Meet the Press with Kristen Welton" — said, "I don't know," but added that his lawyers "are obviously going to follow what the Supreme Court said."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		Trump views tariffs as essential to rebuilding the manufacturing economy that the United States once had. But his erratic tariff announcements have badly disrupted the economy that the country has today, and that pain is already being felt in the world of logistics.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		"These are big, massive disruptions that have not been seen since COVID," Evan Smith, the CEO of the supply-chain-management company Atlanta Technologies, told me. "The tariffs themselves are a shock to the system, and the shock is echoed and amplified across the entire chain. Even if there is resolution, it will take nine to 12 months to work out these bumps."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		President Trump said Sunday he would need to keep at least some tariffs on foreign goods in place to convince businesses to move production to the U.S.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		It suggests that the historic levies on nearly all goods coming into America would remain in some form — even as the White House says it intends to strike trade deals with a slew of nations, including China.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		Donald Trump on Sunday announced on his Truth Social platform a 100% tariff on all movies "produced in Foreign Lands", saying the US film industry was dying a "very fast death" due to the incentives film other countries were offering to draw American film makers.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		Fans of the iconic axolotl could see the critically endangered species stage a comeback in its native Mexico City, as researchers announced their findings that captive-bred axolotls can survive in the wild.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		"What we learned is if we can reintroduce these axolotls that have been in captivity to the restored wetland where the water conditions are ideal for the axolotls, they can survive," said Alejandra Ramos, lead researcher on the study published in the scientific journal PLOS One.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		The conservation program has now released 209 Eastern indigo snakes in Florida as part of efforts to revitalize the population of the rare species, The Nature Conservancy announced.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		During the ninth annual release, the team let 42 snakes loose into the Apalachicola Bluffs and Ravines Preserve, where the species hadn't been seen since 1992 until reintroduction efforts began in 2017, organizers said.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		Only 283 people, those who live within the boundaries of the proposed city, were eligible to vote in the election. A Texas Newsroom analysis of the voter rolls showed two-thirds of them either work for SpaceX or had already indicated their support.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		The three unopposed people who ran to lead the city also have ties to SpaceX.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		Brace yourself if you're flying in the coming days and weeks for long lines and delays at the airport. Wednesday, May 7 is the first day a Real ID compliant license — or another acceptable document — is needed to board a commercial aircraft in the U.S.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		The new identification requirement also applies when visiting military bases and secure federal buildings like courthouses.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		More than a dozen data-gathering programs that track deaths and disease appear to have been eliminated in the tornado of layoffs and proposed budget cuts rolled out in the Trump administration's first 100 days.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		Among those terminated at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were experts tracking abortions, pregnancies, job-related injuries, lead poisonings, sexual violence and youth smoking, the AP found.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		"If you don't have staff, the program is gone," said Patrick Breyse, who used to oversee the CDC's environmental health programs. [1]	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		But at least one agency, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is already scrambling to fill some of those newly vacant roles, according to internal communications seen by NPR.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		On Thursday, a day after the departure of hundreds of employees who accepted the deferred resignation offer, remaining APHIS employees received an email from human resources announcing "lateral transfer opportunities." Qualified employees are invited to apply by Tuesday for 73 open positions "that are especially critical to fill as soon as possible," the email said.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		The agency is looking for scientists, budget analysts, technicians, inspectors, and a veterinarian to carry out its mission to protect the health, welfare, and value of America's plants, animals, and natural resources.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	
		The immediate posting of these jobs has infuriated employees who took the deferred resignation offer out of fear that their positions would be eliminated.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-r	2025/05/02	

		We were concerned because there were questions that suggested that we may be biased in the research we report, Rubin says. "We aren't. We have a very rigorous review process. We use outside experts. We have internal editors who are experts in their fields as well. And we spend a lot of time choosing the right articles to publish and trying to get the message right. We think we're an article for misinformation." Rubin says the letter mentioned that the journal has tax-exempt status.			
Medical journals hit with threatening letters from Justice Department	Government-DOJ	"It does feel like there's a threatening tone to the letter and it is trying to intimidate us," Rubin says. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy blasted the Defense Department following an incident this week where an Army helicopter in D.C. airspace forced two commercial passenger jets landing at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to shift course. "Unacceptable. Our helicopter restrictions around DCA are crystal clear. In addition to investigations from @NTSB and @FAANews, I'll be talking to the @DeptofDefense to ask why the hell our rules were disregarded," Duffy wrote in a post on X on Friday. "No more helicopter rides for VIPs or unnecessary training in a congested DCA airspace full of civilians. Take a taxi or Uber - besides most VIPs have black car service." [2]	https://www.rpr.org/sections/shots/health-news/2025/05/02/mx-1-5374	2025/05/05	health, threats, information blackout, brain drain
'Take a taxi or Uber': Duffy blasts Defense Department after incident in DC airspace	Government-DOT	The Trump administration's sweeping cuts to disaster management will cost American lives, with hollowed-out agencies unable to accurately predict, prepare for or respond to extreme weather events, earthquakes and pandemics, a leading expert has warned.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/taxi-uber-duffy-blasts-defense-170849461	2025/05/05	
Trump cuts will increase devastation after disasters, expert warns: 'It is really scary'	Government-FEMA	Samantha Montano, professor of emergency management at Massachusetts Maritime Academy and author of Disasterology: Dispatches from the Frontlines of the Climate Crisis, said the death toll from disasters including hurricanes, tornadoes and water pollution will rise in the US unless Trump backtracks on mass layoffs and funding cuts to key agencies. That includes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (Fema), whose work relies heavily on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Noaa), which is also being dismantled.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/05/trump-cuts-disaster	2025/05/05	NOAA
Trump amps up Trump impeachment talk in midterm battle as party leaders woo Kemp for Senate	Government-GOP	"It is a key priority of his, obviously, to keep the House majority, because he knows what would happen if we don't," Speaker Mike Johnson told CNN after meeting with Trump last week to discuss the midterms. "Democrats have already said they're gonna try another baseless impeachment. They'll do their best to grind the agenda to a halt." Midterm elections historically are painful for parties in power. And Democrats believe Trump's sagging poll numbers and voter fears of an economic recession amid his trade war will be enough to win the narrowly divided House and give them a shot at the Senate majority, though the map is much tougher to flip that chamber.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-amps-trump-impeachment-talk-1100	2025/05/05	
Trump budget would slash rental aid by 40% — and let states fill the gap if they want	Government-hud	The proposal comes as nearly half of all renters are considered cost-burdened and as homelessness is at a record high. Advocates say that if millions of poor people barely making ends meet were to suddenly see their rental aid shrink — or even end altogether — it would tip many over the edge.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/02/mx-1-5374/077/trump-budget-housing-1	2025/05/05	
Trump 'shows an openness' to Medicaid work requirements, committee chair says	Government-Medicaid	U.S. President Donald Trump "shows an openness" to work requirements for Medicaid, Jason Smith, chair of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, said on Fox News Sunday, as lawmakers try to agree on spending cuts to partly offset the cost of a sweeping tax-cut bill.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-shows-openness-medicare-require-1	2025/05/05	
US worker safety agency notifies employees of firings	Government-OSHA	The Trump administration sent termination notices late on Friday to employees of a worker health and safety agency that provides research and services for coal miners, firefighters and others, despite appeals by a lawmaker from Trump's Republican Party to preserve its programs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-worker-safety-agency-notifies-00104	2025/05/05	
More than 18,000 USDA employees take Trump's offer to resign	Government-USDA	United Mine Workers of America International President Cecil E. Roberts on Saturday condemned the NIOSH firings in a statement, calling them an "attack on the very foundation of worker safety." [3]	https://www.politico.com/news/2025/05/03/more-than-18000-employee-1	2025/05/05	
World may be 'post-herd immunity' to measles, top US scientist says	Health-Measles	The US eliminated measles in 2000. Elimination status would be lost if the US had 12 months of sustained transmission of the virus. As of 1 May, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported 550 confirmed measles cases across 30 jurisdictions. Nearly one in three children under five years old involved in the outbreak, or 285 young children, have been hospitalized.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/world-may-post-herd-immunity-11003613	2025/05/05	
Which Arm Gets Vaccinated Could Matter More Than You Think	Health-Vaccines	"We're living in a post-herd-immunity world. I think the measles outbreak proves that," said Dr Paul Offit, an expert on infectious disease and immunology and director of the Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. "Measles — because it is the most contagious of the vaccine-preventable diseases, the most contagious human disease really — it is the first to come back."	https://scitechdaily.com/which-arm-gets-vaccinated-could-matter-more-1	2025/05/05	
Trump's White House is the hottest right-wing media outlet	Information-Blackout	The White House is deploying its platforms and personnel in ways that often feel more like how a modern media company would operate than a national government.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/04/trump-white-house-social-media-1	2025/05/05	
NPR stations targeted for cuts by Trump have provided solutions to listeners during disasters	Information-Blackout	Through flashy stunts, meme-heavy social media postings and camera-friendly Cabinet secretaries, Trump 2.0 has been built to win attention and fire up the MAGA base.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-2	2025/05/05	
Oklahoma wants to teach kids Trump's false version of the 2020 election where he was cheated out of victory	Information-Blackout	Public radio stations have been a lifeline for residents during natural disasters that take out power, the internet and cell towers. And in many remote and rural areas across the U.S., they can be a lone source of local news.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/analysis-trump-trying-chill-investigative-1	2025/05/05	
Analysis: Trump is trying to chill the investigative journalists that hold him to account	Information-Blackout	Trump's order instructs the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and other federal agencies "to cease Federal funding for NPR and PBS" and further requires that they work to root out indirect sources of public financing for the news organizations. The broadcasters get roughly half a billion dollars in public money through the private CPB, which has said that it is not a federal executive agency subject to Trump's orders.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/analysis-trump-trying-chill-investigative-1	2025/05/05	
Trump will only accept 'total disarmament' of Iran's nuclear program	International-Relations	The Oklahoma Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ryan Walters, announced a new education policy for the state on Thursday, which includes the allegation that there were "discrepancies" in the 2020 election, which President Donald Trump baselessly claims was stolen from him.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-votes-national-election-seen-20	2025/05/05	
Australia votes in national election seen as latest test of global anti-Trump sentiment	International-Australia	The new academic standards for social studies for the coming school year state that students should "identify discrepancies in 2020 elections results by looking at graphs and other information, including the sudden halting of ballot-counting in select cities in key battleground states, the security risks of mail-in balloting, sudden batch dumps, an unforeseen record number of voters, and the unprecedented contradiction of 'betterweather' or 'trends'."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/portugal-announces-expulsion-18-000-18	2025/05/05	
Portugal announces the expulsion of 18,000 foreigners ahead of a national election	International-Portugal	So much of what the public knows about President Trump's chaotic governance stems from robust reporting, including leaks from anonymous sources in the government. But Trump and his aides are now actively trying to impede this reporting and intimidate news outlets, creating a bleak backdrop to the UN's recognition of Saturday as World Press Freedom Day.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/portugal-announces-expulsion-18-000-18	2025/05/05	
Trump defends the high price tag for his military parade: 'Peanuts compared to the value'	Nazi-Checklist	Polis have closed in Australia in a national election dominated by cost-of-living concerns that's being closely watched abroad for signs of a Donald Trump-inspired swing against conservative candidates.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-defends-high-price-tag-130040944	2025/05/05	
'A slippery slope to eugenics': advocates reject RFX Jr's national autism database	Nazi-Checklist	Minister of the Presidency António Leisão Amaro said the center-right government will issue approximately 18,000 notifications to people in the country illegally to leave. The minister said officials will begin next week by asking some 4,500 foreigners to leave voluntarily within 20 days.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/05/autism-national-database	2025/05/05	
Historians alarmed as Trump seeks to rewrite US story for 260th anniversary	Nazi-Checklist	"My birthday happens to be on Flag Day," Trump told NBC News' "Meet the Press" moderator Kristen Welser in a wide-ranging interview at Mar-a-Lago that aired on Sunday. "I view it for Flag Day, not necessarily my birthday. Somebody put it together. But no, I think we're going to do something on June 14 maybe or somewhere around there. But I think June 14, it's a very important day."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/04/trump-us-260th-an	2025/05/05	

		He's not the only member of the Trump administration to do so. The increasing frenzy around immigration seems fueled by the desire to shape the population's genetic makeup. Musk's cuts to foreign aid are already leading to increased child mortality and HIV and malaria cases in Africa (the Trump administration's other main policy engagement with Africa has been offering white South Africans refugee status). At the heart of all these policies is soft eugenics thinking — the idea that if you take away life-saving healthcare and services from the vulnerable, then you can let nature take its course and only the strong will survive. ... Kennedy's "Maha" ("make America healthy again") movement does not advocate for forced sterilizations or mass deaths. Their stance is more of a shrug and sigh than a battle cry. When Kennedy claims that autism is worse than Covid-19 because the latter only kills "old people" and "metabolically healthy" people don't die from it, or when a Maha associate claims that measles is "an essential rite of passage, immunologically", you're hearing the language of soft eugenics. Don't let vaccines protect everyone, instead let the firm and weak be culled so that the strong will survive and perpetuate.			
Maga's era of 'soft eugenics': let the weak get sick, help the clever breed	Nazi Checklist	Secretary of State Marco Rubio's growing portfolio of administration roles — which now includes acting national security adviser — is "too much." Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) said Sunday. There's been several instances of dual-hatting in Trump's second administration — but Rubio serving as national security adviser while overseeing the State Department, what's left of USAID and the National Archives brings the multitasking to a new level. Since Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth took over the Pentagon, top female officers have been fired, some women's service histories have been erased, women's leadership programs have been squashed, and an advisory board focused on women in the military has been dismissed. But current and former female service members told Business Insider that they worry potential changes could reverse recent progress in addressing problems like hazing, sexual harassment, racism, and social media misconduct.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/hq-interactive/2025/may/04/maga	2025/05/05	
Sen. Warner: 'Don't know how anybody' could juggle Rubio's 'two big jobs'	Political Cesspool	Miller made the comment in a Thursday White House press briefing that previewed MAGA's indoctrination plan for kids as he discussed the Trump administration's efforts to dismantle the Department of Education and eliminate critical race theory from schools. "Children will be taught to love America. Children will be taught to be patriots. Children will be taught civic values for schools that want federal taxpayer funding. So as we close the Department of Education and provide funding to states, we're going to make sure these funds are not being used to promote communist ideology."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/04/warner-rubio-jobs-national-security	2025/05/05	
Hegseth says the Pentagon is done 'walking on eggshells'. Women in uniform say it feels like a 'slap in the face.'	Political Cesspool	HHS announced Friday that Kennedy, a prominent spreader of anti-vaccine conspiracy theories and propaganda, is directing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to come up with more measles treatments — even though decades of research have never turned up effective treatments for measles, reinforcing the importance of the life-or-death effort to make sure these funds are not being used to promote communist ideology."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hegseth-says-pentagon-done-walking-09	2025/05/05	DOD, women, DEI,
Opinion: Stephen Miller Rolls Out MAGA's Indoctrination Plan for Kids	Political Cesspool	HHS announced Friday that Kennedy, a prominent spreader of anti-vaccine conspiracy theories and propaganda, is directing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to come up with more measles treatments — even though decades of research have never turned up effective treatments for measles, reinforcing the importance of the life-or-death effort to make sure these funds are not being used to promote communist ideology."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-stephen-miller-rolls-mega-10062	2025/05/05	
RFK Jr. Tells CDC To Go All In On Rogue Vitamins, 'Scurf' For Measles	RFK JR BS	In that chapter, Kennedy wrote, "Miasma theory emphasizes preventing disease by fortifying the immune system through nutrition and by reducing exposures to environmental toxins and stresses," which, as Ars Technica also pointed out, also demonstrates a misunderstanding of the long-debunked miasma theory that disease is caused by "noxious mists and vapors." Apparently, according to Kennedy, germ theory wasn't based on actual evidence but instead got popular because it "transcended the traditional explanation for disease—demon possession—giving it a leg up over miasma."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-tells-cdc-boogus-235416167.html	2025/05/05	
RFK Jr. Doesn't Actually Believe Germs Are Real, Which Seems Like Terrible News For Everyone Going On A Cruise This Year	RFK JR BS	Targeted ads on social media are made possible by analyzing four key metrics: your personal info, like gender and age; your interests, like the music you listen to or the comedians you follow; your "off app" behavior, like what websites you browse after watching a YouTube video; and your "psychographics," meaning general trends glossed from your behavior over time, like your social values and lifestyle habits.	https://autos.yahoo.com/rfk-jr-doesnt-actually-believe-17250381.html	2025/05/05	
Facebook Allegedly Detected When Teen Girls Deleted Selfies So It Could Serve Them Beauty Ads	Technology-Garbage	The social media company likewise tracked when adolescent girls deleted selfies, "so it can serve a beauty ad to them at that moment," according to Wynn-Williams. Other examples of Facebook's ad lechery are said to include the targeting of young mothers based on their emotional state, as well as emotional indexes mapped to racial groups, like a "Hispanic and African American Feeling Fantastic Over index."	https://tech.yahoo.com/social-media/articles/facebook-allegedly-detecdy	2025/05/05	
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6 noteworthy moments from Trump's 'Meet the Press' interview	Trump Bullshit	Biden to blame for 'bad parts' of the economy Trump denies he wants a third term Trump hints some foreign tariffs could be permanent Trump is unsure if he has to uphold the Constitution Trump mostly dismisses annoying Canada Military parade worth it, despite high price tag	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/04/trump-economy-tariffs-canada	2025/05/05	
Trump mostly — but not entirely — rules out military action on Canada	Trump Bullshit	President Trump on Sunday mostly ruled out taking military action to unify Canada and the United States — but he didn't rule it out entirely, and reiterated that he believes Canada should become the 51st state.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/04/canada-trump-camey-military	2025/05/05	
Trump brands his opponents as 'communists,' a label loaded with the baggage of American history	Trump Bullshit	"All we have to do is define our opponent as being a communist or a socialist or somebody who is going to destroy our country," he told reporters at his New Jersey golf club in August. Trump did just that — branding Harris "comrade Kamalat" — and he won in November. With the ascent of more than 77 million Americans who cast ballots — 49.9% of the vote — Trump is carrying that strategy into his second term.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/04/canada-trump-camey-military	2025/05/05	
Trump says he'll call CEOs when he disagrees with their business decisions	Trump Bullshit	What he's talking about is not actually 'communism' "The core of communism is the belief that governments can do better than markets in providing goods and services. There are very, very few people in the West who seriously believe that," said Raymond Robertson of the Texas A&M University Bush School of Government & Public Service. "Unless they are arguing that the government should run U.S. Steel and Tesla, they are simply not communists."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-brands-opponents-communists-lab	2025/05/05	
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Trump Just Issued an Executive Order Aimed at Decimating the Civil Rights Act of 1964	Trump Bullshit	This move to repeal decades-old and previously noncontroversial civil rights protections on the strength of dissenting opinions is of a piece with the Trump administration's broader attack on the rule of law and the functioning of government. For example, the administration has ousted independent agency officials who, by statute, can only be removed for cause while relying on a 1988 dissenting opinion from Scalia in a case that was decided 6-1. These officials include ones who play a key role in civil rights enforcement, such as members of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-just-issued-executive-order-13000	2025/05/05	racism, going backwards
Trump says he will reopen Alcatraz prison for 'most ruthless offenders'	Trump Bullshit	Donald Trump has said he is directing his government to reopen and expand Alcatraz, the notorious former prison on an island off San Francisco that has been closed for more than 60 years.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/05/trump-plan-reopen	2025/05/05	
Trump says he'll call CEOs when he disagrees with their business decisions	Trump Bullshit	He added: "That is why, today, I am directing the Bureau of Prisons, together with the Department of Justice, FBI, and Homeland Security, to reopen a substantially enlarged and rebuilt ALCATRAZ, to house America's most ruthless and violent offenders."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/05/trump-plan-reopen	2025/05/05	
He injected himself with snake venom hundreds of times, his blood could revolutionize treatments	Weird World	Asked whether he would use the same tactic with CEOs of other major retailers, Trump told moderator Kristen Welker: "Sure. I'll always call people if I disagree with them." "If I think that somebody's doing something that's incorrect, wrong or maybe harmful to the country, I'll call it," he added. "Wouldn't you want me to call? [Former President Joe] Biden wouldn't call because he didn't know what was happening, but I do."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-8-call-ceos-219236497.html	2025/05/05	
The F1 Drivers Actually Got to Drive the Lego F1 Cars, Well Half of Them	Weird World	Immunologist Jacob Gianville came across media reports in 2017 of a man who had injected himself hundreds of times with the venom of some of the world's deadliest snakes, including cobras, mambas and rattlesnakes — and allowed himself to be bitten.	https://autos.yahoo.com/f1-drivers-actually-got-drive-201300917.html	2025/05/05	
Wisconsin woman missing for more than 60 years found 'alive and well'	Weird World	Gianville's diamond was Tim Friede, a self-taught snake expert based in California who exposed himself to the venom of snakes over the course of nearly 18 years, effectively gaining immunity to several neurotoxins.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/man-injected-himself-venom-hundreds-1	2025/05/05	
Huge bound and pocket-sized pup, meet-and-sniff with world's tallest and smallest dogs	Weird World	Lego and F1 combining to build life-sized Lego Cars is one of the best reminders that, at the end of the day, we're watching 20 drivers live out their childhood dreams. Ahead of the Miami Grand Prix, all 20 drivers took to the track two-by-two in custom two-seater F1 cars made entirely out of Legos. One driver, driving, and one sitting elevated behind them in the cockpit, fighter jet style.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/04/wisconsin-woman	2025/05/05	
7-year-old boy found safe after going on a joyride to get a McDonald's Happy Meal	Weird World	In a press statement, Wisconsin's Sauk county sheriff's office said that 82-year-old Audrey Backeberg, who initially disappeared in July 1962 at the age of 20, had been found living out of the state. The sheriff's office did not disclose which state Backeberg was found in.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/04/guinness-world-re	2025/05/05	
Mirac rescue of plane crash survivors from crocodile-infested lagoon grips Bolivia	Weird World	"Further investigation has revealed that Ms Backeberg's disappearance was by her own choice and not the result of any criminal activity or foul play," the sheriff's office said.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/uhah-mcdonalds-boy	2025/05/05	
Army pausing helicopter flights near Washington airport after close calls	Aviation	According to the Wisconsin justice department, Backeberg left her family home on 7 July in 1962. Backeberg's babysitter claimed that she and Backeberg hitchhiked to Madison, Wisconsin, and then took a Greyhound bus to Indianapolis, Indiana. The babysitter last saw Backeberg — a mother of two — walking around the corner away from the bus stop.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/bolivia-plane-cra	2025/05/05	
Newark airport outage last week lasted 60-90 seconds, ATC screens went dark, Sources	Aviation	A physics battle between the world's tallest and smallest living dogs went the way of most dog park encounters despite the 3ft (0.91-meter) height difference — lots of tail wagging, sniffing and scampering.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/06/newark-airport-outage-week-1asted-60-90	2025/05/06	
Newark airport 'not safe for the public': Trump administration is offering \$1,000 to self-deporting undocumented immigrants	Aviation	A 7-year-old boy, who took his younger sister for a spin in their mother's car in the hunt for a McDonald's Happy Meal, has been found safe, according to police.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/newark-airport-not-safe-fia-214084642.html	2025/05/06	
	Aviation	Officers learned that the child "had taken a family vehicle without parental knowledge." The boy drove the car from Clearfield to Ogden—10 miles—in a bid to reach the golden arches. The children were unharmd, police said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/06/trump-deportation-spend-money-h	2025/05/06	
	Aviation	After smashing into the ground, the aircraft flipped over into a lagoon infested with anacondas and alligators, plunging the pilot and four passengers—including a six-year-old boy—into a harrowing 36 hours spent clinging to the plane's wreckage before being rescued Friday in the northeast of the Andean nation.			
	Aviation	But helicopter traffic remains a concern around that busy airport. The FAA said that three flights that had been cleared for landing Sunday at Reagan were ordered to go ground because a police helicopter was on an urgent mission in the area. All three flights landed safely on their second approaches.			
	Aviation	The outage at Newark Liberty International Airport last Monday caused air traffic control computer screens to go dark for roughly 60 to 90 seconds, according to multiple sources with knowledge of the incident. It prevented the controllers from talking to aircraft during this time as well. In the air traffic control recordings obtained by ABC News, you can hear an air traffic controller telling pilots that "approach lost all the radars. Three of the four radar screens went black and they have no free frequency."			
	Aviation	Newark airport has been branded unsafe for travelers after air traffic controllers apparently lost contact with planes for more than a minute.			
	Aviation	One air traffic control worker warned travellers to "avoid Newark at all costs", while United Airlines is cutting dozens of Newark flights per day to "protect customers".			
	Aviation	The Trump administration is offering \$1,000 stipends and travel assistance to undocumented immigrants who "self-deport," the Department of Homeland Security said on Monday.			

		Donald Trump's administration is in the "early stages" of diplomatic talks with Rwanda aimed at using the country as an offshore site to house migrants deported from the US, the country's foreign minister said.			
Trump could be shipping deported migrants to Rwanda, under newest proposal	Borders and immigration	Rwanda's acceptance of US deportees would be of note especially given that the UK abandoned plans to do the same after a massive outcry over the humanitarian conditions under which migrants would be housed.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/rwanda	2025/05/06	
Newborn U.S. citizen and Guatemalan mom detained as she faces deportation	Borders and immigration	A Guatemalan woman who gave birth to an American baby less than a week ago is being held along with her newborn as she faces deportation, U.S. officials said. A department of Homeland Security spokesperson said Sunday that the woman was apprehended by Customs and Border Patrol agents and hospitalized after she crossed the U.S.-Mexico border illegally while she was eight months pregnant.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/newborn-u-citizen-guatemalan-mom-010	2025/05/06	
Mom raises \$500K after appearing to hurt racist slur at child in viral video	Cespool	A video of a Rochester, Minnesota, mom appearing to hurt a racist slur at a Black child on a city playground earlier this week has been circulating widely across social media, garnering criticism from many viewers and a half-million dollars in donations from others.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mom-raises-500k-appearing-hurt-161656	2025/05/06	
MAGA Angry as Elon Musk's Grok AI Keeps Explaining Why Their Beliefs Are Factually Incorrect	Cespool	As Gizmodo reports, the chatbot is really getting on the nerves of MAGA users as they find that it's willing to acknowledge the existence of outlandish conspiracy theories or tap into the kind of misinformation president Donald Trump has used to justify his bruising trade war.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/maga-angry-elon-musk-grok-21060184/	2025/05/06	
Schumer blasts Trump's response on upholding the Constitution	Constitutional Crisis	The Federal Reserve will likely keep its key short-term interest rate unchanged on Wednesday, despite weeks of harsh criticism and demands from President Donald Trump that the Fed reduce borrowing costs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/schumer-blasts-trump-response-upholdin	2025/05/06	
Trump's sons promote real estate and crypto deals, across world that will benefit the president	Constitutional Crisis	Donald Trump's sons Eric and Donald Trump Jr have embarked on a worldwide tour in recent weeks with stops across Europe and the Middle East promoting Trump-associated business ventures that could directly benefit the president. The deals include a \$1 billion luxury hotel in Dubai, a golf course and villa complex in Qatar, a hotel in Serbia, and a \$2 billion investment from an Abu Dhabi-backed venture capital fund using a currency offered by the Trump family's crypto firm World Liberty Financial.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-	2025/05/06	corruption
Shocking! Experts question Trump claiming 'I don't know' about upholding Constitution	Constitutional Crisis	On the home front last month, Donald Trump Jr announced the launch of a \$500,000-per-membership exclusive club in Washington, D.C. called, cheekily, the Executive Branch, the name for the category of federal offices that include the presidency that include the president's legal experts told ABC News that the Fifth Amendment does not make any distinction between citizens and noncitizens. The Supreme Court has held that illegal immigrants are afforded due process rights under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/experts-trump-claiming-dont-know-2022	2025/05/06	
Federal Reserve likely to defy Trump, keep rates unchanged this week	Economy- Federal Reserve	"President Trump's failure to acknowledge that he swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution is unprecedented in American history," Gertzel said. "Most presidents have not been lawyers, but every president, other than Trump, has acknowledged that every federal official, including the president, has the duty to uphold the Constitution."	https://apnews.com/article/inflation-trump-fed-rates-d4d543c3-d0d6a34	2025/05/06	
Why making an All-American product is so hard	Economy- Made in the USA	Moving that last 5% statewide has been a challenge. Chief Executive Bill Banta said the company searched for a domestic source for the ball bearings it buys from China, only to hit a dead end. Manufacturers that already make products in the U.S. said it is tough to create an entirely domestic supply chain. Parts or materials vital to their products are no longer made here, they said, or are available only in quantities that are too low or prices that are too high.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/why-making-american-product-hard-05	2025/05/06	
Trump administration to resume collections on student loan borrowers in default	Economy- Student Loans	After a five-year hiatus, the U.S. Department of Education says it will begin resuming collections of defaulted student loans this week. Of the more than 42.7 million student loan borrowers in the U.S., who owe a collective \$1.6 trillion, the department says that more than 5 million have not made a payment in the past year. That number is expected to grow as an additional 4 million borrowers are approaching default status.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/04/24/us-st-5371731trump-administration-co	2025/05/06	
Republicans in Congress pull out all the stops to protect Trump tariffs	Economy- Tariffs	Warring signs flashed this week that Donald Trump's tariffs were beginning to destabilize what had, at the start of his term, appeared to be a solid economy. But in Congress, Republican leaders pulled out all the stops to protect his signature trade policy. The threat appeared in the form of a Senate resolution sponsored by the Republican Rand Paul and Democrat Ron Wyden that targeted the levies and looked like it had a shot at passing a chamber in which the Republican majority had previously shown little inclination of respecting the president. But even before the first votes were cast, Trump and his allies moved to ensure it would go nowhere.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-congress-pull-stops-protect-t	2025/05/06	
Trump's tax fight with Harvard sends chill through nonprofit sector	Education Drain	President Trump's legally dubious threat to strip Harvard's tax-exempt status could cost the university hundreds of millions a year, and other nonprofits fear they could be next. Trump has waged an unprecedented assault on the independence of universities, law firms, and nonprofit media, using the power of the government to punish his perceived political enemies.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/05/harvard-tax-exempt-trump-threats-ii	2025/05/06	
Poachers have killed over 100 rhinos in South Africa this year	Environment- Animals	Poachers in South Africa killed more than 100 rhinos in the first three months of this year, most of them inside national parks, highlighting an ongoing battle to protect one of the best-known endangered species.	https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/poachers-killed-100-ru	2025/05/06	
Sweeping cuts hit NEA after Trump administration calls to eliminate the agency	Government- Funds	The Trump Administration has started canceling National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grants. Hundreds of arts groups of various sizes across the U.S. received emails notifying them of the withdrawal and termination of their grants late on Friday. The updates, which came from a generic "arts.go" email address, appeared in grantees' inboxes just hours after President Trump proposed eliminating the agency entirely from the federal budget.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/03/us-st-5385888sweeping-cuts-hit-ne	2025/05/06	
Federal workers in limbo amid whiplash White House firings and court-ordered rehiring	Government- Jobs	In the weeks that followed, similar scenes played out across the government — nurses at the Department of Veterans Affairs, food safety regulators at the Department of Agriculture, scientists at the Department of Health and Human Services. Employees, along with unions and legal groups, challenged the legality of the widespread terminations. At least 24,000 of those dismissals led to court-ordered reinstatements, which have since been paused.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-workers-limbo-amid-whiplash-155	2025/05/06	
Trump administration plans to cut thousands of employees at spy agencies	Government- Jobs	Whiplashing court orders have left probationary workers in a fragile state of limbo. Some have been rehired, while others remain on administrative leave. Some have received backpay and benefits, while others have not. Some were returned to work, put on administrative leave and then fired again, after an intervention by the supreme court.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-plans-cut-thousand	2025/05/06	
Hegseth orders Pentagon to cut number of senior generals by 25%	Government- DOD	The Trump administration plans to significantly shrink the workforce of the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies, with the aim of cutting thousands of employees over several years, two sources with knowledge of the matter told NBC News. The administrator's cost-cutting approach at the CIA and other intelligence agencies suggests a more calibrated effort than its strategy at other federal departments, with some agencies — such as the U.S. Agency for International Development — essentially dismantled.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hegseth-orders-pentagon-to-cut-number-of	2025/05/06	
19 states sue REK Jr. over HHS restructuring	Government- HHS	US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth has ordered senior Pentagon leadership to cut the number of four-star generals and admirals by at least 20% across the military, according to a memo signed by Hegseth dated Monday and obtained by CNN. As of 2023, there were 37 four-star generals and admirals across the entire military.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/03/us-st-5385888sweeping-cuts-hit-ne	2025/05/06	
US scientist who touted hydroxychloroquine to treat Covid named to pandemic prevention role	Government- HHS	The memo also directs the Pentagon to cut the number of general officers in the National Guard by 20%, and to cut the total number of general and flag officers across the military by 10%. There are currently about 900 general and flag officers — those with the rank of one star or higher — across the military.	https://www.thequardian.com/us/news/2025/may/05/covid-hydroxychloro	2025/05/06	
IRS Lost 31% of Tax Auditors in DOGE Downsizing - Watchdog Finds	Government- IRS	Nineteen Democratic-led states plus the District of Columbia sued HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on Monday, saying his ongoing reorganization of the federal health bureaucracy incapacitated core functions and deprived the states of federal funds and expertise. The lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Rhode Island alleges that Kennedy's structural changes stopped health agencies from carrying out legally-required functions, including health hazard evaluations at workplaces, food safety inspections and infectious disease prevention.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/irs-lost-31-tax-auditors-1719380260.html	2025/05/06	
Trump's attacks on judiciary slammed in letter by 150 retired judges	Government- Judiciary	A proponent of using the drug hydroxychloroquine to treat Covid-19 despite scant evidence of its efficacy has been named to a top pandemic prevention role at the Department of Health and Human Services, the Washington Post reports.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-j	2025/05/06	constitutional crisis
CDC allegedly cancels Emory's HIV self-testing program after not enough workers left to oversee it	Health- HIV	The Internal Revenue Service lost 31% of its auditors from buyouts and layoffs tied to Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, departures that are likely to hamper the agency's ability to go after tax cheats.	https://abcnews.go.com/health/usdc-allegedly-cancels-emory-hiv-testin	2025/05/06	
Trump cuts baby 'Safe to Sleep' team. Here's what parents should know	Health- Infants	A group of more than 150 retired state and federal judges criticized the Trump administration's repeated attacks on the judiciary, calling them an attempt to undermine the rule of law in a letter sent Monday to Attorney General Pam Bondi.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/05/us-st-5383671trump-cuts-safe-sleep	2025/05/06	
Thousands of Islamists rally in Bangladesh against proposed changes to women's rights	Human rights	The judges took issue with how the administration handled the April arrest of Hannah Dugan, a Wisconsin judge accused of attempting to prevent federal agents from arresting an undocumented man outside her courtroom.	https://apnews.com/article/bangladesh-women-rights-islamists-rally-11f	2025/05/06	
Opinion - Conservative losses in Australia and Canada have shocking parallels	International Politics	"This latest action is yet another attempt to intimidate and threaten the judiciary after a series of rulings by judges appointed by presidents of both parties holding the Trump Administration accountable for its countless violations of the Constitution and laws of the United States," the judges wrote.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-conservative-losses-australia-c	2025/05/06	
Many in US and western Europe think 'third world war' will erupt within five to 10 years'	International Relations	On April 22, the federal health agency informed Emory University in Atlanta that its large HIV self-testing program, called Together TakeMeHome, was being canceled two years early.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/many-us-western-europe-think-0405569/	2025/05/06	
Israel plans to occupy and flatten all of Gaza if no deal by Trump's trip	International- Israel	"CDC notified us that they had let go of so many CDC staff earlier in this year that they could no longer provide the required federal oversight for the project," he told ABC News. "It's really a tough rationale to accept. I really feels negligent to have sent home the staff that were needed to manage a really successful program that was improving the health of Americans, that was extending life, that was saving money and not to keep the resources in place to manage that."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/05/israel-gaza-destroy-trump-deal	2025/05/06	
Signal archiving tool Trump officials used suspends services after hack claims	National Security	The federal government launched the campaign as "Back to Sleep" in 1994 in partnership with private organizations. Since then, it has helped save thousands of babies from dying in their sleep, says Dr. Rachel Moon, a pediatrician and researcher at the University of Virginia who helped write the American Academy of Pediatrics' guidelines on safe infant sleep.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/05/signal-keemessage-trump-officials-i	2025/05/06	

		The race is officially on to become Donald Trump's next national security adviser – but in this White House, the personalities and egos surrounding the president can matter far more than the titles they hold. "I think he sort of indirectly already has that job ... because he has a lot to say about a lot of things," Trump said of Miller on board Air Force One. "He's a very valued person in the administration," Stephen Miller. ... The two men represent distinct wings of Trump's Republican support. Rubio is a former rival who has tried to shapeshift into a MAGA Republican, preserving his role in the Trump administration and potentially setting up a 2028 presidential run. Miller is a rightwing ideologue who has staked out a reputation as the administration's driving hawk on immigration and a Trump enforcer among his top aides.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/05/trump-rubio-miller	2025/05/06	
Loyalty matters most in race to become Trump's next national security adviser	Political Cesspool	Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp will not run for the Senate, despite wooing from Senate GOP leadership, Axios has confirmed. Kemp was by far the Republican Party's strongest potential candidate as it tries to take back the Georgia seat from Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-Ga.) in the 2028 midterm election.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/05/brian-kemp-georgia-senate	2025/05/06	
Gov. Brian Kemp passes on Georgia Senate race	Politics- GOP	Donald Trump's administration on Monday pushed forward in defending US rules easing access to the abortion drug mifepristone from a legal challenge that began during Democratic former president Joe Biden's administration.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/05/trump-biden-defen	2025/05/06	
Trump to continue Biden's court defense of abortion drug mifepristone	Reproductive Rights	The Trump administration on Monday asked a judge to toss out a lawsuit from three GOP-led states seeking to cut off telehealth access to abortion medication mifepristone. Justice Department attorneys stayed the legal course charted by Biden administration, though they don't directly weigh in on the underlying issue of access to the drug that's part of the nation's most common method of abortion.			
Trump administration asks judge to toss suit restricting access to abortion medication	Reproductive Rights	Rather, the government argued the states don't have the legal right, or standing, to sue. As severe weather continues to impact the south-central U.S. on Monday, officials in Texas are working to locate a child who was swept away in "rapidly rising floodwaters."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-asks-judge-toss-22	2025/05/06	
Child swept away in Texas flooding as storms threaten 46 million in south-central US	Tragic	This comes as severe weather from western New Mexico to Louisiana has put 40 million people under flood watches due to potentially heavy rainfall. There were 50 storm reports -- including damaging wind and hail -- reported across 10 states on Sunday. Most of the severe storms impacted parts of the Southwest, specifically in New Mexico and Texas.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/severe-thunderstorms-flash-flooding-egy	2025/05/06	
Boat washes ashore near San Diego with 3 dead, 4 survivors and 9 unaccounted for	Tragic	Three dead bodies and four survivors in need of medical care were discovered on a panga boat that washed ashore near San Diego on Monday morning, according to the U.S. Coast Guard and the Encinitas Fire Department. Nine people are unaccounted for, the Coast Guard said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/boat-washes-ashore-near-san-16040488	2025/05/06	
What to know about Alcatraz: why it closed and why it's notorious	Trump Bullshit	One of the world's most notorious prisons, Alcatraz has been closed since 1963 because it was expensive to run, and the U.S. government "found that it was more cost-effective to build a new institution" than keep it open, per the Federal Bureau of Prisons. "An estimated \$3-5 million was needed just for restoration and maintenance work to keep the prison open," the BOP's website says, a figure that did not include operating costs. At that rate, Alcatraz was nearly three times more expensive to operate than any other federal prison at the time. The prison's isolation also made it difficult and expensive to transport fresh water, food, and fuel. Since March, Gov. Josh Shapiro and the Trump administration have been sparring over the cancellation of a program that provides millions in funding for Pennsylvania farmers who provide products for local food banks. There have been threats of a lawsuit, letters and public comments by state and federal officials. "This isn't some hope of mine that we would fund our farmers and our food banks," Shapiro said during a press conference on April 21. "We had a three-year contract that the federal government broke in north East."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/05/why-did-alcatraz-close-trump	2025/05/06	
'A deal is a deal' Shapiro says of Trump cuts to funding for Pa. farmers providing for food banks	Trump Bullshit	In its budget request for the fiscal year 2026, which is also proposing billions in crippling cuts to space, health, education, and other areas, the White House argued that the The National Park Service's responsibilities "include a large number of sites that are not 'national parks,' in the traditionally understood sense, many of which receive small numbers of mostly local visitors, and are better categorized and managed as state-level parks." There are more than 430 national parks that span across 85 million acres, including every U.S. state and territory.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-calendar-tariffs-no-buyouts-1827	2025/05/06	
'A deal is a deal' Shapiro says of Trump cuts to funding for Pa. farmers providing for food banks	Trump Bullshit	It is unclear what handing over park sites to states would really look like or which parks are deemed not to be "national parks" in the traditionally understood sense, but there are hurdles in the way of implementing such changes successfully.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-wants-states-over-control-16313116	2025/05/06	
Trump's calendar: When tariffs, RTD, buyouts, and a TikTok cut-off are set to go into effect	Trump Bullshit	Fact check President Donald Trump is taking credit for a better-than-expected jobs report. But he insisted the wars in the American economy are the fault of former President Joe Biden, who's been out of the White House for months. "I think the good parts are the Trump economy and the bad parts are the Biden economy because he's done a terrible job," Trump told host Kristin Welker in an interview that was to air Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." "He did a terrible job on everything, from his autopen -- which I'm sure he has nothing about, some of the things he was supposedly signing."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fact-checking-donald-trumps-may-16004	2025/05/06	
Trump wants states to take over control of National Park system as he proposed \$1 billion cut to its budget	Trump Bullshit	Disputed ballots in the still unresolved 2024 race for a North Carolina Supreme Court seat result in the first in the first round, a federal judge ruled late Monday, a decision that if upheld would result in an electoral victory for Democratic incumbent Aileen Riggs. The race cars got into downtown Camden, S.C., like an old-fashioned circus. Streets are blocked off for the welcome party, where a rock band serenades the crowd with a Jerry Reed country classic: "East Bound and Down."	https://www.abcnews.go.com/Politics/story/federal-judge-results-north-c	2025/05/06	
Fact-checking Donald Trump's May interview with 'Meet the Press'	Trump Bullshit	Some of these race cars look like something a child might draw. A Honda Civic has a lawnmower, squirrels and flamingoes on its roof. A cream-colored Toyota Yaris has googly eyes, an homage to Garold Gareth "Gary" Wilson, Jr. -- SpongeBob SquarePants' pet snail. They're all here for the local installment of 24 Hours of Lemons, an endurance car race with a major twist: The cars can't cost more than \$500. The series bills itself as "racing for real people." Team costumes are encouraged. The U.S. has built a secret underground "city" costing \$21 trillion where the ultra-wealthy can hide out during a "near-extinction event," a former government official has claimed.	https://www.ppr.org/2025/05/02/trw-st-53392824lemons-tour-24-hours-c	2025/05/06	
Trump wants the credit, but not the blame, for US economy	Trump Economy	While on "The Tucker Carlson Show," Fitts said she spent years investigating where the \$21 trillion had got gone -- and discovered there were 170 secret underground bases across the U.S. Several compounding issues are hitting Newark Liberty International Airport at once: air traffic controller staffing shortages, aging technology, bad weather and the closure of one of the airport's busiest runways. By end of the day, Newark had reported 424 flights were delayed on their way in and out of the airport and 160 flights cancelled, according to flight tracking website FlightAware.	https://www.ppr.org/2025/05/02/trw-st-53394041newark-airport-delays-f	2025/05/07	
Federal judge says results of North Carolina race must be certified	Voting Fucker	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Sam Graves (R-Mo.) released a budget proposal last week that includes \$15 billion to modernize air traffic control systems. "Our nation's air traffic control system is outdated, and it must be modernized for the benefit and safety of all users of the National Airspace System," Graves said during the March hearing where Daniels also addressed the issue. "While this issue has been thrust back into the spotlight following a string of tragic accidents, this is not a new debate."	https://thehill.com/regulation/transportation/5285150-air-traffic-control	2025/05/07	
Race car drivers turn lemons (and \$500) into an endurance contest like no other	Weird World	Kristi Noem, the head of the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), said on Tuesday that travelers without a REAL ID will still be able to fly when the updated identity system comes into effect on 7 May, but they may face extra scrutiny at transportation security agency (TSA) checkpoints. The ACLU of New York said in opposition to the REAL ID act that it threatened privacy because "it consolidates Americans' personal information into a network of interlinking databases accessible to the federal government and bureaucrats throughout the 50 states and US territories." "This national mega-database would invite government snooping and be a goldmine for identity thieves," it said. The group also warned that "despite what the DHS claims, REAL ID is a real national ID card" and could turn Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offices into "immigration enforcement agencies" and force driver's license agents to make complicated judgments about a person's lawful status in the US. A drastic reduction in immigration could lead to labor shortages, especially in some critical roles -- building houses, taking care of the growing elderly population, or staffing farms and meatpacking plants. There's the potential for a longer-term slowdown in economic growth, as well Last month, Clay Jackson was at a gas station near his home in Dallas when an attendant asked if he could offer up some legal advice to an immigrant family in the neighborhood. A father was caught up in an Immigration and Customs Enforcement raid, and the mixed-status family with a U.S. citizen child wasn't sure what to do next. Jackson agreed to give them informal pro bono support in his personal capacity, not as an in-house lawyer for Fidelity National Financial, a multi-billion dollar Fortune 500 title insurance company. Then two people he says appeared to be federal law enforcement agents visited Jackson himself. Two plain-clothed agents appeared at his home and accused Jackson of obstructing an investigation, he said. That same day, Jackson was fired.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/07/trump-immigration-policies-workfor	2025/05/07	economy, jobs, labor shortage,
US has a \$21 trillion underground network for only the wealthy to hide out in a 'near-extinction event,' official says	WTF?	The incident follows a series of actions from Donald Trump's administration targeting individual lawyers and firms that provided work for his perceived political enemies. Jackson fears ICE's threats and his abrupt termination could send a "chilling" effect preventing lawyers from pro bono work or even informal advice. The Trump administration has developed plans to send migrants to detention centers in Libya on a military flight, according to Reuters. The flight could depart as soon as Wednesday, officials told The New York Times. The nationalities of those set to be on the flight were not immediately apparent.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald	2025/05/07	
What is happening at Newark Airport? This and other questions answered	Aviation	Libya is in the middle of severe conflict, and human rights groups have called its migrant detention centers "horrific" and "deplorable." President Donald Trump's administration has asked the Ukrainian government to take in an unspecified number of people who are being deported from the U.S. but aren't Ukrainian citizens, a new report claims. Trump's team asked Ukraine to take in the group in late January, despite the country not having a functional airport due to ongoing air strikes from Russia, according to documents reviewed by The Washington Post. It's unclear how exactly Ukrainian officials responded, but Ukraine has not accepted any third-party nationals from the U.S. National Weather Service offices around the country are on guard after recent threats to agency infrastructure -- specifically Doppler weather radars -- from a violent militia-style group, emails from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's security office show. "This group is advocating for anyone and everyone to join them in conducting penetration drills on NEXRAD sites to identify weaknesses which can be used to ultimately destroy the sites," the email stated, using an acronym for the weather radar network. "The group referred to the NEXRAD system towers as 'weather weapons,' and claimed there were no laws preventing American citizens from destroying the 'weapons,'" the email states. It's unclear what the group believes the radars are doing. The NEXRAD, or "next generation radar," system has been in place since the 1960s and detects precipitation in the atmosphere. It can also help pinpoint tornadoes and severe thunderstorms, prompting timely life-saving warnings. The network is also used by the Federal Aviation Administration and the US Air Force.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/militia-led-conspiracy-theorist-group-belli	2025/05/07	
Kristi Noem says travelers without Real ID will still be able to fly after deadline	Aviation				
Employers worry over immigration crackdown as labor shortage fears loom	Borders and immigration				
A Texas lawyer gave advice to an immigrant family caught up in an ICE raid. Agents visited him, and then he was fired	Borders and immigration				
Trump deportations stoking fears about violations of children's rights	Borders and immigration				
Trump administration plans to send migrants to Libya's 'horrific' detention centers	Borders and immigration				
Trump administration wanted to deport migrants to Ukraine despite ongoing war, report claims	Borders and immigration				
A militarized conspiracy theorist group believes radars are 'weather weapons' and is trying to destroy them	Cesspool- Conspiracy				

		Regardless of any alternate "interpretations" of the Supreme Court's ruling — which several federal courts have excoriated the administration for failing to honor — it's hard to think of an easier question for a president to answer than whether they should uphold the Constitution, which Trump pledged to preserve, protect, and defend as part of his swearing-in ceremony. Trump didn't say, "Yes, however," or "Of course, but in this case," or some other hedge. He said, "I don't know" — about upholding the nation's founding document, one that conservatives hold so dear that Trump included it in the Bible he's selling with country star Lee Greenwood. Now, he's saying the Constitution is only important so long as it doesn't interfere with his political goals.			
Republicans Silent as Trump Refuses to Commit to Upholding Constitution	Constitutional Crisis	Trump later on Sunday posted his intention to reopen Alcatraz and an insouciant call to place tariffs on foreign films. These absurd directives garnered more media attention than the president shunning at the importance of the Constitution.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-silent-trump-refuses-commit-22550507.html	2025/05/07	
Bipartisan push to ban lawmakers from trading stocks gets a boost from Trump	Corruption	President Trump and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., don't agree on much. But their public support of legislation to ban members of Congress from trading individual stocks could revive prospects for a bipartisan effort that's stalled on Capitol Hill for years.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/02/m-x-1-5381400/stock-trading-ban-boost/	2025/05/07	
Why oil prices are falling, and what it means for the economy	Economy- Oil	"The truth is, both parties — members of both parties — enjoy trading stock and enjoy the profits they get off it," he said. "This is something that we ought to set aside for the good of the American people. It is a distraction at best. It is a source of potential corruption at worst."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/06/m-x-1-5387426/bp-oil-prices-falling-why-it-2/	2025/05/07	environment, fossil fuels,
U.S. and China to hold first formal talks since trade war escalated	Economy-Tariffs	Prices at the pump have indeed gone down, largely because the price of crude oil has dropped by nearly 25% since the start of January. West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. benchmark, dropped from a peak of around \$80 a barrel in mid-January to just under \$60 today. But that's not because U.S. producers are opening the spigot. Instead, prices are now low enough that, on average, U.S. producers cannot profitably drill new wells, according to the latest survey data from the Dallas Federal Reserve.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/06/us-china-talks-trump-tariffs-trade-war/	2025/05/07	
Pharma shipments surge as Trump tariff threat looms	Economy-Tariffs	U.S. and Chinese officials will meet this week for their first formal economic talks since President Trump announced sweeping tariffs on China and triggered a trade war, the Treasury Department announced Tuesday evening.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/07/tariffs-imports-drugs-pharmaceutical/	2025/05/07	health, medication,
Businesses have found strange but legal ways to avoid Trump's tariffs	Economy-Tariffs	The trade war between the world's two largest economies threatens the global order and the talks in Switzerland will mark the first high-level meeting between U.S. and Chinese officials since China's Vice President Han Zheng attended Trump's inauguration in January. President Trump's threat of pharmaceutical tariffs is driving a surge of exports of drugs and medical products from Europe to the U.S. as manufacturers look to build up stockpiles before duties hit.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/02/m-x-1-5381400/stock-trading-ban-boost/	2025/05/07	
More states are allowing community colleges to offer bachelor's degrees	Education	Imports from Ireland, a manufacturing hub for pharma giants like Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson, only took a breather in March, but sure does double the price of drugs. Two popular — and legal — strategies involve those bonded warehouses to defer tariffs and harmonized system codes to qualify for lower rates. There are over 5,000 different product classification codes that governments across the globe use when assessing tariffs.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/07/m-x-1-5381400/stock-trading-ban-boost/	2025/05/07	
DOGE's latest target should worry you	Fuck that department	Consumers don't care whether the imported coat they're wearing was officially classified as a windbreaker or a raincoat. But for businesses, that distinction can be the difference between lower and higher tariff rates — and potentially turning a profit or not. And to qualify for the lower rate, all a manufacturer would have to do is linker with the product's materials, otherwise known as tariff engineering.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doges-latest-target-worry-195401702.html	2025/05/07	
US senators urge USDA to explain DOGE review of farm loans	Fuck that department	For instance, Converse's signature All Stars sneakers have a sole that contains felt as opposed to the fully rubber one traditionally seen in sneakers. That may have been a purposeful decision, since foreign-produced shoes with felt bottoms could be considered "house slippers" for the purpose of tariff codes. And house slippers have qualified for significantly lower tariff rates compared to other kinds of footwear in the past.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-senators-urge-usda-explain-23364141.html	2025/05/07	
Musk Allies Made FAA Staff Sign NDAs to Keep New Project Secret	Fuck that guy	Ohio and her classmates here are among the 13 million adults of all ages across the country who live beyond a reasonable commute from the nearest four-year university, according to estimates by the American Council on Education, an organization representing colleges and universities.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-allies-made-faa-staff-sign-ndas-215200305.html	2025/05/07	
Eilon Musk's Most Alarming Power Grab	Fuck that guy	Iowa has joined a growing number of states that are considering letting community colleges like this one offer bachelor's degrees as a way of filling "higher education deserts" and training workers in rural places for jobs in fields where there are growing shortages. In other states, community colleges have already added four-year degrees.	https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2025/05/starlink-elon-musk/704004/	2025/05/07	
Trump administration to stop US research on space pollution, in boon to Elon Musk	Fuck that guy	The people who normally look at your Social Security data are trained on the federal Privacy Act and have to pass background checks. Other members of the DOGE team, by contrast, include a 19-year-old nicknamed "Tig Bails" who was reportedly fired from an internship with a cybersecurity company after he was accused of leaking proprietary information. (He said at the time that he had done "nothing contractually wrong," according to Bloomberg.)	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/07/spacex-pollution-elon-musk/	2025/05/07	
Musk says SpaceX vision for Mars will save humanity, as he continues to push human extinction fears	Fuck that guy	In a 145-page ruling last month, U.S. District Judge Ellen Hollander blocked DOGE from accessing the data, finding that the plaintiffs were likely to succeed in a lawsuit arguing that giving DOGE access violates the Privacy Act.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/musk-nasa-space-exploration-b2614001.html	2025/05/07	
States win a legal injunction against President Trump, pausing library funding cuts	Government Funding	Last week, the Trump administration filed an emergency appeal to the Supreme Court asking for DOGE to be allowed access.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/06/m-x-1-5388902/library-funding-cuts-hur/	2025/05/07	Education, information blackout, fight it
Scoop: HHS to reinstate some specialized workers hit by layoffs	Government Jobs	Democrats in the U.S. Senate have asked the Department of Agriculture to explain why billionaire Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency must approve certain government farm loans and loan guarantees before they are issued, according to a copy of a letter seen by Reuters.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/scoop-hhs-reinstate-some-specialized-workers-hit-by-layoffs-22550507.html	2025/05/07	
Hegseth says he's a change agent at DoD. But details are scarce	Government- DoD	The lawmakers also told USCA that they wanted details about how such reviews are being conducted and whether DOGE will be vetting other USDA farm assistance programs, according to the letter.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/06/m-x-1-5388963/hegseth-defense-department/	2025/05/07	
Critics warn DOJ is being politicized despite vows to end its purported weaponization	Government- DOJ	Elon Musk's so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has been spearheading a multi-million dollar communications project at the Federal Aviation Administration, the agency that regulates the nation's air travel, and employees noted into it have been forced to sign non-disclosure agreements, sources with knowledge of the situation say.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/06/m-x-1-5388902/library-funding-cuts-hur/	2025/05/07	
Duffy outlines air traffic control overhaul	Government- DOT	The world's richest man and DOGE have overseen mass firings and purges across the government, including at the FAA. At the same time, Musk has offered SpaceX's services to the agency, providing thousands of terminals from its satellite internet business, Starlink. Two months ago, the Washington Post reported that Starlink was pokeying to replace Verizon on a \$2.4 billion contract with the FAA to upgrade its systems for managing America's airspace. Rolling Stone reported last month that FAA officials had recently ordered staffers to find tens of millions of dollars for a Starlink deal.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/duffy-outlines-air-traffic-control-11551026.html	2025/05/07	aviation, etc,
Americans' health at risk as Trump cuts EPA staff to 1980s levels, experts warn	Government- EPA	Musk recognized that Starlink's early adopters would be in remote and rural areas, where cables may not reach, and there are few, if any, cell towers. The U.S. is, for now, his biggest market, and the U.S. government may soon become a major customer. President Donald Trump has just delayed a \$42 billion federal effort to expand broadband services, especially in rural areas. His administration has decided to make that project "tech-neutral," such that cable hookups aren't necessarily preferred over satellite—which means that Starlink can compete for the money in the meantime. Starlink's internet service is now also in planes, in ships at sea, in deep jungles, tundras, and deserts. In Gaza, medics have used Starlink while healing the wounded. At times when the people of Myanmar and Sudan learned that the internet had been shut off by their autocratic governments, they turned to Starlink. Ukraine's soldiers use it to communicate on the front lines.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/06/trump-epa-cuts/	2025/05/07	health, pollution, environment,
NSA to cut up to 2,000 civilian roles	Government- NSA	The Trump administration is poised to kill federal research into pollution from satellites and rockets, including some caused by Elon Musk's space companies, raising new conflict-of-interest questions about the billionaire SpaceX and Starlink owner.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nsa-cut-up-to-2-000-civilian-234646834.html	2025/05/07	

		In a 53-47 vote along party lines, the U.S. Senate on Tuesday confirmed the nomination of tech CEO Frank Biagiano to be the commissioner of the Social Security Administration (SSA). Biagiano, a donor to President Trump and the former CEO of payments technology company Fiserv, will lead the federal agency that runs programs providing retirement, survivor and disability benefits, as well as supplemental income for the very poor.			
Senate confirms Trump's pick to run Social Security, amid upsurge at the agency	Government-SSA	Democrats in the Senate have also raised concerns about Biagiano's alleged communication with members of billionaire Elon Musk's team, known as the Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE.			
		Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., accused Biagiano of lying "about his actions and communications with DOGE and the Social Security Administration prior to his hearing." During Biagiano's confirmation hearing before the Finance Committee, Wyden said a whistleblower told his office that the nominee "personally intervened to get DOGE officials installed ... and got basically approved in the middle of the night as a result of [Biagiano's] insistence."	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/06/nx-1-5357929/social-security-administ	2025/05/07	
Feeding the hungry will be harder than ever for the world's largest food aid agency	Health- Hunger	The United Nations World Food Programme is by far the largest international organization fighting hunger. It reports that it served more than 100 million people in 2024. Five years ago, it won the Nobel Peace Prize. But WFP is about to radically downsize in the wake of dwindling donations and the Trump administration's cuts to foreign aid.			
		WFP spent \$9.8 billion on aid last year — nearly half of the funds were contributed by the U.S. But this year, it's projecting a projected 40% reduction in funding.			
Measles cases hit six-year high in South Korea amid outbreaks across south-east Asia	Health- Measles	In a memo emailed to all WFP employees on April 24, leadership told staff to expect job cuts of 25-30%, or about 6,000 positions. The email, obtained by NPR, said the cuts would affect every level of the organization and every place they operate.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-and-sci/2025/05/06/nx-1-643853w	2025/05/07	
The Shingles Vaccine Could Be a Secret Weapon Against Heart Attacks	Health- Vaccines	South Korea has recorded the highest number of measles cases in six years, adding to concerns that low vaccination rates combined with international travel are contributing to further outbreaks elsewhere in the region.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/07/measles-cases-hit-six	2025/05/07	
Most Americans use federal science information on a weekly basis, a new poll finds	Information Blackout	The benefits of avoiding shingles through vaccinations are piling up. New research out this week has found a link between getting vaccinated for shingles and a reduced risk of heart attacks and strokes.	https://nizmodot.com/the-shingles-vaccine-could-be-a-secret-weapon-aj	2025/05/07	
Carney told Trump that Canada is not for sale. 'Never say never,' Trump replied	International Relations	The poll found that on a weekly basis more than 90% of people use weather forecasts, job market reports, food safety warnings and other information that is based on federal science. But only 10% of respondents are concerned that cuts to federal support for science might impact their access to such information.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/06/nx-1-5387465/trump-carney-canada-ja	2025/05/07	
US intelligence agencies told to ramp up spying on Greenland as Trump eyes takeover	International Relations	As you know from real estate, there are some places that are never for sale. We're sitting in one right now, Carney told Trump. "Having met with the owners of Canada over the course of the campaign, last several months, it's not for sale. Won't be for sale, ever," he said.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-1	2025/05/07	
'Desperate, traumatized people': Gaza faces wave of looting, theft and violence	International-Gaza	U.S. intelligence agencies were told last week to step up their spying efforts related to Greenland and the contingent that supports the self-governing Danish island's independence.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/07/desperate-traumatize	2025/05/07	
World leaders call for calm after India strikes Pakistan	International-India	Gaza has been hit by a wave of looting and theft as increasingly desperate Palestinians struggle to get food while criminal gangs exploit a breakdown in law and order.	https://www.axis.com/2025/05/07/india-pakistan-kashmir-conflict-modi	2025/05/07	
		Aid officials and witnesses in the devastated territory describe armed men attacking humanitarian warehouses, firefights over remaining food stores and a spate of stealing of supplies vital for survival, such as solar chargers, batteries, phones and cooking pots.			
Pakistan denies 'act of war' as it retaliates against India missile attack	International-India	President Trump and other world leaders called for an end to India-Pakistan hostilities after the Indian military launched deadly strikes on Pakistan targets early Wednesday local time. It's the first time India's forces have struck inside Pakistan's territory since 2019, as tensions again run high between the two nuclear-armed neighboring nations over the disputed Kashmir region.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/06/pakistan-yows-to-ret	2025/05/07	
India and Pakistan's dispute over Kashmir — explained in 39 seconds	International-India	A Pakistani Army spokesperson said on X that at least 26 people were killed and 46 others injured following the Indian airstrikes.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/07/india-pakistan-kashm	2025/05/07	
Port Sudan was safe during the war. Now it's been attacked by a group linked to UAE	International-Sudan	The Indian military action comes after gunmen killed 26 people and wounded a dozen others on April 22 in an area of Indian-administered Kashmir that's popular with tourists.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/06/nx-1-5386297/port-sudan-attacks-civil	2025/05/07	
White House caught off guard by Hegseth's request to cancel weapons supply to Ukraine — including Israel's latest	International-Ukraine	At 25, 26 years old, including several children, have been killed and 45 injured after India launched attacks on what it claimed were nine sites of "terrorist infrastructure" inside Pakistan, in a sharp escalation of hostilities between the two nuclear-armed neighbours.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-caught-off-guard-143904047	2025/05/07	political cesspool, international relations
Inside DeSantis "made-for-TV" fall in Florida	Political Cesspool	Pakistan declared the strikes to be an "act of war" and claimed it had shot down five Indian air force jets and a drone. "Pakistan gives a befitting reply to India," said the Pakistan government in a statement.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/06/pakistan-yows-to-ret	2025/05/07	
Trump begins nominating judges	Political Cesspool	The dispute stems from the partition of colonial India in 1947, when small, semi-autonomous "princely states" across the subcontinent were being folded into India or Pakistan, and the local ruler chosen to be the part of India despite the fact that the ruler had a Ma majority.	https://www.axis.com/2025/05/07/trump-judge-nominations	2025/05/07	
Meet the Florida group chipping away at public benefits one state at a time	Political Cesspool	Sudan's temporary capital city, Port Sudan, previously a safe haven during the country's two-year civil war, has come under attack for the first time by a series of drone strikes for consecutive days. The strikes, launched by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces for the third day, attacked a terminal at the city's airport overnight on Tuesday. All flights have been grounded, local officials told NPR.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/06/nx-1-5386297/port-sudan-attacks-civil	2025/05/07	
He probably should have charges brought against him, former general sounds off on Pete Hegseth	Political Cesspool	The strikes on Tuesday followed attacks on a military warehouse near the airport, civilian infrastructure and an oil depot on the southern outskirts of the city on Sunday and Monday, which sent vast plumes gushing into the sky.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/probably-charges-brought-against-him-21	2025/05/07	
Karl Lake says OAN's far-right coverage will fuel Voice of America	Propaganda	The attacks on the wartime capital, where thousands have taken refuge, has caused shockwaves in Sudan and deepened its rift with the United Arab Emirates. Sudanese officials said the RSF attacks on Port Sudan were made possible by weapons supplied by the UAE, which has been widely accused by Sudan and others of arming the paramilitaries. The United Arab Emirates strongly denies this.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/06/nx-1-5387387/new-books-isabel-allen	2025/05/07	
Women says Boston hotel guard told her to leave bathroom because she was a man	Rainbow Threats	Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth reportedly blocked military aid fights to Ukraine within days after Donald Trump entered office without the administration knowing.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/06/boston-hotel-bathr	2025/05/07	
What to do if you don't have a REAL ID yet, and which documents still work	Security	Nothing exemplifies DeSantis' striking loss of mojo in Tallahassee like the scandal surrounding Hope Florida, the state-backed charity of First Lady Casey DeSantis, who's been eyeing a bid to succeed her husband as governor.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/06/nx-1-5377933/real-id-qa-joe-travel	2025/05/07	
Supreme Court upholds Trump's ban on transgender military members while appeals continue	Supreme Court	The high-level Republican drama, dysfunction, name-calling and accusations in Tallahassee are likely to reverberate in next year's state elections.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/may/07/amazon-makes	2025/05/07	rainbow threats
Amazon makes 'fundamental leap forward in robotics' with device having sense of touch	Technology-Robots	Polling suggests the scandal has hurt Casey DeSantis, who's been weighing a 2026 campaign to follow her term-limited husband as governor. Hope Florida was supposed to be central to her political platform.	https://www.axis.com/2025/05/07/trump-crypto-stablecoin-bill	2025/05/07	crypto, corruption, lies, unethical, presidential payment plan
Congress erupts over Trump's billion-dollar crypto deal	Trump Bullshit	Florida Attorney General James Iltis, who, up for reelection next year, also has been accused of wrongdoing by other Republicans. He was Ron DeSantis' chief of staff last year and ran an anti-marijuana political group that may have benefited from the alleged Medicaid switcheroo.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-1	2025/05/07	corruption, presidential payment plan, crypto,
Trump's crypto dinner, where plates cost \$1.5m, draws ethics concerns as president could make millions from meme coin	Trump Bullshit	The organization largely behind SNAP restriction legislation is the Foundation for Government Accountability, a conservative policy think tank in Florida, and its affiliated lobbying arm, which has used the name Opportunity Solutions Project.			
		FCG's proposals often seek to limit who taps into that aid and the help they receive. Those backing the group's mission say the goal is to save tax dollars and help people lift themselves out of poverty. Critics argue that FGA's proposals are a backdoor way to cut off aid to people who need it and that making healthy food and health care more affordable is a better fit.			
		Don't panic. The good news, Henderson said, is there's about a two-year "wiggle room period" that gives airports discretion, on a case-by-case basis, to subject travelers to additional screening instead of requiring a REAL ID. You could still be turned away, but systems are expected to allow passage with extra screening.			
		The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed the Trump administration to begin executing its ban on transgender military service members, at least for now. The justices blocked a lower court order that temporarily halted the ban's enforcement.			
		The new policy mimics a previous transgender military ban established during the first Trump Administration. The Supreme Court allowed that controversial Trump policy to remain in place in 2019, but it was reversed by President Biden shortly after he took office.			
		Amazon said it has made a "fundamental leap forward in robotics" after developing a robot with a sense of touch that will be capable of grabbing about three-quarters of the items in its vast warehouses.			
		The robots will be able to identify objects by touch using AI to work out what they can and can't handle and figuring out how best to pick them up. They will work alongside humans who now stash and retrieve items from shelving units which are maneuvered to them at picking stations by wheeled robots — of which Amazon now has more than 750,000 in operation.			
		A \$2 billion crypto deal involving President Trump's family and a foreign government is threatening to derail bipartisan stablecoin legislation that Congress has been working on for months.			
		Senate Democrats unveiled a sweeping new proposal Tuesday to ban presidents, lawmakers and their families from issuing, endorsing or sponsoring crypto assets. Axios' Stephen Neukam scooped.			
		The new bill comes days after Senate Democrats suddenly voiced opposition to the GENIUS Act — landmark bipartisan legislation that would create the first-ever regulatory framework for stablecoins.			
		Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Rep. Sam Liccardo (D-Calif.) introduced bills targeting Trump's multibillion-dollar meme coin, which Murphy called "the single most corrupt act ever committed by a president."			
		President Donald Trump is expected to bring in millions of dollars over the next month as he hosts two cryptocurrency-focused, lucrative dinners — one of which costs a whopping \$1.5 million to attend.			
		On Monday evening, Trump will attend the "Crypto & AI Innovators Dinner," hosted by MAGA Inc., a super PAC that supports the president. The event, which costs \$1.5 million per plate, will feature special guest David Sacks, NBC News reported.			
		Though MAGA Inc. supports Trump, he is unable to run for a third term, so it's unclear where that funding will go.			

		There is a cool folk etymology twist, a linguistic swoop, you might say, in English that is pertinent to this discussion, Zelenis says. When English mariners in the 1600s adopted the Spanish word alcatraz, they believed it to be influenced by the Latin albus, meaning whiteness — thus the word for the white seabird, the albatross, she says.			
Word of the Week: Before the Birdman of Alcatraz, the island was known for its birds	Weird World	The rocky island is tiny, just 22.5 square acres. So when the federal penitentiary there opened its cell doors in 1934, there wasn't much room to house inmates. On average over its 29-year operation, Alcatraz held just 260 prisoners — less than 1% of the total federal inmate population at the time. But as a "horst of the worst" facility, it was infamous. Mob boss Al Capone and gangster Whitey Bulger did time there, as did George "Machine Gun" Kelly.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/07/mw-st-5389177/alcatraz-prison-island-4	2025/05/07	
We're having sex inside Moby Dick! The wild architectural world of Japan's love hotels	Weird World	"I find love hotels culturally fascinating," says Prose, whose previous projects have included photographing the facades of strip clubs in the US and nightclubs in Ivory Coast. "Japan is generally a fairly conservative society, but these are places of escapism, fantasy and almost childlike wonder. And you find them everywhere."	https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2025/may/05/japan-love-hv	2025/05/07	
After leaving the wilderness for 580 days, Valeria is happier than ever. Was someone been feeding the mini dachshund?	Weird World	At Valeria is reunited with her owners, mystery remains over how the miniature dachshund braved more than 500 days in Kangaroo Island's rugged wilderness only to emerge healthy, happy — and larger than before.	https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2025/may/07/after-braving	2025/05/07	
Kentucky boy uses mother's phone to order 70K Dum Dum suckers to share with his friends	Weird World	Holly LaFavers says she tried stopping 8-year-old Liam's Amazon order for about 70,000 Dum-Dum suckers before the treats arrived but it was too late. Amazon had already delivered 22 cases to her home.	https://apnews.com/article/followup-delivery-kentucky-home-71775d424	2025/05/07	
Raccoon found 'playing' with meth pipe in driver's seat during Ohio traffic stop	Weird World	The real surprise came when they looked in her car and "observed a raccoon named 'Cewey' sitting in the driver's seat with a meth pipe in its mouth."	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/raccoon-r	2025/05/07	
3 former Memphis police officers found not guilty in the death of Tyre Nichols	ACAB	A jury found three former Memphis, Tenn., police officers not guilty of all charges in the death of Tyre Nichols, including the most serious charge of second-degree murder.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/07/mw-st-5389488/three-memphis-police-off	2025/05/08	
Federal judge temporarily blocks deportations to Libya	Borders and immigration	A total of five former officers were initially fired and charged with both federal and state crimes related to Nichols' death. Two pleaded guilty in federal court last year and testified against their former colleagues. Both Erinitt Martin and Desmond Mills also intend to plead guilty to state offenses.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/08/libya-deportation-immigration-trump	2025/05/08	
Trump admin invokes "state secrets" privilege in Abrego Garcia case	Borders and immigration	This was the second time the three officers faced trial. Last fall, they were convicted in a separate federal case of witness tampering for misleading superiors about their actions. Bean and Smith were acquitted of violating Nichols' rights, but they were found guilty.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/07/abrego-garcia-trump-state-secrets	2025/05/08	trump bulshit
Federal court rules Rómeyga Ortiz must be transferred to detention in Vermont	Borders and immigration	The Trump administration can't immediately deport undocumented immigrants to Libya as it would "clearly violate" an earlier order blocking U.S. officials from sending people to countries they're not citizens of a federal judge ruled Wednesday.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/07/a-154729/federal-court-rules-student	2025/05/08	
ICE departs Austin woman and her U.S. citizen children, immigrant advocates say	Borders and immigration	A federal appeals court in New York Wednesday ordered the Trump administration to transfer Rómeyga Ortiz, a Tufts University doctoral student, from Louisiana to Vermont to continue her immigration detention in that state while a judge there decides whether to release her on bail.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-deports-austin-woman-her-23022093	2025/05/08	
Why Trump is pretending to not know how the Constitution works	Constitutional Crisis	Denisse Parra Vargas, 37, was detained a day earlier along with her 9-, 5-, and 4-year-old children after reporting to a Department of Homeland Security facility in Plummerville for a check-in, according to activist Sumia Franco with Austin-based Grassroots Leadership.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/why-trump-pretending-not-know-1210061	2025/05/08	
Homicides in big cities kept declining in Q1 of 2025, stats show	Crime	Parra Vargas' two youngest two children were born and raised in Austin.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/07/homicides-cities-decline-2025	2025/05/08	
In the wake of tariffs, cargo at the Port of LA is down 35%	Economy-Ports	The problem with all this Hegeshian warrior-speak is that they are not in a declared war or under a military invasion. Moreover, presidents and agency heads don't have the power to just proclaim one. Yet most of Trump's more controversial executive actions — especially when it comes to immigration — require the US to be on wartime footing because, outside of that dire context, they would be illegal, unconstitutional, or both. Even during wartime, things like kidnapping and extraordinary rendition violate U.S. law, the Geneva Conventions, and other international humanitarian treaties to which the U.S. is a signatory.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/07/mw-st-5389955/los-angeles-port-tariffs	2025/05/08	
Trump administration says \$3.3 million student loan borrowers will have wages garnished this summer	Economy-Student Loans	Trump, who struggles with even a basic understanding of middle school level English and history, apparently thinks that he can ex post facto incantate legalistic-sounding phrases like "wagegarnishing, attempting, or threatening an invasion or predatory incursion" and magically shoehorn his rushed and hushed detentions and deportations of migrants into a law meant for members of a hostile foreign nation during armed conflict.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-says-5-3-15315426	2025/05/08	
The first boats carrying Chinese goods with 145% tariffs are arriving in LA. They're half-full. Expect shortages soon	Economy-Tariffs	Preliminary data show homicides in the nation's largest cities fell by 21% in the first three months of 2025 from the same period of last year, as overall violent crime continued its post-pandemic drop.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/first-boats-carrying-chinese-goods-15542	2025/05/08	
Trump tariffs to hit small farms in Mega heartlands, hardest, analysis predicts	Economy-Tariffs	Each weekday morning outside the Dispatch Office of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 13, dozens of dock workers gather, hoping to get some work at the vast ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Usually it's relatively easy to find — and workers are given a white slip of paper with details of where to go and when to show up.	https://www.the-guardian.com/us-news/2025/may/08/small-farms-trump	2025/05/08	
US and UK are expected to announce a trade deal that Trump says will cement their relationship	Economy-Tariffs	But on Tuesday morning, many left empty-handed.	https://apnews.com/article/uk-trump-stormer-trade-deal-79d5f684dc	2025/05/08	
Astonishing journeys: online tool tracking migratory animals highlights challenges of protecting them	Environment-Animals	"Less volume of cargo containers means less work for us," said longshore worker Charlie Camacho. His job typically consists of loading and unloading shipping containers. "So we feel it, we definitely feel it," he said.	https://www.the-guardian.com/environment/2025/may/08/astonishing-jo	2025/05/08	
Coldest U.S. temperatures are rising	Environment-Climate change	Together these two ports comprise an extremely busy port complex — the Port of Los Angeles alone is the largest in the Western Hemisphere. But in the month or so since tariffs against Chinese goods ratcheted up — port officials here have been predicting a drop in cargo. This week, they announced it was down 35% compared to the same week last year.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/08/coldest-temperatures-rising	2025/05/08	
US is pushing Starlink on nations facing tariffs as Musk stands to benefit from trade deals, report	Fuck that guy	The gainers and losers of Trump's first tariff war strongly suggest that bankruptcies and farm consolidation could surge during his second term, with major corporations best placed to benefit from his policies at the expense of independent farmers.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-pushing-starlink-nations-facing-22402	2025/05/08	
US lawmakers question Musk's dual role at SpaceX and government agency	Fuck that guy	New analyses by the non-profit research advocacy group Food and Water Watch (FWW), shared exclusively with the Guardian, shows that Trump's first-term tariffs were particularly devastating for farmers in the Mega rural heartlands.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-lawmakers-musks-dual-role-16180151	2025/05/08	
Trump reportedly eyes \$26m in funding cuts for US national parks	Government Funding	Farm bankruptcies surged by 24% from 2018 to 2019 — the highest number in almost a decade — as retaliatory tariffs cost US farmers a staggering \$27.7n.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/08/mw-st-5389181/economists-trump-rese	2025/05/08	

Duffy says he will have a plan this week to curb Newark Airport chaos	Government-DOT	The Transportation secretary outlined an overhaul for air traffic controllers Monday, days after Rep. Sam Graves (R-Mo.) released a budget reconciliation proposal that would allocate \$15 billion for the modernization of air traffic control technology. Duffy told CNN that he also expanded the capacity for students at the main air traffic controller academy and all other controllers who stay on past their retirement date 20 percent bonuses up from per year.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/duffy-says-plan-week-curb-002815719.html	2025/05/08	FAA, aviation, new jersey, air traffic control, liberty international airport, EWR,
The FAA has had equipment issues for decades, causing real-world problems. The DOT says it wants to fix it	Government-DOT	The FAA announced Wednesday it would add three new, high-bandwidth, telecommunications connections and replace that copper wire with fiber-optic technology to bring data to the controllers. The Philadelphia Terminal Radar Approach Control will also have a temporary backup system deployed. Staffing will also be increased, the FAA added, and there is a "healthy pipeline" of training classes filed through next July.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/faq-had-equipment-issues-decades-0900	2025/05/08	FAA, Aviation, ATC, air traffic control, pilots, training, communications,
FDA names oncologist Dr. Vinay Prasad, a Covid vaccine critic, as the new vaccine chief	Government-FDA	The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday named Dr. Vinay Prasad — a hematologist-oncologist who has been accused of spreading misinformation about Covid vaccines and was an outspoken critic of the agency's decision to approve Covid shots in children — as its new vaccine chief.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fda-names-oncologist-dr-vinay-21430156	2025/05/08	political cesspool, vaccines, information blackout, health
IRS workers forced into 'mandatory overtime' to deal with flagged returns after RODE cuts	Government-IRS	IRS staff have been told they must complete 16 hours of weekend overtime this month to help the agency process tax returns that have been flagged as containing possible errors.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/irs-staff-20250508	2025/05/08	
Lawmakers want answers after reporting reveals crippling vacancies at hurricane-prone National Weather Service office	Government-NWS	Sent Monday by Houston-area Democratic Reps. Lizzie Fletcher, Al Green and Sylvia R. Garcia, the letter warns, "Adequate staffing for the NWS, especially as we go into hurricane season, is a critical matter that could cost lives if left unaddressed."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lawmakers-want-answers-reporting-reveals-20250508	2025/05/08	
Trump accused of forcing 'hostile takeover' of USPS by pressuring them to appoint FedEx board member as postmaster general	Government-USPS	A major postal union is reacting with dismay to reports that the Trump administration is backing FedEx board member and former Waste Management CEO David Steiner to be appointed as the next postmaster general, comparing the choice to a "hostile takeover" of the historically independent mail service.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-usps-20250508	2025/05/08	
How much you pay in taxes may show how high your cancer risk is. Here's why	Health-Economy	States with a higher amount of state-level tax income per person were found to have increased cancer screening rates and fewer deaths from the disease, they said this week. "These findings are in line with previous studies reporting that increased tax revenue and higher progressivity may lead to improved welfare and health care outcomes," the group from the surgery departments at Georgia's University of Emory, The Ohio State University, and Italy's University of Verona said.	https://www.yahoo.com/health/economy/paying-taxes-show-high-cancer-risk-174132555	2025/05/08	cancer, taxes, inequity, mortality, wealth
Scientists Warn of Fatal Fungus Similar to 'The Last of Us' Disease	Health-Environment	Researchers at the University of Manchester are sounding the alarm after analyzing the growth patterns of Aspergillus fumigatus, a mold that thrives in warm, humid environments. Their findings suggest that rising temperatures due to climate change could expand the fungus's habitat by 77% by 2100.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/scientists-warn-fatal-fungus-similar-0132	2025/05/08	warning, prediction, fungus, climate change, climate crisis
The emerging Trumpification of mental and behavioral health	Health-Mental health	"Aspergillus species cause severe infections in humans, livestock, and plants," Dr. Norman van Rhijn, lead author of the preprint study, told Sky News. "In 50 years, where things grow and what you get infected by is going to be completely different."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/scientists-warn-fatal-fungus-similar-0132	2025/05/08	warning, prediction, fungus, climate change, climate crisis
Tensions escalate as Pakistan calls India's operation 'an act of war'	International-India	The mass reduction in the Health and Human Services workforce "has the potential to jeopardize years of work and recent progress, like reducing overdose deaths," 12 mental health and substance use organizations wrote in a joint statement last month.	https://www.rpr.com/2025/05/07/india-s-5389777/tensions-escalate-as-pakistan-calls-indias-operation-an-act-of-war	2025/05/08	
Judge blocks Trump administration from canceling COVID-related school aid	Judicial pushback	Although the mental health crisis comes under Kennedy's focus on chronic disease, advocates say the federal government's actions so far may do more harm than good.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-blocks-trump-administration-cancel-covid-related-school-aid-20250508	2025/05/08	
RFK Jr. unveils autism project with Medicare, Medicaid, data	Nazi Checklist	What was formerly the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has reportedly had its funding slashed and is being rolled into a new umbrella organization called the Administration for a Healthy America.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-unveils-autism-project-181906737.html	2025/05/08	
Cheap and easy ways to stock your emergency go bag	Personal Interest	India hit multiple targets across Pakistan in the most widespread strikes in decades early Wednesday.	https://www.rpr.com/2025/05/07/rfk-jr-unveils-autism-project-181906737.html	2025/05/08	
Here's the 2025 list of most endangered historic places in the U.S.	Personal Interest	Pakistani government called Wednesday's strikes as "an act of war." And according to The Associated Press, citing the Pakistani military, 31 people have been killed.	https://www.rpr.com/2025/05/07/rfk-jr-unveils-autism-project-181906737.html	2025/05/08	
People Are Downgrading Their Smartphones For Less Screen Time — And Experts Have Thoughts	Personal Interest	The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for restraint from both countries. "The world cannot afford a military confrontation between India and Pakistan," he said in a statement.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/test-if-people-downgrading-smartphones-less-screen-time-20250508	2025/05/08	
Love Groundhog Day and Russian Doll? These are the novels for you	Personal Interest	A federal judge in Manhattan blocked the Trump administration on Tuesday from canceling more than \$1.1 billion in unpaid aid meant to help U.S. elementary and high schools address the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.	https://www.theguardian.com/books/2025/may/04/love-groundhog-day-russian-doll-novels	2025/05/08	
Hard truths slam Mike Johnson on 'one big, beautiful bill'	Political Cesspool	Kennedy's rhetoric on autism has been derided by stakeholders as "incredibly misleading" and "harmful." An exact cause of the disorder is unknown. Though research has long suggested the condition stems from genetic factors possibly in combination with environmental and social determinants.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-conservatives-warned-again-wednesday-theyll-vote-no-without-at-least-2-trillion-in-cuts-the-biggest-target-is-medicare-20250508	2025/05/08	
Trump says wellness influencer Casey Means for surgeon general	Political Cesspool	The research partnership will draw from CMS's Research Data Disclosure Program, looking at autism diagnosis trends over time, health outcomes from certain interventions, access to care disparities and the economic burden on families and the healthcare system.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-wellness-influencer-casey-means-for-surgeon-general-20250508	2025/05/08	
Extent of Pete Hegseth's signal usage revealed as he used app to ask aides to relay military plans to other countries	Political Cesspool	It's no wonder that only about half of Americans say they've assembled or updated their stash of emergency supplies, according to a 2023 survey conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Those from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds were less likely to be prepared.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/extent-pete-hegseth-signal-usage-15172	2025/05/08	
NYPD arrests pro-Palestinian demonstrators after Columbia library protest	Protest	The National Trust for Historic Preservation announced Wednesday that the Mystery Castle is one of America's 11 most endangered historic places in 2025. "Across the United States, compelling, meaningful historic sites are at risk, whether from natural disasters, underutilization, neglect, or lack of awareness," a statement from the National Trust said. The group has been issuing an annual list of U.S. sites at risk since 1986.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nypd-arrests-pro-palestinian-demonstrators-after-columbia-library-protest-20250508	2025/05/08	ACAB
C-SPAN wants to broadcast Supreme Court arguments for the first time in this Trump case	Supreme Court	Next said it all comes down to how smartphone use interferes with your life. Ask yourself: Is it getting in the way of other activities that are important to you or your mental health? Is your smartphone interfering with time that could be spent getting together with friends or family, or focusing on physical health or even your sleep or diet?	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/c-span-20250508	2025/05/08	
Big Tech's inauguration hangover	Trump Bulshit	It may sound extreme, but many consumers have found that downgrading their smartphone into something more limiting, like a flip phone, has helped them with focus, depression, anxiety and more. The tech may be old, but this trend is ramping up — interest as of late has risen with various YouTubers and Redditors frustrated with algorithms. You can now find newly made dumbphones, like the Light Phone and the aptly named Minimal phone, released within the last decade or so.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/big-techs-inauguration-hangover-20250508	2025/05/08	
Trump's push against "anti-Christian bias" hits federal workers	Trump Bulshit	The test case is a sign that readers are "getting over their prejudices to discover how many amazing worlds there are out there." As she puts it, "so it is just shorthand for using certain tropes — like travel, rockets, apocalypse — to tell the kind of story you are telling: a love story or a story about sadness or loss. And some of those work very well but loads sink without trace." The vital ingredient, she argues, is quality: "If you do something brilliantly you can smash through people's genre walls."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-push-against-anti-christian-bias-federal-workers-20250508	2025/05/08	religion, separation of church and state,

		I want to draw attention to something maybe less obvious about what is wrong—what is missing—from the president's statement. The first is, as so often when Donald Trump talks about American military history, he emphasizes power and success and triumph and military genius, but always lacking is any mention of the values for which Americans fought. America didn't go into World War II—or even World War I—to be top nation, to beat and dominate others. It went to defend things that Americans regarded as precious, and not only Americans but others too—and one of the measures of how precious those values were, not only to Americans and to others, but to the world that has grown up as a result of the war. I want to start by raising a problem that you and I were talking about just before we began, which is: In the Trump era, there's just too much bad news to keep track of. There's one appalling incident after another. There's one absurd incident after another. One of the answers is that they all share an interest in stealing and hiding money and in helping one another evade the sanctions that have been set up to prevent them from doing that and in perpetuating not just their own power but their own wealth. And that's a—there is now a set of systems that exist, some of which are facilitated by the Western financial world, by the offshore banking havens that we've created, and the shell-company system that we created that helps people hide money. But it's the one thing that they have all in common, and it's the one thing that they all pursue. Austerity for these but not for me. As Donald Trump advises the American public on how to save some money — buy fewer dolls, five pencils max — to counteract the effects of tariff-induced price increases, he's making clear that cost-saving measures don't apply to his office decor budget. "You see the new and improved Oval Office," Trump said to Carney. "As it becomes more and more beautiful with love — you know we handle it with great love — and 24-karat gold, that always helps too." The bill was one of several passed in Arkansas creating new rules for efforts to get measures on the state ballot. The rules also require petition-signers to show a photo ID and confirm that they know fraud is a crime. And if they sign without doing any of this, the person collecting signatures could be charged with a crime. Two dozen states allow citizens to propose ballot measures, and Republican lawmakers in Arkansas and other states are now passing new restrictions that they say will combat fraud in the process. But opponents say these laws strip voters of a realistic way to address issues that their lawmakers won't address. The nation's last unsettled race from the 2024 general election has been decided. North Carolina Supreme Court Republican candidate Jefferson Griffin has conceded to incumbent Democratic Justice Allison Rogers. "We'll have a celebration close to 100 countries. We want them to come, we want them to celebrate, we want them to watch the game," Vance said. "But when the time is up, they'll have to go home, otherwise they'll have to talk to [Homeland Security] Secretary Noem." But lately, headlines have been treated to a beautiful marine life wonder: Hundreds of thousands of glittering Velella velella, also known as by-the-wind sailors, sea rafts, purple sails and little sails, have washed ashore up and down the California coast. The small creatures look like oval mini-sailboats that can grow up to 4 inches long. Their gelatinous bases can range in color from vibrant blue to deep purple, and they have transparent triangular "sails" on top. It's what allows them to be blown across the surface of the open sea where they typically live — and with strong enough winds, onto coastal sands. More than 20 years of data on superb starlings (<i>Lamprolaima superba</i>), analyzed by a team led by biologist Aileen Earl of Cornell University, reveals clear examples of respect helping offering assistance to unrelated members of the flock, with the expectation that the favor will be returned. A spokesperson for Duke Energy, which provides electric utilities to customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and other states, told local outlets WBTV, WSOX-TV, and CBS17 that a power outage occurred on Monday, May 5, due to a black snake that came into contact with equipment at a substation. — Nearly 10,000 people were affected, including Immanuel Holland, who told CBS 17 that he had "woke up in the pitch dark" and noticed the light come "back on" at around 1:30 a.m. At the time, Duke Energy noted that snakes are blamed for about 100 power outages yearly in the six states where the company operates, per UPI. A large rare carnivorous New Zealand snail has been filmed laying an egg from its neck for the first time, in a delightfully silly stop-motion video. A man was admitted to the World Expo in Japan using a ticket to the 1940 Grand International Exposition of Japan, an event that was called off as war escalated, organisers said. The rental platform notes that it contains "one-of-a-kind stays that offer completely immersive experiences" — and as our pick of the bunch below shows, it's a fair assessment. "I equate a good, A-level, traffic controller that can handle a place like Newark, JFK, LAX, San Francisco, to a three-dimensional-chess player who can juggle a chessman, an ace, a sword, a razor blade with his eyes closed," Aero Consulting Experts CEO and a former United pilot Ross Amer told Fortune. A 64-year-old grandmother in the U.S. without documentation is facing deportation after she mistakenly took the wrong exit on her way home from work. The Trump administration asked the Supreme Court on Thursday to allow it to revoke temporary legal status for more than 500,000 immigrants who were granted it by the Biden administration. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem is seeking to end the Biden program that allowed 532,000 people from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela to live and work in the United States for up to two years. Massachusetts-based U.S. District Judge Indra Talwani ruled the administration could not sweep away each person's status without an individualized determination. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem on Thursday openly flouted a Supreme Court order to facilitate the return of Kimar Alvargo Garcia to the U.S., insisting during a Senate committee hearing that there is "no scenario" in which the Maryland man will be in the country again. In a 9 decision, the Supreme Court last month ordered the Trump administration to immediately "facilitate" Alvargo Garcia's return and proceed with its case against him in the U.S., as he was never given due process, which is required by the Constitution. But the administration has been violating the court's order — which on Thursday Noem bizarrely said wasn't true, while also insisting Alvargo Garcia is never coming back to the U.S. House Republicans on Wednesday killed a measure that would have stopped ICE from being able to deport or detain U.S. citizens. The measure was originally an amendment introduced by Representative Pamela Aycock to President Trump's massive budget bill. Large institutional investors have massively increased their holdings of Trump Media and Technology Group (TMTG) in recent months according to SEC filings, with many enlarging their positions by hundreds of millions of dollars. The revelations raise further questions about big business's desire to curry favor with Donald Trump and his administration via the enterprises he has maintained or commenced. TMTG uses the Truth Social social media platform — on which the US president himself posts almost daily — as well as financial services and a film and TV streaming service. Critics say that the investments do not reflect any obvious improvement in the business prospects of the company, which lost more than \$400 million in its 2024 first-half results. But U.K. imports will continue to carry a 10% tariff, up from a pre-Trump average of 1.3%. The president referred to that as the "lowest end" import tax. The British were perhaps the best positioned among major economies to reach a quick deal with the Trump administration. Things get harder from here, with bigger trading partners — China, Canada, and the European Union — facing deeper mutual hostility, bigger trade imbalances, and more complex disputes. The UK has a tip for allies angling for a trade deal with President Trump: turn on the charm offensive and say "no" nicely. It helps that the UK buys more U.S. goods than it sells, though that trade surplus did not spare it from the universal 10% tariff announced last month. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will no longer track the cost of climate change-fueled weather disasters, including floods, heat waves, wildfires and more. It is the latest example of changes to the agency and the Trump administration limiting federal government resources on climate change. For decades, it has tracked hundreds of major events across the country, including destructive hurricanes, hail storms, droughts and freezes that have totaled trillions of dollars in damage. The database uniquely pulls information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's assistance data, insurance organizations, state agencies and more to estimate overall losses from individual disasters. Thunderstorms that erupt and affect different portions of the central, southern and eastern United States have carried the risk of being severe into Saturday, AccuWeather meteorologists say. Next week, severe storms may mark an end to summertime heat over the northern Plains. The Trump administration had ended nearly \$400 million in AmeriCorps grants, a sizable chunk of the agency's roughly billion dollar budget. A notice on April 25 said the grants no longer fit AmeriCorps' priorities, but offered no detail on why not. Some 32,000 people across the country — mostly young adults but also senior volunteers — have had to immediately stop their work in fields like disaster recovery, education, environmental stewardship and public health. Two legal challenges have been filed over AmeriCorps' dismantling, one by community organizations and the other by two dozen Democratic-led states. Like so many other lawsuits against the administration, they allege that President Trump does not have authority to gut an agency that was created and funded for decades by Congress. Trump administration funding cuts and a loss of federal workers who help support wildfire firefighting continues to make planning for the upcoming wildfire season a challenge, according to forest and fire officials in Washington state and Oregon. The biggest issue they're facing is a lack of communication from the federal government as the West faces "a pretty significant wildfire fire season," Washington State Forester George Gesseler said Thursday during a press conference hosted by Democratic Sens. Patty Murray of Washington and Jeff Merkley of Oregon. President Trump has fired Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden amid a purge of government employees he believes oppose his policies or promote diversity. Hayden won praise for her focus on saving photos and documents about people of color, but had faced criticism from conservatives, accusing her of promoting children's books with "radical" content. Hayden, whose 10-year term was set to expire next year, was the first woman and Black American to be the Librarian of Congress. She was only the 14th Librarian of Congress in history since the Library of Congress was established in 1800. Republican divisions over changes to Medicaid — the federal health care program for poor, elderly and disabled Americans — are becoming the chief hurdle to getting President Trump's major tax, immigration and energy agenda through Congress. GOP lawmakers who represent swing districts insist they will not vote for any proposal that ships benefits. But conservatives are demanding deep cuts in spending, and say restructuring Medicaid is one of the clearest ways to achieve that goal. Staff at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta are reeling after losing thousands of their colleagues since January, due to firings, reductions in force and buyouts. The administration has restricted communications with domestic and global partners, and put strict limits on buying supplies and hiring people. Programs and divisions including those dedicated to injury prevention, sexual, reproductive and oral health and workplace hazard reduction have been decimated or eliminated by recent budget and staffing cuts. "It's a five-alarm fire," says Dr. Anne Schuchat, a former acting director at CDC who retired in 2021 after working at the agency for 33 years. "The kinds of changes that are happening are going to take decades to recover from, and many people will die because of these interruptions." A national teachers' union and an activist group are calling for internal government investigations into "potential mismanagement and corruption" at the Department of Education and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau following their recent moves to roll back oversight of the \$1.6 trillion student loan system.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/most-corrupt-presidency-american-history-18332409	2025/05/08
The Most Corrupt Presidency in American History	Trump Bulshit			
Trump Brags About Gold-Plated Office While Telling Americans to Cut Expenses	Trump Bulshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-brags-gold-plated-office-18332409	2025/05/08
GOP-led states are passing new restrictions for voters to get issues on the ballot	Voting Fuckery		https://www.npr.org/2025/05/08/nx-1-5392445/direct-democracy-ballot	2025/05/08
North Carolina Judge concedes in contested Supreme Court election	Voting Fuckery		https://www.yahoo.com/news/north-carolina-judge-concedes-contested-2025/05/08	2025/05/08
JD Vance jokes About Deporting Tourists Attending 2028 World Cup	VP WTF		https://www.yahoo.com/news/jd-vance-jokes-deporting-tourists-232436	2025/05/08
Glistening blue creatures are washing up on California beaches. Here's why	Weird World		https://www.npr.org/2025/05/08/nx-1-5387739/velella-jellyfish-california	2025/05/08
Scientists Discover Wild Birds Behaving Suspiciously Like Friends	Weird World		https://www.yahoo.com/news/scientists-discover-wild-birds-behaving-11-2025/05/08	2025/05/08
One Snake Manages to Shut Off Power in North Carolina, Leaving 10,000 People in the Dark	Weird World		https://www.yahoo.com/news/one-snake-manages-shut-off-084000548	2025/05/08
Rare New Zealand snail filmed laying egg via its neck for first time	Weird World		https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/may/08/snail-laying-egg	2025/05/08
Man admitted to Japan's 2025 World Expo with 85-year-old ticket	Weird World		https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/08/japan-world-expo-2025	2025/05/08
A vacation in a flowerland... and a Chinook? 18 accessible US towns that make Airbnb's "most whilisted" ranking for 2023	Weird World		https://www.independent.co.uk/us/travel/tourism-whilisted-usa-vacation	2025/05/08
An air traffic controller at Newark is like 'a 3D-chess player who can juggle a chainsaw' with their eyes closed, ex-pilot says	Aviation		https://www.yahoo.com/news/air-traffic-controller-newark-3d-11270032	2025/05/09
Grandmother in U.S. without documentation faces deportation after wrong turn in San Diego	Borders and immigration		https://www.yahoo.com/news/undocumented-grandmother-faces-depor-2025/05/09	2025/05/09
Trump asks Supreme Court to revoke legal status of 500,000 immigrants	Borders and immigration		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-asks-supreme-court-revoke-17450	2025/05/09
DHS Secretary Flouts SCOTUS Order, Says 'No Scenario' Where Alvargo Garcia Comes Back	Constitutional Crisis		https://www.yahoo.com/news/the-secretary-flouts-scotus-order-220657	2025/05/09
Republicans Kill Move to Stop ICE From Deporting U.S. Citizens	Constitutional Crisis		https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-kill-move-stop-ice-14101422	2025/05/09
Large investors increased stake in Trump Media by hundreds of millions	Corruption		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/08/trump-media-fmb	2025/05/09
The U.S.-U.K. deal shows the trade war is here to stay	Economy-Trade war		https://www.axes.com/2025/05/08/uk-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	2025/05/09
How to land a trade deal with Trump	Economy-Trade war		https://www.axes.com/2025/05/08/trump-trade-deals	2025/05/09
US will stop tracking the costs of extreme weather fueled by climate change	Environment-Climate crisis		https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-retires-database-tracking-billions-1821-2025/05/09	2025/05/09
Potent, locally damaging thunderstorms to hit multiple parts of US through Mother's Day	Environment-storms		https://www.yahoo.com/news/potent-locally-damaging-thunderstorms-h-2025/05/09	2025/05/09
Trump's gutting of AmeriCorps hits hand, for both volunteers and communities	Government-Funding		https://www.npr.org/2025/05/09/nx-1-5393188/trumps-gutting-of-ameri	2025/05/09
Forest and park service worker cuts leave wildfire, firefighting crews show staffed	Government-Funding		https://apnews.com/article/washington-oregon-wildland-wildfire-firefight-2025/05/09	2025/05/09
Trump fires Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden amid more worker purges	Government-Jobs		https://www.axes.com/2025/05/08/trump-fires-librarian-of-congress-car	2025/05/09
A fight over Medicaid cuts is threatening GOP plans for Trump's big, beautiful bill	Government-Budget		https://www.npr.org/2025/05/09/nx-1-5392357/republicans-medicaid-bi	2025/05/09
Former CDC staff warn of 'a five-alarm fire'	Government-CDC		https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/news/2025/05/08/nx-1-5391	2025/05/09
Union calls for investigation into 'potential mismanagement and corruption' at Department of Education	Government-DOE		https://finance.yahoo.com/news/union-calls-for-investigation-into-poten-2025/05/09	2025/05/09

Trump administration unveils a plan to modernize the air traffic control system	Government-DOT	Duffy was cagey about saying what this plan will cost. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee estimated last week that it might cost \$12.5 billion to modernize the air traffic control system. Duffy said he estimates this project will cost more than that. The Modern Skies Coalition, a group of aviation industry experts, pilot association representatives and others, issued a statement saying they believe a minimum of \$18.5 billion in additional emergency funding (on top of the \$12.5 billion figure being floated) should be appropriated over the next three years. And that's in addition to FAA's annual technologies and facilities budget. The DOT is proposing to replace the existing decades-old telecommunications, radio and surveillance systems (which currently rely on things like copper wires and floppy disks) with modern technology. The plan also includes investing in new ground radar sensors on lighthouses and at airports, a new flight management system and some new air traffic control towers and other facilities.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/08/nx-1-5397297/air-traffic-control-system	2025/05/09	FAA, aviation, ATC, air traffic control, updates.	
Officials plan to revamp the US air traffic control system. Here's a breakdown by the numbers	Government-DOT	The plan calls for installing 4,600 high-speed network connections for data and communications across the air traffic control system at airports and radar control centers and other facilities across the country. The Federal Emergency Management Agency faced fresh upheaval Thursday just weeks before the start of hurricane season when the acting administrator was pushed out and replaced by another official from the Department of Homeland Security. The abrupt change came the day after Cameron Hamilton, a former Navy SEAL who held the job for the last few months, testified in Capitol Hill that he did not agree with proposals to dismantle an organization that helps plan for natural disasters and distributes financial assistance.	https://nbcnews.com/articles/air-traffic-control-system-replacement-plan-2	2025/05/09	aviation, FAA, ATC, air traffic control.	
FEMA's acting administrator is replaced a day after congressional testimony	Government-FEMA	David Richardson, a former Marine Corps officer who served in Afghanistan, Iraq and Africa, will run FEMA for the time being. He does not appear to have any experience in managing natural disasters. He currently serves as the Department of Homeland Security's assistant secretary for countering weapons of mass destruction. Cutbacks have gutted the staff at the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Severe spending limits have made it difficult to purchase ordinary equipment for processing samples, such as filters and containers. Remaining staff plans to launch large data-collecting buoys into the water this week, but it's late for a field season that typically runs from April to October.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/08/nx-1-65223/cameron-hamilton-fema-ac	2025/05/09		
Millions of people depend on the Great Lakes' water supply. Trump decimated the lab protecting it.	Government-NOAA	Multiple people who have worked with the lab also told ProPublica that there are serious gaps in this year's monitoring of algal blooms, which are often caused by excess nutrient runoff from farms. Data generated by the lab's boats and buoys, and publicly shared, could be limited or interrupted, they said. That data has helped to successfully avoid a repeat of a 2014 crisis in Toledo, Ohio, when nearly half a million people were warned to not drink the water or even touch it. In a little more than 100 days, the Trump administration has upended the U.S. health care system. Americans love to hate, sparking turmoil and confusion. The Trump administration calls its sweeping changes a "critical course correction" to the way the nation delivers health care. But some people on the frontlines of the health care system — doctors and nurses, researchers, advocates and local officials — criticize the rapid-fire overhaul as "reckless" and say it will cost dollars and lives.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/millions-people-depend-great-lakes-1100	2025/05/09		
Americans hate their health care system. Here's how Trump may be making it worse.	Health Care	Yet it can still get worse. Millions of people are likely to lose health insurance under policy changes and expected cuts to Medicaid and other programs. Tariffs are expected to push up drug prices. A healthy school lunch program was terminated. Critical research trials have already been canceled midstream. Although states will continue to address childhood lead poisoning, the federal workers they counted on for expertise have all been fired. And Trump's proposed fiscal year 2028 budget calls for a 37% cut to the National Institutes of Health, which includes the National Cancer Institute.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/americans-hate-health-care-system-1521	2025/05/09		
Cancer before age 50 is increasing. A new study looks at which types	Health- Cancer	Cancer before age 50 is rare, but increasing, in the United States and researchers want to know why. A new government study provides the most complete picture yet of early-onset cancers, finding that the largest increases are in breast, colorectal, kidney and uterine cancers. Scientists from the National Cancer Institute looked at data that included more than 2 million cancers diagnosed in people 15 to 49 years old between 2010 and 2019.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cancer-age-50-increasing-study-1401387	2025/05/09		
At least 216 children died in first high-severity US flu season in seven years, CDC says	Health- Flu	At least 216 children have died of influenza in the US during the last flu season in what the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said was classified as the first high severity season overall and for all age groups since 2017-2018.	https://www.thequardian.com/us-news/2025/may/08/cdc-flu-deaths-children	2025/05/09		
US infant mortality dropped in 2024. Experts partly credit RSV shots	Health- Vaccines	The nation's infant mortality rate dropped last year after two years of hovering at a late-pandemic plateau. Some experts think one reason for the drop could be a vaccination campaign against RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus, which is a common cause of cold-like symptoms that can be dangerous for infants.	https://nbcnews.com/articles/infant-mortality-cdc-8679443cc3d994b9a5d9	2025/05/09		
Stockholm rejects 'bizarr' US letter urging city to scrap diversity initiatives	International Relations	A city official in Stockholm has said the municipality has no plans to comply after one of its offices received a letter seeking to impose Donald Trump's rollback of diversity measures, in what is believed to be the first such missive sent to a foreign government. "It's so bizarre," said Jan Valeskog, Stockholm's vice-mayor for planning. "It's our political priorities that count, not the ones from this embassy or any other embassies."	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/08/stockholm-rejects-us	2025/05/09		
India and Pakistan trade attacks amid risk of war between nuclear states	International-India	Pakistan's army said it shot down 25 military drones that fanned over population centers — including the city that houses Pakistan's general army headquarters. Amid the tensions, the U.S. Consulate General in Lahore, Pakistan, directed its staff to shelter in place. Operations were suspended in Indian and Pakistani airports near their border. School was out in border areas of both Pakistan and India. Parents on one Pakistani WhatsApp group exchanged emergency checklists that included baby milk powder and coloring books to keep kids busy. "Stay calm, stay prepared. May we all remain safe," the list concluded.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/08/nx-1-54955/india-pakistan-attacks	2025/05/09		
Not taking India-Pakistan escalation seriously a 'huge risk,' warns conflict expert	International-India	One of the largest escalations in the decades-old conflict between nuclear-armed India and Pakistan is currently unfolding. An expert on the matter says that the world seems to not be taking it seriously. India struck multiple targets in Pakistan early Wednesday, which its military said were "terrorist infrastructure." The Indian government said the strikes were in response to an attack by gunmen that killed at least 26 tourists in India-administered Kashmir.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/08/nx-1-538965/india-pakistan-conflict-4	2025/05/09	warning, prediction	
Trump turns to Fox's Jeanine Pirro for D.C. attorney after cutting Ed Martin	Political-Cespool	The Pakistani government called India's strikes "an act of war." It said the strikes and subsequent shelling killed more than 30 people. The two countries have entered multiple military conflicts since 1947, when British-ruled India was divided. President Trump picked Fox News host Jeanine Pirro for interim U.S. Attorney for D.C., hours after pulling the nomination of Ed Martin, the president confirmed on Truth Social Thursday evening.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/08/trump-ed-martin-nomination-resign	2025/05/09		
This Anti-Vaccine, Birth Control, And Autism Conspiracy Theorist May Be Our Next Surgeon General	Political-Cespool	Pirro is a longtime Trump ally who would replace Martin, a MAGA true believer whose tenacity toward Joe Biden voters lost him key Republican support in the Senate. Means also inked autism and vaccines when she appeared on The Joe Rogan Experience, saying, "It's like, yeah, I bet that one vaccine probably isn't causing autism. But what about the 20 that they're getting before 18 months?" In an Instagram post last year railing against sugar cereals, Means claimed that autism and other conditions are caused by "artificially colored, toxin infused, pesticide covered Frankentfood that's poisoning their poor little bodies."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/anti-vaccine-birth-control-autism-2252569	2025/05/09		
Fetterman doubts explode into Capitol Hill firestorm	Politicians	She's called birth control a threat to women's "life-giving nature." Means heavily leaned into some of the anti-reproductive rights movement's rhetoric around birth control. She uses a "disorder of the blood" during an on-stage appearance on Tucker Carlson's show. Capitol Hill's private concerns over Fetterman exploded into public view over the past week, as longtime critics and former allies piled on with concerns about the senator.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/09/fetterman-health-votes-pennsylvania	2025/05/09		
Pope Leo's tall task: Healing Catholic America's political divide	Politics-Religion	Since November, Fetterman has missed 55 floor votes in the Senate, according to GovTrack.us. He has missed 29 votes in 2025, the most of any senator. Fetterman's senior staff has built a bubble around him internally, sources told Axios, shielding the senator from interactions with junior staffers. Staffers also regularly lose track of and contact with Fetterman while on Capitol Hill, which alarms his inner circle.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/08/pope-leo-american-catholics-whites	2025/05/09		
Meet Pope Leo XIV, the first American to serve as Bishop of Rome	Politics-Religion	The new pope has been an outspoken defender of migrant rights, and his family's immigration story touches an issue that has split many U.S. Catholics along cultural and political lines. The new pope said he does not believe in "defecting women" in the Catholic Church and strongly opposes abortion. He described in 2012 Western media "sympathy for beliefs and practices that are at odds with the Gospel," citing the "homosexual lifestyle" and "alternative families comprised of same-sex partners and their adopted children," per the Irish Times.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/08/pope-conclave-white-smoke-yaffan	2025/05/09		
Hegseth moves to oust trans people from military after Supreme Court ruling	Rainbow-Threats	Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth is moving rapidly to ban transgender troops from the U.S. military, giving active-duty service members on Thursday 30 days and reservists 60 days to voluntarily leave or be forced out. The order that follows a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Tuesday enabling the Trump administration's ban to take effect impacts about 1,000 service members, per a Pentagon statement.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/08/trump-pentagon-trans-military-ban-h	2025/05/09		
Josh Hawley Introduces Law To Ban Mailing Of Abortion Pills, Citing Junk Science Report	Reproductive Rights	Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) introduced a law on Tuesday to restrict the abortion pill mifepristone, citing an anti-abortion junk science report that has been making the rounds in conservative media. The "Restoring Safeguard for Dangerous Abortion Drugs Act" aims to restrict mifepristone by reinstating 2011 Food and Drug Administration rules around the medication. Those rules, loosened by the Biden and Obama administrations, would limit who can prescribe mifepristone and require in-person visits for abortion pills — effectively banning telemedicine for abortion, which now accounts for 20% of all abortions in the U.S. It would also mandate in-person follow-up visits and further limit how far into pregnancy mifepristone can be prescribed.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/josh-hawley-introduces-law-ban-1653044	2025/05/09		
RFK Jr. says autism database will use Medicare and Medicaid info	RFK JR BS	The National Institutes of Health will use information from federal health insurance programs Medicare and Medicaid to create a "real-world data platform" to determine the cause of autism, the agency announced this week. The Department of Health and Human Services said in a statement on Wednesday that the NIH would team up with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to create the database utilizing insurance claims, electronic medical records and data from wearable devices with health sensors, the site smatches.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/08/nx-1-5391310/kennedy-autism-regist	2025/05/09		
Trump's internal millionaires' monologue	Trump Bullshit	President Trump has been negotiating with himself on a millionaires' tax. He's for it at the \$2.5 million level, after being against it at \$1 million. Negotiating with his own party may be easier. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) will tell Trump on Friday that the House will deliver on the president's tax priorities, according to a congressional aide.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/08/trumps-millionaires-tax-rates-mike-j	2025/05/09		
Donald Trump Plans to Rename Another Gulf in His Quest to Change U.S. Maps, Report	Trump Bullshit	The Associated Press reported on Wednesday, May 7, that two senior White House officials have confirmed that — during his upcoming trip to Saudi Arabia — Trump plans to announce that the U.S. will officially be updating its lexicon to call the Persian Gulf the "Arabian Gulf" or the "Gulf of Arabia."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-plans-rename-another-164	2025/05/09		
Trump's Inevitable Betrayal of His Supporters	Trump Bullshit	Throughout his 2024 run, the president promised Americans a return to the prosperity of his pre-COVID first term. "Starting on day one, we will end inflation and make America affordable again, to bring down the prices of all goods," he told a Montana rally in August. "They'll come down, and they'll come down fast," he declared days later in North Carolina. But at the same time, Trump also promised to impose steep tariffs on consumer goods—dubbing tariff one of "the most beautiful words I've ever heard"—even though the levies would effectively serve as a tax on everyday Americans. These two pledges could not be reconciled, and once elected, Trump was forced to choose between them. The results have disillusioned many of those who voted for him. Trump's approval on the economy has plunged since he announced his "Liberation Day." A former strength has become a weakness. "If you look at his economic net approval rating in his first term, it was consistently above water," the CNN analyst Harry Enten noted last month. "It was one of his best issues, and now it's one of his worst issues."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-inevitable-betrayal-supporters-110	2025/05/09		

		Donald Trump planning to pay \$45 million to roll tanks down the streets of Washington, D.C. on his birthday. It was only a few months ago that the president signed an executive order creating a program to "beautify" Washington D.C. Now he's plotting to transform his expensive birthday parade into a demolition derby that will cause serious damage to the roads that line the nation's capital. The first time Trump pitched the idea of throwing a massive military parade in his honor was in 2018. At the time, plans to include tanks were ultimately scrapped over concerns they would damage the roads. A Pentagon planning memo said that the procession would "include wheeled vehicles only, no tanks" because "consideration must be given to minimize damage to local infrastructure."		
Trump's Birthday Parade Is Cost Eyewatering. Amount—and Could Get Worse	Trump Bullshit	This time around, it seems similar considerations to preserve local infrastructure have been skipped. A panel of three federal judges says the Alabama Legislature intentionally drew its congressional district map to dilute Black voting strength, which is unconstitutional and violates the Voting Rights Act. The judges also said the state can't use the map in future elections.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-birthday-parade-cost-eyewatering-2250509.html	2025/05/09
Court rules Alabama redistricting intentionally discriminates against Black voters	Voting Fucker	The 571-page ruling issued Thursday comes in a lawsuit, Allen v. Milligan, that made it to the U.S. Supreme Court. The court agreed then that Alabama's 2021 congressional map discriminated against Black voters, in a state where African-Americans make up about a quarter of the population. The North Carolina elections board ousted its widely respected executive director Wednesday in a partisan move that will put Republicans in control of election operations in the police-swayed state, which includes the certification of results. The removal of Karen Brinson Beck, who had held the job for nearly six years during a time when the board had Democratic majorities, came after Republicans took away the authority to appoint election board members from the Democratic governor late last year, overriding a veto while they still held a supermajority in the legislature. GOP legislators handed that power to the elected state attorney, a Republican.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/09/nx-1-5392935/alabama-redistricting-d-2250509	2025/05/09 racism, inequity,
The election director in North Carolina, a key swing state, is ousted after a Republican power play	Voting Fucker	There is still no good explanation for why any of this happened. Memphis Police Chief C. J. Davis said that the officers appeared to have no reason to put Nichols over in a traffic stop. Yet as soon as they did, some of the officers drew weapons and began pepper-spraying and manhandling him. When he—understandably—tried to escape, police called for backup, gave chase, and eventually caught him. "I hope they stomp his ass," one officer, who did not chase Nichols and was not charged, was recorded saying. His fellow officers did, beating Nichols just yards from his mother's house. He died at a hospital. The verdict in Memphis shows what an outlier Chauvin's conviction was. Despite videos at least as horrifying, despite the police chief's quick action to fire the officers and condemn their behavior, these three former officers escaped murder convictions. Meanwhile, the changing political winds and rising violent crime after 2020 helped the movement toward broader reform stall out, both locally in Memphis and nationally.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/election-director-north-carolina-key-2017-2250509.html	2025/05/09
Tyre Nichols and the End of Police Reform	ACAB		https://www.theatlantic.com/newsletters/archive/2025/05/tyre-nichols-cr-2250509/	2025/05/12
Another Newark airport disruption as Trump's transportation secretary talks of reducing flights	Aviation	Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy says he plans to reduce the number of flights in and out of Newark's airport for the "next several weeks" as it struggles with radar outages and other issues, including another Sunday that again slowed air traffic. The Federal Aviation Administration reported a "telecommunications issue" as the latest setback Sunday, impacting a facility in Philadelphia that directs planes in and out of Newark airport. An FAA statement said the agency briefly slowed air traffic to and from the airport while ensuring "redundancies were working as designed" before normal operations resumed. Infrastructure issues are increasingly a key concern at airports around the country.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/transportation-secretary-sean-duffy-plans-2250509.html	2025/05/12
Air traffic controllers lose radar and radio contact with planes approaching and departing Newark for 90 seconds — again	Aviation	Air traffic controllers handling flights approaching and departing Newark Liberty International Airport experienced another outage early Friday morning. The blackout included losing radar for about 90 seconds at 3:55 a.m. local time, the Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/air-traffic-controllers-lose-radar-16220317-2250509.html	2025/05/12
Mother's Day napalm as ground stops issued at Newark and Atlanta airports	Aviation	Ground stops issued at Newark Liberty International Airport and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport on Sunday are impacting passengers if they were traveling into or out of two of the largest airports in the country on Mother's Day weekend. Duffy said upgrades to communication and technology are needed nationwide, along with six new air traffic control centers. To increase staff, he wants to raise the mandatory retirement age for air traffic controllers from 56 to 61 and offer a 20% bonus to keep working.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mothers-day-mayhem-ground-stops-1611-2250509.html	2025/05/12
"I'm concerned about the whole airspace" Transportation sec. says flight disruptions could spread	Aviation	The strategy runs counter to the gutting of the federal government the Trump administration has preferred. United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby told CBS' "Face the Nation" that FAA safety personnel have been protected from DOGE's churn. "Safety is number one, and so I'm not worried about safety. I am worried about customer delays and impacts," said Kirby, whose airline has reduced flights at Newark. The U.S. government has officially granted 50 Africans South Africans, white descendants of mainly Dutch colonizers, refugee status and they are expected to land in the U.S. on Monday May 12, three sources with knowledge of the matter have told NPR. The sources did not want to be named because they work for the U.S. government and fear for their careers. The sources said a press conference was planned for the group's arrival at Dulles airport, which would be attended by high level officials from the Departments of State and Homeland Security. The source noted it is unusual for refugees to be welcomed at the airport by U.S. dignitaries, and said the process of interviewing them in South Africa and granting them refugee status has been unusually quick. The South Africans will now have a pathway to U.S. citizenship and be eligible for government benefits.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/i-m-concerned-whole-airspace-transportation-2250509.html	2025/05/12
First Afrikans granted refugee status due to arrive in U.S.	Borders and Immigration	Private prison companies are indispensable to federal immigration authorities, who aim to double detention capacity to 100,000 beds. Now Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, is sending out calls for new contracts with private corrections companies, in many cases to use dormant detention centers. But many of these facilities had a history of serious issues. The Elbowah County Detention Center in Alabama closed due to unsanitary conditions for inmates. ICE is also eyeing FCI Dublin in the Bay Area, where reports of rampant sexual abuse gave the facility the grim moniker of "the rape club." Where proposals to reopen troubled prisons have surfaced, protests and legal challenges have followed. Local and state lawsuits are disrupting ICE's plan to reopen the Delaney Hall facility in New Jersey through a contract with another major private prison company, the GEO Group.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/09/nx-1-5381815/first-afrikans-granted-2250509/	2025/05/12
Cities aiming to thwart immigrant detention centers, wield a secret weapon: local laws	Borders and Immigration	A similar standoff is unfolding in Kansas. The city of Leavenworth argues that CoreCivic needs to follow a two-month long formal process, with multiple opportunities for public input, before it can reopen the prison. Amid a widespread crackdown on immigration and refugee programs, the Trump administration is slated to bring white South Africans to the U.S. as refugees on Monday, multiple news outlets reported. They will now have a pathway to American citizenship.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/09/nx-1-5392341/cities-thwart-immigrant-2250509/	2025/05/12
Trump to Bring White South Africans as Refugees to U.S. While Cutting Everyone Else Out	Borders and Immigration	The U.S. will give about 50 white South Africans help with housing, groceries, and other needs, according to a document reviewed by the Associated Press. The Trump administration could admit as many as 1,000 Afrikaners this year. They will be receiving emergency support from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement, which is a division of the Department of Health and Human Services. More than 100 people have been taken into custody by federal immigration officials in a joint operation with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, leaving many in Nashville's immigrant community uncertain and worried. The operation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is a reminder of how local and state law enforcement jurisdictions are critical to President Donald Trump's plans for mass deportations. Last week, Florida officials touted a joint operation with ICE that resulted in 1,120 immigration arrests.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-bring-white-south-afrikans-011444-2250509.html	2025/05/12
Authorities arrest over 100 people on Tennessee roads, in support of Trump's deportation plan	Borders and Immigration	The Highway Patrol said Friday that it made 588 stops in the joint operation with ICE, which took custody of 103 under investigation for immigration violations. Michigan father and green card holder spent nearly two months detained in correctional facilities on deportation proceedings, after getting stopped by border patrol over a previous misdemeanor charge. An Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent pulled him aside at the Detroit Metro Airport and asked him about a 2018 charge for using marijuana. Her husband immigrated to the U.S. legally, married a U.S. citizen, and had been in the country for more than 20 years. Their children were born here. "I thought that we were safe," said Choquette in an interview.	https://gcnnews.com/articles/immigration-arrests-nashville-tce-kennecott-2250509/ https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/green-card-man-ru-2250509/	2025/05/12
Trump Ramps Up Deportation Efforts With Call for 20,000 More ICE Officers	Borders and Immigration	Not content with the current scale of harassment being unleashed on immigrants in the United States, President Donald Trump has ordered the Department of Homeland Security to increase the number of officers focused on deportation by a whopping 20,000. As the New York Times reports, it is not currently clear how the move, which would dramatically increase ICE's numbers from their current 6,000, would be funded. The MAGA movement is no longer just fighting for President Trump. His most fervent loyalists are now engaged in what they see as a battle for "Western civilization"—a rallying cry for the modern right. Critics say the Western civilization movement looks regressive and racist.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-ramps-deportation-efforts-call-028-2250509.html	2025/05/12 ACAB
Inside MAGA's fight for "Western civilization"	Cesepool-MAGA	Trump policy attacks on asylum-seeking immigrants, and on programs benefiting historically marginalized communities, help reinforce that image. The period of U.S. history the movement heralds included subjugation of women, segregation, and discrimination against nonwhites, both in the LGBTQ+ community and many others. Donald Trump's administration has decimated the "crown jewel" of the Department of Justice. Dozens of career officials working in the department's storied civil rights division have left in a mass exodus of prosecutors and staff.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/11/trump-maga-western-civilization	2025/05/12 MAGA, racism, bullshit, culture wars.
Trump is gutting civil rights enforcement — and blocking a key tool against discrimination	Civil Rights	Trump's new chief of the storied division, Harriet Drilhon, has recast the agency's mission into one that leans into the president's grievances and shifts its focus away from critical missions like police oversight, voting rights protections and combating racial discrimination. The three are among 61 defendants accused by Republican Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr of participating in a yearslong racketeering conspiracy to halt the construction of a police and firefighter training facility just outside Atlanta that critics pejoratively call "Cop City." Their cases are at a standoff, 20 months after being indicted under Georgia's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations law, or RICO, which is likely the largest criminal racketeering case ever filed against protesters in U.S. history, experts say.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/civil-rights-trump-2250509.html	2025/05/12
Defendants in Georgia 'Cop City' case say they are in limbo as trial delays continue	Constitution-Speedy trial	White House deputy chief of staff Stephen Miller said Friday that the Trump administration is "actively looking at" suspending habeas corpus, the right of a person to challenge their detention in court. "First, you know, President Trump has talked about potentially suspending habeas corpus to take care of the illegal immigration problem. When could we see that happen in the future?" a reporter asked Miller as he spoke outside the White House. "The Constitution is clear, and that, of course, is the supreme law of the land, that the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus can be suspended in time of invasion," Miller answered.	https://gcnnews.com/articles/cop-city-rico-charges-61-atlanta-beliefed1610	2025/05/12
The WH says Trump is considering suspending habeas corpus. What would that mean?	Constitutional Crisis	"So, it's an option we're actively looking at," he continued.	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wh-trump-suspending-habeas-corpus/	2025/05/12 borders and immigration, rights,

Donald Trump swore to protect the US constitution - here's all the times he's undermined it	Constitutional Crisis	Summary A House Democrat is seeking an investigation into reports that the Trump administration plans to accept a jet worth roughly \$400 million from Qatar to serve as Air Force One — and President Trump's personal plane after he leaves office. ... Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-N.Y.) wrote to the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the acting Department of Defense inspector general and the Office of Government Ethics requesting a probe into the matter. "With an estimated value of \$400 million, the aerial palace would constitute the most valuable gift ever conferred on a President by a foreign government," he wrote in a letter first obtained by Axios. Torres asked for an "immediate" ethics review of the reported gift and an advisory opinion on whether it violates federal ethics rules or the Emoluments Clause of the U.S. Constitution. In what may be the most valuable gift ever extended to the United States from a foreign government, the Trump administration is preparing to accept a super luxury Boeing 747-8 jumbo jet from the royal family of Qatar — a gift that is to be available for use by President Donald Trump as the new Air Force One just shortly before he leaves office, at which time ownership of the plane will be transferred to the Trump presidential library foundation, sources familiar with the proposed arrangement told ABC News. ... According to aviation industry experts, the estimated value of the aircraft Trump will inherit is about \$400 million, and that's without the additional communications security equipment the Air Force will need to add to properly secure and outfit the plane in order to safely transport the commander in chief.	https://www.indy100.com/politics/trump/donald-trump-us-constitution-ar	2025/05/12			
Scoop: Dem seeks probe into reports Qatar plans to gift plane to Trump	Corruption	Americans are reconsidering major life events including marriage, having children and buying a home amid economic anxiety in the opening months of the Trump presidency, according to an exclusive poll for the Guardian. Six in 10 Americans said the economy has affected at least one of their major life goals, according to the Harris poll, citing either lack of affordability or anxiety around the current economy. "I'm most worried about young people who are just going to be tremendously confused by the student loan system," he says, especially "given the complete disarray that we're seeing in public institutions these these days." This isn't a mess the current White House started. The roots of the problem started in 2020, when the government told borrowers they no longer had to make payments. The Biden administration extended that grace period for three years.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/11/trump-qatar-plane-democrat-torres	2025/05/12	Qatar, Trump Btuhsit, presidential payment plan, bribery, international relations		
Trump administration poised to accept 'palace in the sky' as a gift for Trump from Qatar, Sources	Corruption	Americans are reconsidering major life events including marriage, having children and buying a home amid economic anxiety in the opening months of the Trump presidency, according to an exclusive poll for the Guardian. Six in 10 Americans said the economy has affected at least one of their major life goals, according to the Harris poll, citing either lack of affordability or anxiety around the current economy. "I'm most worried about young people who are just going to be tremendously confused by the student loan system," he says, especially "given the complete disarray that we're seeing in public institutions these these days." This isn't a mess the current White House started. The roots of the problem started in 2020, when the government told borrowers they no longer had to make payments. The Biden administration extended that grace period for three years.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-poised-accept-palac	2025/05/12			
Americans putting life on hold amid economic anxiety under Trump, poll shows	Economy- Life	Americans are reconsidering major life events including marriage, having children and buying a home amid economic anxiety in the opening months of the Trump presidency, according to an exclusive poll for the Guardian. Six in 10 Americans said the economy has affected at least one of their major life goals, according to the Harris poll, citing either lack of affordability or anxiety around the current economy. "I'm most worried about young people who are just going to be tremendously confused by the student loan system," he says, especially "given the complete disarray that we're seeing in public institutions these these days." This isn't a mess the current White House started. The roots of the problem started in 2020, when the government told borrowers they no longer had to make payments. The Biden administration extended that grace period for three years.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025may12/americans-econom	2025/05/12			
Why student loan debt collections could be more painful than anticipated	Economy- Student Loans	Getting out of this situation is going to be ugly for a lot of people at a not-great time for the economy — or higher education. Says Plakoski: "This is kind of the worst time to ask people to pay back debt."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/11/student-loan-collections-debt	2025/05/12			
Lutnick says 15% tariffs here to stay, but insists consumers won't pay for it	Economy- Tariffs	Baseline global tariffs of 10% are likely to stay, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said Sunday — but he insisted countries and businesses, and not consumers, would pay. Economists generally disagree, and sentiment surveys say consumers don't believe it, either.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/11/trump-trade-war-lutnick-tariffs	2025/05/12			
US and China announce agreement to cut reciprocal tariffs for 90 days	Economy- Trade war	The U.S. and China issued a joint statement on Monday announcing an agreement to cut reciprocal tariffs on 90% of goods, with both sides "recognizing the importance of a sustainable, long-term, and mutually beneficial economic and trade relationship."	https://abcnews.go.com/US/us-china-announce-deal-cut-reciprocal-tar	2025/05/12			
Slightly unusual 'atmospheric river' event to hit Southeast U.S.	Environmen- Rain	A jet stream over the Gulf of Mexico will likely reach an area it doesn't typically hit: the Southeastern United States. Beginning this weekend into Monday and Tuesday, widespread rainfall across the region could result in 4 to 6 inches of rain, the National Weather Service said. Isolated spots are expected to see as much as 12 inches of rain. More than \$220 million worth of contracts cancelled by Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) have been brought back. Forty-four of the government contracts ended by DOGE and Musk have been revived by federal agencies, according to a federal spending data review by The New York Times.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/10/mx-st-5394469atmospheric-river-sou	2025/05/12			
More than \$220 million in contracts canceled by Musk and DOGE have been brought back	Fuck that department	However, DOGE still lists 43 of those contracts on its website as having been terminated, and some were added after they had been restored. This led to several data errors on the site. Elon Musk's ever-slipping Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) now wants to consolidate the federal government's vast data reserves. They're currently siloed across government agencies, and DOGE wants to merge them into a sprawling centralized database. Unsurprisingly, security experts told The Washington Post that's a terrible idea. It's not hard to see why. China hasn't upped its hacking efforts just for kicks; data is incredibly powerful, and hacking groups and foreign adversaries are always trying to get their hands on sensitive information about American citizens and residents, lawmakers, agencies, and companies.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-m	2025/05/12			
Elon Musk's Plan for Americans' Sensitive Data Has Security Experts Terrified	Fuck that guy	As conventional security wisdom goes, keeping that sensitive information in separate, protected piles across agencies not only makes it more difficult for hackers to find data, but if there's a breach, ensures that adversaries only get their hands on one small slice of a much bigger pie. A federal judge in San Francisco temporarily blocked the White House from firing hundreds of thousands of government employees in a ruling late Friday night.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musks-plan-americans-sensitive-da	2025/05/12			
White House's large-scale firings paused by federal judge	Government Jobs	The ruling pauses for two weeks firings that would block critical services for millions of Americans, including Social Security help, occupational safety and pre-school for poor children. Data that employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs have shared with NPR shows that 11,273 agency employees nationwide have applied for deferred resignation, which the Trump administration is offering as part of its DOGE initiative to cut the VA's workforce by 15%.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/12/trump-doge-federal-workers-firings	2025/05/12	judicial pushback,		
VA says its job cuts will limit doctor, nurse resignations	Government Jobs	Secretary of Veterans Affairs Doug Collins has been adamant that staff cuts will not affect veterans' health care. In a contentious Senate hearing Tuesday, he accused Democrats of name-dropping. Blumenthal responded that the secretary has failed to explain how he would reach his stated goal of reducing the VA to its 2019 size without affecting care.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/10/mx-st-5391962va-job-cuts-limit-doctor	2025/05/12			
Hegseth sparks fears as he moves to ax generals	Government- DOD	Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's move to ax the size of the U.S. military's top ranks has triggered concerns of a political purge. Hegseth, who on Monday directed significant cuts to the U.S. military's senior-most positions, has already fired several top leaders with no explanation. But while it is true America's forces are brass-heavy — with 37 four-star generals and admirals and about 816 officers with one-star and above — experts worry any move to slash those numbers will be done indiscriminately and without care for the institutional knowledge at the top that could be lost. "We're very concerned, especially with this administration, that this could easily turn into political testing or otherwise clearing out the ranks for political reasons," said Greg Williams, the director of defense information at the nonprofit watchdog Project on Government Oversight. A growing number of red states have expanded their school voucher programs in recent years, a trend that is likely to only spike further amid a push led by President Donald Trump's administration to return education "back to the states."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hegseth-sparks-fears-moves-ax-210000	2025/05/12			
Trump's dismantling of Education Department gives states 'green light' to pursue voucher programs	Government- DOE	"Many states came into this administration with a track record of trying to privatize education, and I think they see this move to dismantle and defund the Department of Ed and President Trump's support of school privatization as a green light to be more expansive in their approach moving forward," said safety Wehling, an economist at the left-leaning Economic Policy Institute who closely studies the impact of voucher programs on public education. The unprecedented plans, announced in a budget proposal for 2026, call for sites that receive "small numbers of mostly local visitors" to be handed over to state control and for a cut of some \$1 billion from its \$4.8 billion budget. "The National Park Service is protecting not only these really remarkable natural resources, but some of the most important cultural and historical resources as well," said one ranger who asked to remain anonymous.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-dismantling-education-department	2025/05/12			
Rangers hit out at Trump's plans for National Parks. 'They're going to its said off'	Government- NPS	There are more than 430 national parks that span across 85 million acres, including every U.S. state and territory. Among that number are 76 national historical sites and 87 national monuments that include archeological sites and shorelines like the General National Sea Shore in Florida. Silicosis is typically caused by years of breathing in silica dust at work, and can worsen even after work exposures stop. In recent years, after decades of inaction, the federal government finally took several important steps to reduce the incidence of this ancient and debilitating disease. Under the Trump administration, all that progress is going away, in one example of the widespread destruction now taking place across the federal government. The 1970 law that established the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) also launched a scientific-research agency, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), whose job included providing OSHA with recommendations for health standards. In 1974, NIOSH provided OSHA with strong evidence that its silica-exposure standard needed to be more stringent—that too many workers were being exposed to too much silica, and suffering greatly as a result. One of us, David, ran OSHA for more than seven years during the Obama administration. The other, Gregory, led the NIOSH Division of Respiratory Disease Studies for 15 years and served as deputy assistant secretary of labor in the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) for three years.)	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/national-parks-ar	2025/05/12			
DOGE is Bringing Back a Deadly Disease	Health- air	Current treatments aim to suppress that response, but dialing down the entire immune system comes at a steep cost: it leaves patients vulnerable to other illnesses and often requires daily, invasive care. "This is the holy grail," says Northwestern University immunologist Stephen Miller. "We want to use a scalpel rather than a sledgehammer to treat these diseases." In 2023, Hubbell and his colleagues published a peer-reviewed paper in Nature showing that this method could halt the mouse version of multiple sclerosis (MS), a disease in which the immune system attacks nerve cells in the brain and body. Over the past eight months, Anokhin, the company started by Hubbell and others to commercialize their work, has announced successful early trials in humans in both optic disease and MS.	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025-05-06/mouse-silicosis-preve	2025/05/12			
'Inverse vaccines': the promise of a 'holy grail' treatment for autoimmune diseases	Health- Autoimmune disease	The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said Saturday that federal, state and local officials are investigating the outbreak linked to foods produced by Fresh & Ready Foods LLC of San Fernando, California. The FDA says the "10 people who fell ill were in California and Nevada, and required hospitalization."	https://www.theguardian.com/wellness/2025/may/11/autoimmune-disea	2025/05/12			
At least 10 people sickened in US listeria outbreak linked to prepared foods	Health- Listeria	Cases of measles in the U.S. surpassed 1,000 for just the second time in 30 years this week. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. still isn't taking it seriously. The deadly and fast-spreading outbreak that first started in western Texas in January has spread to at least 31 states, with 1,001 cases in total reported, according to Friday data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ... "You are watching the gradual dissolution of the vaccine infrastructure in this country," Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, told The Washington Post. "The goal is to make vaccines less available and less affordable."	https://nprnews.com/article/listeria-outbreak-food-sick-ct-1d6d49f56762	2025/05/12			
Measles Cases In The U.S. Just Hit 1,000. RFK Jr. Still Isn't Taking It Seriously.	Health- Measles	President Trump said he'll sign an executive order on Monday morning that would cut prescription drug and pharmaceutical prices "almost immediately, by 30% to 80%."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/measles-cases-u-just-hit-204142416.htm	2025/05/12			
Trump says he'll sign order aimed at cutting drug prices by up to 80%	Health- Medication	It was not immediately clear how the order would work and whether it would apply to Medicare or Medicaid, and representatives for the Trump administration did not immediately respond to Axios's request for comment on Sunday evening. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins announced the suspension of live cattle, horse and bison imports via the southern border "due to the continued and rapid northward spread" of New World Screwworm (NWS) in Mexico, effective immediately. Rollins noted on X: "The last time this devastating pest invaded America, it took 30 years for our cattle industry to recover. This cannot happen again." Driving the news: NWS was "recently detected in remote farms with minimal cattle movement as far north as Oaxaca and Veracruz" in Mexico, some 700 miles from the U.S. border, per the USDA. The first case was reported to the U.S. in November.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/11/trump-drug-prices-executive-order-g	2025/05/12	Economy		
What to know about screwworm as U.S. suspends cattle imports from Mexico	Health- Parasite	The U.S.'s "import suspension will remain in effect" on a month-by-month basis, until a significant window of containment is achieved," according to the USDA statement.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/11/screwworm-us-suspends-cattle-hors	2025/05/12			

More Than 70 People Infected with Parasite and 16 Hospitalized After Visiting Animal Farm	Health-Parasite	Public Health Wales announced that it has confirmed that 74 people have been infected with cryptosporidium — which is a microscopic parasite that causes diarrhea, per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) — after visiting a Covidvillage farm. According to the CDC, the parasite can “live in water, food, soil, or on surfaces that have been contaminated with infected poop.” Public Health Wales said that cryptosporidium is “often associated with contact with animals, especially young farm animals such as calves and lambs.” For James Antaki, a biomedical engineering professor at Cornell University, the \$5.7 million government grant meant babies would be saved. Awarded by the Department of Defense on March 30, it would allow his team at Cornell to ramp up production and testing of PediaFlow, a device that boosts blood flow in infants with heart defects.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/more-70-people-infected-parasite-203837	2025/05/12	
Trump administration halts research to help babies with heart defects	Health-Research	The Defense Department sent Antaki a stop-work order on April 8 informing him that his team wouldn't get the money, intended to be distributed over four years. Three decades of research is now at risk, and Antaki said he has no idea why the government cut off funding. The Food and Drug administration has approved the U.S.'s first at-home alternative to the Pap smear, a procedure generations of women have dreaded and often found painful. The Test Wand — “built with empathy,” the company said — uses a swab to collect a vaginal sample. Women will then mail the sample to a lab that will screen for HPV (human papillomavirus), the virus that causes nearly all cervical cancers. A growing body of research has found HPV testing to be highly accurate. Test Health says its self-testing device will be available starting next month, in California first and then expanding. It will be by prescription, through a telehealth service, for women 25-65 years old who are “at average risk.” The company says it's working with insurance companies to provide coverage.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-halts-research-help-babies-with-heart-defects	2025/05/12	
The FDA approves first U.S. at-home tool as a Pap-smear alternative	Health-Women's health	Democratic members of Congress who were part of a scuffle with law enforcement officers at an ICE facility in New Jersey may face arrests, the Department of Homeland Security confirmed to Axios Saturday. It would be a major escalation in the Trump administration's arrests of politicians and other public servants, including the mayor of Newark and a judge in Milwaukee. DHS is accusing the House Democrats of assaulting law enforcement. The lawmakers say they were the ones who were assaulted. President Trump's second choice for U.S. surgeon general has set off a wave of infighting within the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) movement. Like Kennedy, Means has expressed skepticism about vaccines, promotes food as medicine and is critical of the current health care system. But the pick was unpopular with other health influencers aligned with Kennedy. “I can't help but think this is a very carefully groomed and selected person. Just about no clinical experience. Talks a great game about everything but vaccines. Feels all wrong,” said Suzanne Humphries, a medical researcher who, like Means, has appeared on Joe Rogan's podcast.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/10/nx-1-5394466-fda-cervical-cancer-scy	2025/05/12	
Trump admin eyes arrests for House Dems over ICE incident	Nazi checklist	The backlash to her nomination reflects the broader tensions within the MAHA movement, as different factions vie for influence in the Trump administration. The surgeon general serves as the public health face of the administration and wields a powerful bully pulpit, but has little actual authority.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/10/trump-ice-arrest-house-democrats	2025/05/12	DHS, bulletins, ACAB, brown shirts, arrests, ICE, silence, dissent,
Trump's surgeon general pick exposes cracks in MAHA movement	Political Cesspool	Exacerbated by the turmoil that has dogged Pete Hegseth's office in recent weeks, the White House will block the US defense secretary's choice of chief of staff and select a candidate of its own, according to two people familiar with the matter.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-surgeon-general-pick-exposes-100	2025/05/12	
Trump news at a glance: White House doesn't trust Hegseth to choose new chief of staff	Political Cesspool	The move to block Hegseth's choice at this juncture is unusual and reflects Donald Trump's intent to keep Hegseth by trying to insulate him from any new mistakes. Nearly four years ago in Texas, the state's new abortion law started getting in the way of basic miscarriage care. As women waited in hospitals cramping, fluid running down their legs, doctors told them they couldn't empty their uterus to guard against deadly complications. The state banned most abortions, even in pregnancies that were no longer viable, then, it added criminal penalties, threatening to imprison doctors for life and punish hospitals. The law had one exception, for a life-threatening emergency. Not every hospital tolerated this new normal. ProPublica found. A seismic split emerged in how medical institutions in the state's two largest metro areas treated miscarrying patients — and in how these women fared.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-news-glance-white-house-012408	2025/05/12	DOD, white house,
Under Texas' abortion ban, where a pregnant woman lives can determine her risk of developing sepsis	Reproductive Rights	“The MMR vaccine that we currently use has millions of particles that were created from aborted fetal tissue, millions of DNA fragments,” RFK Jr. told Fox News host Bret Baier in a report aired on Thursday. It's a wildly misleading statement. The rubella component of the MMR vaccine is grown in a lab-cultured cell line originally derived from fetal tissue in the 1960s, but no actual tissue cells are present in the vaccine. Trace DNA fragments are non-functional and regulated to be safe. Robert F Kennedy Jr., the US health secretary, has intimated that parents are to blame for their children's autism, and that they are responsible for researching every aspect of their children's lives that could affect their development.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/under-texas-abortion-ban-where-110050	2025/05/12	
RFK Jr. Speaks Wild Anti-Vax Theories As Measles Cases Surge	RFK JR BS	In a recent interview with Dr Phil McGraw, Kennedy told parents to “do their own research” when it comes to vaccinating their kids, stating that scientists are still trying to understand whether the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine causes severe side effects like brain swelling (they know, it doesn't).	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-speaks-wild-anti-vax-04125896.html	2025/05/12	
RFK Jr.'s autism comments place blame and shift research responsibility to parents, critics say	RFK JR BS	The Democratic members of an independent agency dedicated to protecting Americans from dangerous products and issuing recalls and safety warnings were fired by President Trump via an overnight email.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-autism-comments-place-11001038	2025/05/12	
Trump fires all 6 Democrats on the Consumer Product Safety Commission	Trump Bulshit	The fringes at the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) came as consumer protection groups and lawmakers warn that Trump may be interested to dismantle the entire agency. During George W Bush's administration, a puppy given to the president by the leader of Bulgaria was sent directly to the National Archives which preserves government and historical records. The puppy was then placed with a family. Bush was unable to keep the dog because under the constitution's emoluments clause, government officials are barred from accepting gifts from any “king, prince, or foreign state”, without the approval of Congress. Trump officials reportedly believe the president might be able to keep the luxury alone because it will be transferred to his presidential library at the end of his term. Sources say they arrived at that conclusion after determining that the gift was not conditioned on any official act and therefore was not bribery.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/09/nx-1-5393174-trump-consumer-prod	2025/05/12	
A bicycle, pencil sharpener, 300lb of raw meat: US presidential gifts and the rules governing them	Trump Bulshit	In 2023, the US House oversight committee reported 100 items given to Trump from foreign nations in his first term were missing, after the White House failed to log them. They included a lifetime painting of the president given by the president of El Salvador and golf clubs from the prime minister of Japan that were valued at more than \$250,000 in total. A spokesperson for Trump said many of the items “were received either before or after the administration”	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/12/us-presidential-gifts	2025/05/12	
Trump uses Supreme Court birthright citizenship case in bid to limit judges' power	US Citizens	How inclined the justices might be to do so could become apparent on May 15 when the court considers Trump's move to end automatic citizenship for children born in the United States regardless of whether their parents are citizens or permanent residents. The president hasn't asked the high court to consider the legality of his policy — which was called “blatantly unconstitutional” by the first judge to review it. Instead, Trump wants the justices to narrow the scope of multiple court orders keeping his new rules on hold until the citizenship policy has been fully adopted. The administration argues that, for now, Trump should be able to impose the change on everyone except the eighteen parents named in the lawsuits or, at most, any member of two immigrant rights groups or residents of a state that challenged the policy.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/birthright-citizenship-tests-supreme-court	2025/05/12	
Fact Check, Yes, Oklahoma's new academic standards say to teach students 2020 election fraud myths as fact	Voting Fucker	Next school year, that thousands of high school students in Oklahoma will be required to learn about Trump's debunked claims that the 2020 election was tainted by fraud, said one X post by independent reporter Judd Legum. “The lesson will not be part of a course on conspiracy theories, but an official component of the new social studies curriculum.” Six people, including multiple public officials, have been arrested and charged as part of a long-running investigation into an alleged “vote harvesting” scheme in a rural Texas county against vulnerable seniors during 2022 and 2023 elections.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fact-check-yes-oklahoma-academic-130	2025/05/12	misinformation, fake news, lies,
Officials in rural Texas are accused of paying campaign worker who told elderly people how to vote, docs	Voting Fucker	Castillo, who died last year, allegedly prepared ballots for individuals, influenced their voting choices, and assisted individuals who were ineligible for such support under state voting law.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/officials-rural-texas-accused-paying-1604	2025/05/12	
Sean Duffy blames Biden for Newark airport crisis, but also says it should've been fixed during Covid — when Trumps was in office	Aviation	Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy on Monday largely blamed a string of problems plaguing Newark Liberty International Airport and the larger flight system on the Biden administration — though he also seemed to accidentally indict Trump for not doing more. “We didn't have to be here. This did not have to be our story. Over the last four years, the last administration, they knew this was a problem,” Duffy added. “And by the way, during Covid, when people weren't flying, that was a perfect time to fix these problems.” In a striking move that ends a nearly four-decade-old relationship between the federal government and the Episcopal Church, the denomination announced on Monday that it is terminating its partnership with the government to resettle refugees, citing moral opposition to resettling white Afrikaners from South Africa who have been classified as refugees by President Trump's administration.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/sean-duffy-blames-biden-for-newark-airport-crisis-but-also-says-it-shouldve-been-fixed-during-covid-when-trumps-was-in-office	2025/05/13	DOT,ATC, Air traffic control, update, blame game
Episcopal Church refuses to resettle white Afrikaners, citing moral opposition	Borders and Immigration	“We are concerned that the U.S. Government has chosen to fast-track the admission of Afrikaners, while actively fighting court orders to provide life-saving resettlement to other refugee populations who are in desperate need of resettlement,” Rick Santorum, head of Church World Service, said in a statement last week. “By resettling this population, the Government is demonstrating that it still has the capacity to quickly screen, process, and depart refugees to the United States. It's time for the Administration to honor our nation's commitment to the thousands of refugee families it abandoned with its cruel and illegal executive order.”	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/12/pa-1-65888-episcopal-church-white-afri	2025/05/13	religion
Federal judge won't block Trump's plan to use IRS data to track down undocumented migrants	Borders and Immigration	A federal judge won't block a controversial Trump administration initiative to share highly sensitive taxpayer information with federal immigration authorities in hopes of tracking down undocumented immigrants and quickly deporting them out of the country. District Judge Dabney Friedrich on Monday rejected arguments from several immigrant-rights groups, that claimed the data-sharing agreement between the Internal Revenue Service and Immigration and Customs Enforcement violated taxpayer confidentiality laws.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-judge-won-t-block-2025101777	2025/05/13	Trump Bulshit, government, IRS
Multiple ICE impersonation arrests made during nationwide immigration crackdown	Cesspool	The decision is a victory for President Donald Trump and his immigration agenda. Trump administration officials argued that greater cooperation between the IRS and ICE will protect Americans by kicking out potentially dangerous immigrants who came to the country illegally. Authorities in at least three states have arrested individuals allegedly impersonating Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers at a time when real ICE agents have ramped up immigration enforcement efforts under the Trump administration, adding to existing fears of law enforcement among migrant communities.	https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/04/ice-impersonators-on-the-rise-arc	2025/05/13	
Anti-Democratic, anti-trans Facebook posts of Pope Leo brother drew scrutiny	Cesspool	The disclosure that newly elected Pope Leo XIV has predicted that the Roman Catholic church's first-ever US-born leader will strive to be apolitical in his role — which, if that happens, would cut a stark contrast with the papal sibling's fierce support of far-right American politics. Facebook posts under the name of Louis Martin “Lou” Prevost, whose youngest brother, Robert Prevost, was recently picked to succeed the late Pope Francis, have come under scrutiny from journalists and social media users as the world seeks hints about what kind of relationship Leo may foster with Donald Trump.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/13/pope-leo-brother-face	2025/05/13	
Donald Trump could remain in office after his term ends. Here's how	Constitutional Crisis	The most common tactic is for presidents to first ensure their political party in the legislature is fully subservient to them, and then leverage a loyal majority to amend the constitution — a move that has already been initiated in the U.S.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-t	2025/05/13	
Trump says it would be “stupid” not to accept free jet from Qatar	Corruption	President Trump on Monday dismissed criticism of his plan to accept a \$400 million jet from Qatar to serve as Air Force One, calling it “stupid” to turn down the gift. Pressed on ethical concerns around accepting the gift, the president rebuked an ABC reporter, saying, “You should be embarrassed asking that question.”	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/12/trump-qatar-jet-free-plane-air-force-	2025/05/13	

		Trump said Monday that the plane isn't a gift to him, but to the Department of Defense. He added that it will be decommissioned after his term for his presidential library, and that he will not use it after leaving office. Richard Briffault, a Columbia Law School professor who specializes in government ethics, says that distinction doesn't matter. If the plane goes to Trump's presidential library after he leaves office, "then it's not really a gift to the United States at all."			
Ethics experts worry about the implications of Trump accepting Qatar's luxury plane	Corruption	Briffault says accepting the plane would constitute a personal gift and a "pretty textbook case of a violation of the Emoluments Clause." Like other ethics experts, he worries it could lead to Trump feeling beholden to the Qatar government.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/12/trump-et-53395695/qatar-trump-plane-gift-4	2025/05/13	
More than half of Americans are using layaway or buy-now-pay-later programs to cover everyday essentials	Economy-Essentials	A recent survey reveals that more than half of Americans are using layaway or buy-now-pay-later (BNPL) programs to cover everyday purchases, including groceries. According to a survey by New York-based marketing agency PartnerCentric.com, 52 percent of Americans now rely on installment-based payment services. As gold prices saw a record highs during global economic jitters, hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of gold are circulating through the doors of St. Vincent Jewelry Center in downtown Los Angeles on any given day. Many of the center's 500 independent tenants, which include jewelers, gold refiners and assayers, say they have never seen such a surge in customers.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/americans-are-using-layaway-to-buy-everyday-essentials-12345678901.html	2025/05/13	
Economic jitters and soaring gold prices create a frenzy for US jewelry merchants	Economy-Gold	"They're melting things with their family's wedding dates and things from the 1800s," Kazanjian said.	https://apnews.com/article/gold-prices-high-lifts-economy-Rb4d6872-2025-05-12	2025/05/13	
Newsom calls on California cities to ban homeless encampments 'without delay'	Economy-Housing	Govin Newsom has called on California cities and counties to clear and effectively ban encampments "without delay" as the governor intensifies a crackdown on homelessness in the state. Newsom on Monday announced a new model ordinance to address "persistent" camps, in hopes of reducing the most visible signs of a worsening crisis, as well as \$3.3bn in voter-approved funding to increase housing and drug treatment programs. So much for taxing the rich: House Republicans late Sunday unveiled \$880 billion in Medicaid cuts, the cost-saving center of their hotly anticipated tax legislation. The idea of taxing the rich seemed to be on the table last week, but there's no sign of it in the draft. It includes some goodies for the rich, as well as a few things that would benefit more modest earners, but those are temporary.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/12/newsom-california	2025/05/13	
Who benefits from tax legislation so far	Economy-Taxes	President Trump has proposed eliminating taxes on tips, overtime pay and Social Security benefits. None of this is mentioned in the draft. When President Donald Trump launched his trade war on the world, he issued a stern warning: "Do not retaliate and you will be rewarded." China ignored the warning. It was rewarded anyway. This morning, Trump largely suspended his trade war in return for nothing but promises of ongoing concessions. There is a lesson here for everybody: Trump threatens, whether countries or businesses or universities.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/12/social-security-salt-tax-bill	2025/05/13	
China Called Trump's Bluff	Economy-Trade war	Western North Carolina is again being targeted by hazardous rainfall that forecasters say is expected to lead to its "first noteworthy flood threat" since last September's deadly Hurricane Helene. This storm is not anticipated to be anywhere near the magnitude of Helene, but "it is the first noteworthy flooding threat in the area since Helene according to the National Weather Service," Mitchell County told residents. A flood watch is in effect near the Blue Ridge Encampment into Tuesday morning, according to the National Weather Service. Another flood watch was issued through early Tuesday in central North Carolina, bringing rainfall totals of two to four inches. Northeast South Carolina is set to get one to three inches by Tuesday. Southern California authorities conducted dozens of emergency rescues during an early-season rain heat wave over the weekend. ... "Over a dozen people have been rescued collectively," it wrote in a post on Facebook.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/china-called-trump-bluff-150210673.html	2025/05/13	
Western North Carolina faces 'first noteworthy flooding threat' since Hurricane Helene	Environment-Flooding	The agency noted that it was 96 degrees Fahrenheit by mid-afternoon in the city of Aliso Viejo. The heat wave was swift, jumping to as many as 20 degrees above normal around Los Angeles County, according to the National Weather Service. More than 200 marine species, including deepwater sharks, leafy sea dragons and octopuses, have been killed by a toxic algal bloom that has been affecting South Australia's coastline since March. ... The OzFish South Australian project manager, Brad Martin, said the harmful bloom – of Karenia mikimotoi algae – was like a toxic blanket that smothered marine life. "It can suffocate fish from their gills, cause haemorrhaging by attacking their red blood cells, and act as a neurotoxin and attack the fish's nervous system and brain, causing unusual behaviour," he said. "This is why some fish and sharks are acting so strangely and why many of the dead have a red tinge – it is like a horror movie for fish."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/western-north-carolina-flooding-threat-12345678901.html	2025/05/13	
Early season Southern California heat wave results in dozens of rescues	Environment-Heat wave	According to the state's environment department, the algal bloom was being driven by an ongoing marine heatwave – with water temperatures 2.5C hotter than usual – as well as relatively calm marine conditions with little wind and small swells.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/southern-california-heat-wave-12345678901.html	2025/05/13	
'A horror movie': sharks and octopuses among 200 species killed by toxic algae off South Australia	Environment-Oceans	Republicans in the House of Representatives have passed their proposal to cut an estimated \$715 billion in administrative costs. If it becomes law, the plan would result in 2.6 million more uninsured Americans in the next decade, according to an analysis by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/may/13/a-horror-movie	2025/05/13	
Making sense of the GOP's proposed Medicaid cuts, which could leave 3.6 million people uninsured	Government-Budget	The Trump administration is targeting climate technology that automatically turns a vehicle's engine off when it's stopped to save fuel. ... Stop-start systems eliminated nearly 10 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually as of 2023, according to the Battery Council International. The feature can generally be turned off at the press of a button.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/making-sense-of-the-gops-proposed-medicaid-cuts-12345678901.html	2025/05/13	
EPA administrator targets stop-start vehicle tech: 'Everyone hates it'	Government-EPA	The feature can generally be turned off at the press of a button.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/12/epa-lee-yoblin-stop-start-vehicles	2025/05/13	
Young boys wearing Minecraft and Star Wars pyjamas in armed standoff with police	Gun Culture	This is the moment two young boys wearing Minecraft and Star Wars pyjamas are in an armed standoff with police.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/boys-armed-police-stand-off-nc	2025/05/13	
UN body rules Russia responsible for downing of flight MH17 promoting calls for compensation	International-Russia	The UN aviation council has ruled that Russia was responsible for the downing of a Malaysian airliner over Ukraine that killed all 288 passengers and crew, prompting calls for "reparations" for the families of victims. Flight MH17 was travelling from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur when it was shot down by a Russian surface-to-air missile while flying over eastern Ukraine in 2014 as fighting raged between pro-Russian separatists and Ukrainian forces. Among the victims were 196 Dutch citizens and 38 Australian citizens or residents.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/13/flight-mh17-russia-rules	2025/05/13	
How a lone judge can block a Trump order nationwide – and why, from DACA to DOGE, the judicial check on presidents' power is shaping how the government works	Judicial-Putback	When presidents try to make big changes through executive orders, they often hit a roadblock: A single federal judge, whether located in Seattle or Miami or anywhere in between, can stop these policies across the entire country. This explains why the Trump administration recently asked the Supreme Court to limit judges' power to issue what legal experts call "nationwide preliminary injunctions." Congress also held hearings on curbing judges' ability to issue the injunctions.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/how-a-lone-judge-block-trump-order-202428807	2025/05/13	
Cannes makes it official: No nudity on the red carpet	Personal interest	The Cannes Film Festival red carpet is perhaps the most rigidly controlled red carpet in the world. Now, the festival has added a new stipulation: no nudity.	https://apnews.com/article/cannes-nudity-red-carpet-2655d4d78da630f	2025/05/13	Fashion
The evolution of the bikini	Personal interest	Created almost 80 years ago, the bikini has been making waves as a summer essential since the 1940s. The White House is working to adopt policies to allow Americans to have more babies, even as it cuts back on federally funded day care. That's because they want a stronger family unit, which they argue comes from one parent staying home. Conservatives argue that they're not pushing mothers to leave the workforce, simply giving them a choice to work less if they want to do so. They note that a Gallup poll in March found that 60 percent of American women say that they would prefer to work part-time or stay at home. Thirty-seven percent of men said the same.	https://www.the-independent.com/life-style/fashion/brightle-bardot-camh	2025/05/13	
It's not just more babies, Republicans are pushing idea: one parent should ditch work and stay at home with the kids	Political-Ceepool	The federal agency tasked with protecting workers' civil rights has moved to terminate a New York administrative judge who has resisted compliance with directives from the White House, including President Donald Trump's executive order decreeing male and female as two "immutable" sexes. Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s short time leading America's health agencies has already destabilized the uneasy alliance that vaulted him into President Trump's Cabinet. The anti-establishment takeover of Health and Human Services – a sprawling agency that accounts for the largest share of domestic federal spending – has become one of the most chaotic experiments of Trump's second term. HHS will be at the center of major policy debates over Medicaid cuts, abortion access, vaccine policy, medical research and the future of public health infrastructure. But the deep divisions within its Frankenstein coalition are threatening to tear MAHA apart before those battles can even begin.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/reputilly	2025/05/13	
Civil rights agency moves to fire judge fighting Trump directives	Retaliation	The anti-establishment takeover of Health and Human Services – a sprawling agency that accounts for the largest share of domestic federal spending – has become one of the most chaotic experiments of Trump's second term. HHS will be at the center of major policy debates over Medicaid cuts, abortion access, vaccine policy, medical research and the future of public health infrastructure. But the deep divisions within its Frankenstein coalition are threatening to tear MAHA apart before those battles can even begin.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/civil-rights-agency-moves-fire-201119277	2025/05/13	
MAHA's messy marriage	RFK JR BS	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. went swimming with his grandchildren in Rock Creek in Washington, D.C., even amid warnings that the waterway isn't safe for swimming because of high bacterial levels. ... "Swimming and wading are not allowed due to high bacteria levels," the National Park Service states on its website. "Stay out of the water to protect streambanks, plants, and animals and keep you and your family (including pets) safe from illness."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/12/rfk-jr-maha-casey-means-vaccines	2025/05/13	
RFK Jr took his grandchildren for a dip in DC's Rock Creek – despite warnings that high bacteria levels make it unsafe	RFK JR BS	In addition to the high levels of bacteria, the waterway also has "other infectious pathogens," making swimming, wading, and any other water contact a "hazard" for humans and pets alike. From utility tax data to trace immigrants without legal status to threatening Harvard University's tax exemption, President Trump has been trying to use the IRS for his own political purposes, in ways that may seem unprecedented.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/rfk-jr-go	2025/05/13	
Trump is looking to use the IRS for his own political ends, Nixon tried it too	Trump Bulshit	"One of the things that Nixon did consider was threatening the tax-exemptions of universities," says Joseph Thomdike, director of the Tax History Project at Tax Analysts. "And that sounds very familiar if you're reading the paper these days."	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/12/trump-et-5375585/irs-harvard-trump-nixon	2025/05/13	
Trump reportedly fires head of US copyright office after release of AI report	Trump Bulshit	The Trump administration reportedly fired the head of the US copyright office over the weekend – within hours of the dismissed official having published a report about how the development of artificial intelligence (AI) technology could run afoul of fair use law. Perlmutter took over the copyrights office in 2020, and some of her employees suspect her firing may stem from her recent report on how using copyrighted material to train AI tech could overstep laws governing fair use, according to the Post's reporting.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/12/trump-fires-copyright	2025/05/13	
Is the Southern accent fixin' to disappear in parts of the US South?	Weird world	The Southern accent, which has many variations, is fading in some areas of the South as people migrate to the region from other parts of the U.S. and around the world. A series of research papers published in December documented the diminishment of the regional accent among Black residents of the Atlanta area, while working-class people in the New Orleans area and people who grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina. Why are birds exploding in Richmond, California? ... In one video, captured by a Ring security camera, a loud pop can be heard out of frame just before the lifeless body a bird falls to the ground. Residents have described the sound as reminiscent of a BB gun or a firecracker, and they told ABC 7 that they've been hearing the noise far too often for it to be coincidence. Resident Maximilian Bolling told ABC 7 he believes that problem may be the result of a missing protective seal or insulator on nearby power lines. He said he and other residents have voiced their concerns to PG&E, the regional power company, but said nothing has been done to address them so far.	https://apnews.com/article/migration-southern-accent-georgia-louisiana	2025/05/13	
Mysterious exploding bird epidemic 'horrifying' Bay Area neighborhood	Weird world	During the Wednesday, May 7, concert of the band's MT2 World Tour, the heavy metal rock band saw a minor earthquake when performing their hit "Enter Sandman." The Lane Stadium show at Virginia Tech campus had over 60,000 fans in attendance, according to ABC 13 News.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/exploding-birds-by	2025/05/13	
Metallica Causes Earthquake from 'Enter Sandman' Performance at Virginia Tech	Weird world		https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/articles/metallica-causes-earthquake-12345678901.html	2025/05/13	

As few as 3 radar controllers monitored Newark's airspace Monday night, FAA says Newark airport uses floppy discs for air traffic control and more terrifying facts about FAA's crumbling system	Aviation	On Monday evening, there were as few as three air traffic controllers at a Philadelphia radar center scheduled each hour to guide planes that were flying into and out of Newark Liberty International Airport, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. That's despite a target of 14 air traffic controllers for that time period, per an agreement between the FAA and the air traffic controllers union. The New York Times reported, NPR has not independently confirmed that report. The FAA did not reply to NPR's question about the agreement, but then did not reply to multiple requests to comment on the report.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/13/mx-t1-5395838/newark-airport-three-r	2025/05/14	
20 states sue Trump admin over immigration enforcement funding threats	Aviation	But behind the scenes, the technology that's keeping the planes in the sky is frighteningly out of date. Some of it relies on floppy discs and used parts sourced from eBay, federal officials said this week.	https://www.rj.com/bnews/2025/05/05/newark-airport-uses-floppy-discs-for	2025/05/14	
In first, judge allows Trump to use Alien Enemies Act to deport Venezuelans	Borders and Immigration	A coalition of 20 Democratic attorneys general is suing President Trump's administration over threats to withhold billions of dollars in federal funding if they don't follow his immigration enforcement policies. California Attorney General Rob Bonta, who's leading the two lawsuits, said at a Tuesday briefing that threats to cut funds for emergency services and infrastructure maintenance represented "a blatantly illegal attempt to bully states" into enacting Trump's agenda. The Trump administration can invoke the Alien Enemies Act to deport alleged Tren de Aragua gang members, a federal judge ruled on Tuesday. U.S. District Judge Stephanie Haines is the first to approve the Trump administration's use of the 18th-century wartime law to quickly carry out deportations of alleged Venezuelan gang members to El Salvador.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/13/alien-enemies-act-judge-deport-deti	2025/05/14	
Mexican security chief confirms cartel family members entered US in a deal with Trump administration	Borders and Immigration	Mexico's security chief confirmed Tuesday that 17 family members of cartel leaders crossed into the U.S. last week as part of a deal between a son of the former head of the Sinaloa Cartel and the Trump administration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mexican-security-chief-confirms-cartel-22	2025/05/14	
Trump repeats disputed claim that white farmers 'suffering genocide' in South Africa as first rednecks are flown in to US	Borders and Immigration	Violence against white farmers is not particularly widespread even by the admission of organizations led by Afrikaners dedicated to tracking farm attacks in South Africa, which suffers from a high rate of violent crime in general. White farmers own about 70 percent of commercial farmland in the country, despite making up a minority of the population. Fewer than 150 attacks involving farmers occurred during the entirety of 2023, according to the Afrikaner political group AfriForum. Numerous news reports and studies have found that despite a recent law being passed allowing the government to seize land in some cases without compensation, those land seizures have not actually taken place. AfriForum has vowed a legal fight in the country's court system if that program were to begin, but even advocates for Afrikaners have tempered their allegations and rhetoric beyond what the US president displayed on Monday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-repeats-disputed-claim-white-1520	2025/05/14	racism, making a point.
Police admit they mistakenly pulled over a college student. But she still faces deportation	Borders and Immigration	When police in Dalton, Georgia pulled over Ximena Arias-Cristobal, officers accused the 19-year-old college student of making an illegal right turn at a red light. She told officers she didn't have her international driver's license on her, according to a police report, and she was taken into custody. Then she was moved to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention center roughly four hours away, and now she faces the possibility of being removed from the country along with her family. But local police this week admitted the officers made a mistake. After a review of dash cam footage from the traffic stop on May 5, "it was determined that Ms. Arias-Cristobal's vehicle appeared similar to the offending vehicle but was not the vehicle that made an improper turn," according to a statement from the Dalton Police Department.			
Multiple Trump White House officials have ties to antisemitic extremists	Ceaspool-Extremist	Police and prosecutors dismissed the charges against her, but Donald Trump's administration intends to remove her from the United States, where she has lived since she was four years old. NPR has identified three Trump officials with close ties to antisemitic extremists, including a man described by federal prosecutors as a "Nazi sympathizer," and a prominent Holocaust denier. "If the administration were serious about countering antisemitism, first and foremost they wouldn't be appointing people with antisemitic and other extremist ties to senior roles within the administration," Spitalnick said. Paul Ingrassia, currently serving as the White House liaison to the Department of Homeland Security, has ties to multiple figures widely known for promoting antisemitism. The "Tim" whom Ingrassia referenced is Timothy Hale-Cusaneil, who was convicted of multiple nonviolent offenses for storming the Capitol on Jan. 6 and was later pardoned by Trump. Federal prosecutors described Hale-Cusaneil as a "Nazi sympathizer" who once went to work at a naval weapons station with a "fitter mustache." He also recorded a lengthy antisemitic video rant in which he compared Orthodox Jews to a "plague of locusts." ... Before joining the Trump administration as the communications director for the White House Office of Management and Budget, Rachel Cauley served on the board of the Patriot Freedom Project. The nonprofit group was founded in direct response to the arrest of Hale-Cusaneil on Jan. 6 charges. ... Trump appointed conservative activist Ed Martin to multiple Department of Justice roles, after his nomination for U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, failed. Martin's ties to Hale-Cusaneil played a key role in the collapse of his nomination to that role.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ximena	2025/05/14	
Why aren't Americans filling the manufacturing jobs we already have?	Economy-Jobs	But there's something a bit weird undercutting this movement to restore factory jobs: American manufacturers say they are struggling to fill the jobs they already have. According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are nearly half a million open manufacturing jobs right now. Last year, the Manufacturing Institute, a nonprofit aimed at developing America's manufacturing workforce, and Deloitte, a consultancy firm, surveyed more than 200 manufacturing companies. More than 65% of the firms said recruiting and retaining workers was their No. 1 business challenge. Squeezed by insurers and middlemen, independent pharmacists such as Jolley find themselves on the front lines of a tariff storm. Nearly everyone down the line — drugmakers, pharmacies, wholesalers and middlemen — opposes most tariffs. Slashing drug imports could trigger widespread shortages, experts said, because of America's dependence on Chinese- and Indian-made chemical ingredients, which form the critical building blocks of many medicines. Industry officials caution that steep tariffs on raw materials and finished pharmaceuticals could make drugs more expensive.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/13/mx-t1-5387299/trump-white-house-anti	2025/05/14	
Pharmacists stockpile most common drugs on chance of targeted Trump tariffs	Economy-Tariffs	Ross had pulled two cargo containers of ships in China when the 145% tariffs took effect last month. Now she's trying to get as much merchandise to the U.S. as she can while the lower tariffs are in place. "Now it's going to be a rush because everybody wants it out in the next 90 days," Ross says. "What is going to happen to the freight rates?" Her sons were among approximately 150 students and 50 adults evacuated using 15 rescue boats Tuesday as heavy rains brought flooding to the region, the county's emergency services department said. Later this week, on May 15, the National Hurricane Center will begin issuing daily "tropical outlooks," highlighting areas showing potential for tropical development over the next seven days. A sprawling atmospheric river that hammered the Southeast with up to a foot of rain was sweeping through the Mid-Atlantic states Tuesday, driving multiple inches of rain and the threat of coastal flooding, forecasters said.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/05/13/mx-t1-5395	2025/05/14	health, medication, cost,
First, relief. Then, a scramble to get shift in after U.S. cuts China tariffs for now	Economy-Tariffs	Three raging wildfires in northern Minnesota have forced evacuations and the deployment of members of the state's National Guard to battle the blazes. ... In Brainerd, the largest of the three wildfires, known as the Camp House fire, rapidly ballooned to 11,778 acres. The fire, which started on Sunday, has destroyed more than 40 structures and led dozens of people to evacuate. There were 80 people working to respond to the incident, and several local closures implemented. Fortunately, more reliable sources than DOGE's self-reported figures exist. The best is the Treasury Department's monthly accounting of spending by agency and program. Any true DOGE spending reductions should show up in these budget totals, as should the results of other White House initiatives, including cuts to public-health spending and the ongoing efforts to eliminate USAID and the Department of Education. ... These spending data do not flatter the Musk project. Total federal outlays in February and March were \$80 billion (or 7 percent) higher than the levels from the same months a year ago, when adjusted for timing shifts. This spending growth—approximately \$500 billion at an annualized rate—continues to be driven by the three-quarters of federal spending allocated to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, defense, veterans' benefits, and interest costs. These massive expenses have been untouched by DOGE's focus on small but controversial targets such as DEI contracts and Politico subscriptions.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/13/mx-t1-5395866/us-china-tariffs-trade-de	2025/05/14	
200 rescued from Maryland elementary school using boats as flood waters started to reach the second floor National Hurricane Center tropical outlooks start soon. Here's why they're important to Florida	Environment-Flooding	Many of the contracts that DOGE canceled were reinstated almost immediately. The Environmental Protection Agency, for example, revived a contract just two and a half hours after Musk's team canceled it, the paper found. Others were brought back within days. The waste doesn't end there. Since the contracts are necessary, it puts the fired contractors in a stronger bargaining position when the government comes crawling back. In the case of the EPA contract, the agency agreed to pay \$171,000 more than before the cancellation. In other words, these cuts are costing, not saving, the government money. Disability rights protesters in wheelchairs clashed with Republican lawmakers Tuesday as they sought to discuss and debate their sprawling legislation on Medicaid, which led to police dragging advocates out. Under the House Budget resolution that passed earlier this year, the House has to find \$15 trillion in spending reductions to unlock \$4.5 trillion worth of tax cuts. If Republicans fail to cut \$2 trillion worth of spending, the amount of money left for tax cuts will be reduced by the difference between \$2 trillion and the final number of savings. Republicans claimed throughout the hearing that the legislation would not hurt people with disabilities. Under the bill, able-bodied adults without dependents must engage in at least 80 hours of either work, community service or education to be eligible for Medicaid. As the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) makes sweeping demands on states and their contractors for the sensitive, personal data of tens of millions of food assistance recipients, one payment processor has so far signalled it intends to turn over data to the federal agency. Meanwhile, privacy and civil liberties advocates say the USDA's unprecedented demand for sensitive state data is unlawful, and warn the request through third-party contractors could be a new backdoor for the federal government to gain access to data traditionally maintained by states.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/200-rescued-maryland-elementary-school	2025/05/14	
SEEK HIGHER GROUND NOW! Atmospheric river dumps up to a foot of rain on Southeast	Environment-Rain	As the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) makes sweeping demands on states and their contractors for the sensitive, personal data of tens of millions of food assistance recipients, one payment processor has so far signalled it intends to turn over data to the federal agency. Meanwhile, privacy and civil liberties advocates say the USDA's unprecedented demand for sensitive state data is unlawful, and warn the request through third-party contractors could be a new backdoor for the federal government to gain access to data traditionally maintained by states. Vaccine experts are perplexed by a project the Trump administration has launched to develop a universal flu vaccine, which has long been a goal, though an elusive one, in medical research. Dubbed Generation Good Standard, the project is aimed at creating a flu shot that doesn't have to be updated every year to match the latest strains of the virus. The project also aims to produce a vaccine that could protect people against other respiratory viruses that could cause a pandemic, such as bird flu and coronaviruses. "Generation Good Standard is a paradigm shift," said National Institutes of Health Director Jay Bhattacharya in a statement announcing the project. "It extends vaccine protection beyond strain-specific limits and prepares for flu virus threats—not just today's, but tomorrow's as well — using traditional vaccine technology brought into the 21st century."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/major-storm-dumps-foot-rain-12192320	2025/05/14	
Minnesota wildfires explode over nearly 20,000 acres as National Guard responds	Environment-Wildfires	Under the leadership of Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the Food and Drug Administration is seeking to remove prescription fluoride supplements for kids from the market. These are fluoride tablets, drops or lozenges that are recommended for kids who don't get fluoridated water to help prevent cavities.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/minnesota-wildfir	2025/05/14	
The Actual Math Behind DOGE's Cuts	Fuck that department	Many of the contracts that DOGE canceled were reinstated almost immediately. The Environmental Protection Agency, for example, revived a contract just two and a half hours after Musk's team canceled it, the paper found. Others were brought back within days. The waste doesn't end there. Since the contracts are necessary, it puts the fired contractors in a stronger bargaining position when the government comes crawling back. In the case of the EPA contract, the agency agreed to pay \$171,000 more than before the cancellation. In other words, these cuts are costing, not saving, the government money. Disability rights protesters in wheelchairs clashed with Republican lawmakers Tuesday as they sought to discuss and debate their sprawling legislation on Medicaid, which led to police dragging advocates out. Under the House Budget resolution that passed earlier this year, the House has to find \$15 trillion in spending reductions to unlock \$4.5 trillion worth of tax cuts. If Republicans fail to cut \$2 trillion worth of spending, the amount of money left for tax cuts will be reduced by the difference between \$2 trillion and the final number of savings. Republicans claimed throughout the hearing that the legislation would not hurt people with disabilities. Under the bill, able-bodied adults without dependents must engage in at least 80 hours of either work, community service or education to be eligible for Medicaid. As the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) makes sweeping demands on states and their contractors for the sensitive, personal data of tens of millions of food assistance recipients, one payment processor has so far signalled it intends to turn over data to the federal agency. Meanwhile, privacy and civil liberties advocates say the USDA's unprecedented demand for sensitive state data is unlawful, and warn the request through third-party contractors could be a new backdoor for the federal government to gain access to data traditionally maintained by states.	https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2025/05/musk-doge-spend/	2025/05/14	
Government Furiously Trying to Undo Elon Musk's Damage	Fuck that guy	Under the leadership of Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the Food and Drug Administration is seeking to remove prescription fluoride supplements for kids from the market. These are fluoride tablets, drops or lozenges that are recommended for kids who don't get fluoridated water to help prevent cavities.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/government-furiously-trying-undo-elon-11	2025/05/14	
Uproar as disability rights protesters in wheelchairs dragged out of House Medicaid meeting. 'You're going to kill me!'	Government-Disability	Vaccine experts are perplexed by a project the Trump administration has launched to develop a universal flu vaccine, which has long been a goal, though an elusive one, in medical research. Dubbed Generation Good Standard, the project is aimed at creating a flu shot that doesn't have to be updated every year to match the latest strains of the virus. The project also aims to produce a vaccine that could protect people against other respiratory viruses that could cause a pandemic, such as bird flu and coronaviruses. "Generation Good Standard is a paradigm shift," said National Institutes of Health Director Jay Bhattacharya in a statement announcing the project. "It extends vaccine protection beyond strain-specific limits and prepares for flu virus threats—not just today's, but tomorrow's as well — using traditional vaccine technology brought into the 21st century."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/sisab	2025/05/14	
Privacy advocates urge states not to comply with USDA requests for food stamp data	Government-USDA	Under the leadership of Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the Food and Drug Administration is seeking to remove prescription fluoride supplements for kids from the market. These are fluoride tablets, drops or lozenges that are recommended for kids who don't get fluoridated water to help prevent cavities.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/13/mx-t1-5397208/doge-emp-usda-privac	2025/05/14	Privacy
Trump administration's universal flu vaccine project puzzles scientists	Health-Flu	Under the leadership of Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the Food and Drug Administration is seeking to remove prescription fluoride supplements for kids from the market. These are fluoride tablets, drops or lozenges that are recommended for kids who don't get fluoridated water to help prevent cavities.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/05/13/mx-t1-5384	2025/05/14	
FDA moves to ban fluoride supplements for kids, removing a key tool for dentists	Health-Teeth	Under the leadership of Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the Food and Drug Administration is seeking to remove prescription fluoride supplements for kids from the market. These are fluoride tablets, drops or lozenges that are recommended for kids who don't get fluoridated water to help prevent cavities.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/05/13/mx-t1-86476	2025/05/14	

		This is not a man who respects the rule of law, nor one who seeks to understand it. For the almost 250 years since the founding of this nation, America has been the beacon of freedom to the world because of its democracy and rule of law. Our system of checks and balances has been strained before, but democracy—government by the people—and the rule of law have always won the day. Until now, that is. America will never again be that same beacon to the world, because the president of the United States has subverted America's democracy and corrupted its rule of law. Until Trump exits public life altogether, it cannot be said either that America is a thriving democracy or that it has a government "of laws, not of men." History has already documented Trump's subversion of America's democracy through his attempt to overturn the results of the 2020 election, his emphatic and steadfast repudiation of the fact that he tried to steal the presidency from the American people, and his perverted denial that January 6 was one of the darkest days in American history. Now, in the first few months of his second administration, Trump has proved himself an existential threat to the rule of law in America.			
THE END OF RULE OF LAW IN AMERICA	Constitutional Crisis		https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/05/law-america-trump-c/	2025/05/15	
Republicans voice concern over Trump's support for a new Air Force One from Qatar	Corruption	Republican lawmakers are signalling growing concern over President Trump's openness to accepting a \$400 million plane from Qatar to serve as the new Air Force One, an unprecedented move fraught with ethical and legal issues that is testing even his biggest loyalists. The chorus of reservations being expressed by Republican lawmakers represents a rare break with the president, who typically enjoys near total unanimity from the party.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/14/nx-1-5398059/trump-qatar-air-force-one/	2025/05/15	
We restart life! Human composting to become legal in Georgia this summer	Death	A new law signed by Gov. Brian Kemp last week will make Georgia the next state in the nation to allow human composting — an eco-friendly alternative to traditional burial and cremation.	https://www.11alive.com/article/news/local/human-composting-new-law-georgia/	2025/05/15	
Older people in crosshairs as government restarts Social Security garnishment on student loans	Economy-Student Loans	As the Trump administration resumes collections on defaulted student loans, a surprising possibility has been caught in the crosshairs: Hundreds of thousands of older Americans whose decades-old debts now put them at risk of having their Social Security checks garnished. "You are going to see a rash of ordering over the next 90 days the likes we've never seen before," said Peter Bockstar, chief investment officer at Dinkley Financial Group, in a note that began, "So, both sides luckily decided to save Christmas." To be sure, a 30% import tax on goods from China is historically high and prohibitive for many shippers, with some industry experts warning "we are not out of the woods yet." But for many businesses that have seen shipments dry up, paying a certain 30% is now less nerve-racking than holding out for a possible future drop.	https://apnews.com/article/student-loans-debt-social-security-67a3a50f-7b1d-4b1a-b8d1-9b1d4b1a-b8d1	2025/05/15	
The U.S.-China detente could 'save Christmas,' but expect a rash of ordering the likes we've never seen before, economist says	Economy-Tariffs	"In addition to clearing inventory held back by the previous 145% tariff, many importers may choose to front-load shipments to avoid future uncertainty," Project44 wrote in a blog post. The Port of Seattle's commission vice president Ryan Galkins told CNN Wednesday "we anticipate that by mid-summer we are going to see a surge, and we will start up significantly... to make sure we can operate at full capacity to manage all that." Flexport, a logistics and freight forwarding broker, said Monday it was too early to predict the exact scale of the surge following the US-China announcement, but that they were anticipating a "boom" in bookings.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/u-s-china-detente-could-save-11070067/	2025/05/15	
Tariffs devastated America's ports. Soon, they could face a surge from stockpiling	Economy-Tariffs		https://finance.yahoo.com/news/tariffs-devastated-americas-ports-soon-	2025/05/15	
Wal-Mart warns that it has to raise prices starting this month as tariffs remain too high	Economy-Tariffs	Wal-Mart has warned customers that it will have to raise prices because of President Donald Trump's trade tariffs. The retailer's chief financial officer John David Rainey told CNBC that the tariffs are "still too high" and price hikes could come in toward the end of this month. Democrats are at war with themselves over their aging leadership, but many of the party's oldest members of Congress are still running for reelection in 2026. Axios has learned. ... Of the 30 House Democrats who are 75 or older, more than half told Axios they plan to run again in 2026. Rep. David Scott (D-Ga.), 79, who was ousted as the Agriculture Committee ranking member last year over concerns about his health, is running. So is Rep. Dwight Evans (D-Pa.), 70, who suffered a stroke last May that forced him to miss House votes the rest of the year. Rep. John Larson (D-Conn.), 76, who froze up during a House floor speech in February due to a partial seizure, "does intend to run for reelection," his spokesperson said. Hovis, who has since left Florida and is working to pay off his student loans despite never graduating, is one of more than 1,000 students or student groups that were targeted by their universities for punishment between 2020 and 2024 over their speech, according to a report published today by the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE). Some 65% of them were ultimately punished.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/walmart-price-hike-	2025/05/15	
More than 1,000 US students punished over speech since 2020, report finds	Free speech	The Trump administration official overseeing the Treasury Department's massive financial operations reported owning stock in many of the large banks and companies that do business with the department, according to disclosures obtained by POLITICO. Tom Krause, who is also the lead official for Treasury's DOGE team, reported hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of shares in a wide range of financial companies, including those that provide services to the unit Krause oversees. He and two other Treasury DOGE team members — Todd Newnam and Linda Whitbread — also reported owning shares of Intel, the parent company of TurboTax, which has lobbied heavily against IRS Direct File, a program targeted for elimination by Elon Musk and DOGE. Last year, 15 Democrats joined Republicans in the House to pass the anti-speech bill, which was originally intended to help clamp down on pro-Palestinian protesters, particularly those on college campuses. Even though the bill has languished since then, Trump has still attempted to target nonprofit institutions that refuse to kowtow to him, including institutions such as Harvard University. If the clause isn't excised from the final bill and passes, Trump can target any nonprofit that he and the Republicans don't like, whether they are focused on reproductive rights, climate change, refugees support, or anything else. The budget bill is going through the reconciliation process, meaning that it only requires a simple majority in the House and Senate to be passed. The House Energy and Commerce Committee was 16 hours into a nearly 27-hour markup when it became clear that too Republicans on the panel weren't clear on what her Medicaid provisions in the legislation they were actively debating would actually do. Couple that with confusion from moderates over the committee's complex and controversial proposal — including language to dramatically overhaul the popular health safety-net program with new requirements and cost-sharing mandates — and it spells possible troubles ahead for the domestic policy megabill central to enacting President Donald Trump's domestic agenda. "There were some items in there that, it was the first time we were hearing of them," GOP Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, who represents a competitive district in Pennsylvania he just flipped red, said in an interview. Frankly, I've never seen anything like this that served as a lead Democrat on this committee. Even when, madam secretary, my Republican colleagues and I had strong disagreements, we still have productive conversations and did our duty keep America safe. But that's not the case any longer, Thompson told Hoen, adding that he is glad that Neen "found time among your many photo ops and costume changes to testify." "On your watch, the department is breaking the law, it's hurting people, and it's making America less safe," he added. "The Trump administration is outright lying to the courts and the American people." The Environmental Protection Agency announced Wednesday that it is delaying the timeline for water utilities to comply with reducing some per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS chemicals, in drinking water — and reconsidering the allowable levels for others. PFAS are a class of thousands of chemicals that have been used for decades to waterproof and strengthen a variety of products including clothing, cosmetics, upholstery and firefighting foams. They're sometimes called "forever chemicals" because they contain strong molecular bonds that persist for decades. Long-term exposure to PFAS has been linked with harms to human health, such as certain cancers or damage to the liver and immune systems. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, or NIOSH, was slated to lose at least 900 workers, which represents more than 30% of the entire agency workforce. But a federal lawsuit brought by a coal miner and a push among some members of Congress — including Republicans from West Virginia — appear to have prompted the Department of Health and Human Services to reinstate some critical programs. Altogether 328 employees at NIOSH were reinstated, according to Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who was questioned about the layoffs during a congressional hearing on Wednesday. Following hundreds of layoffs ahead of the upcoming hurricane season, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its National Weather Service are now reportedly scrambling to hire more employees. The NWS is hoping to fill 155 positions across the U.S., according to CNN. The network said the agency is offering reassignment opportunities for qualified NOAA employees who are currently working elsewhere, citing an agency-wide email and an anonymous NOAA employee. The agency acknowledged that "urgent action is needed to sustain mission-critical operations," according to a separate report from The Washington Post. The paper, also citing notices sent to employees, said the NWS is offering to even pay moving expenses. Public broadcasting officials from across the country plan to descend on Capitol Hill today in hopes of convincing lawmakers to preserve their federal funding despite pressure from President Trump and his allies. The lobbying effort follows a multipronged attack from the Trump administration on the finances and independence of public media, with a particular focus on PBS and NPR, the predominant national public television and radio networks, respectively. The Trump administration gave Iran a proposal for a nuclear deal during the fourth round of negotiations on Sunday, a U.S. official and two other sources with direct knowledge tell Axios. ... Wikifoff and other officials have given contrasting answers as to whether and to what extent Iran would be able to enrich uranium under a deal, so it's significant that his team laid out the U.S. position in writing. A senior adviser to Khamenei told NBC News Wednesday that Iran is prepared to sign a deal that allows it to enrich only to the lower levels needed for civilian uses and requires it to give up its stockpiles of highly enriched uranium — with inspectors verifying compliance — in exchange for lifting all sanctions.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/15/us-students-camp	2025/05/15	
'Glaring red flag': Treasury DOGE team discloses bank stock holdings	Fuck that department		https://www.politico.com/news/2025/05/14/treasury-doge-disclosures-b	2025/05/15	
Republicans Slip Nonprofit Killer Bill Into Budget Plan	Government-Funding		https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-sneak-plan-help-trump-1719-	2025/05/15	
'First time we were hearing of them': The GOP megabill is packed with surprises for some Republicans	Government-Funding		https://www.yahoo.com/news/first-time-were-hearing-them-211508383-	2025/05/15	
Democrats say it's a 'bad day for DHS' under Kristi Noem's leadership in fiery House hearing	Government-DHS		https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/house-democrats-afire-noem-spar-im/	2025/05/15	
The Environmental Protection Agency delays limits on PFAS in drinking water	Government-EPA		https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/05/14/nx-1-5398	2025/05/15	Health, water.
Under pressure, HHS reinstates hundreds of occupational health workers	Government-NIOSH		https://www.npr.org/2025/05/14/nx-1-5398052/niosh-reinstates-occupa	2025/05/15	
Understaffed National Weather Service reportedly trying to fill 155 jobs before next month's hurricane season	Government-NWS		https://www.yahoo.com/news/understaffed-national-weather-reportedly-	2025/05/15	
Under attack, public media makes its case in Congress, and the courts	Information-Blackout		https://www.npr.org/2025/05/15/nx-1-5397865/cpb-trump-lawsuit-court/	2025/05/15	
Scoop: U.S. presented Iran with nuclear deal proposal	International-Relations		https://www.axios.com/2025/05/15/iran-deal-proposal-wikifoff-enrichtrn	2025/05/15	
Poland prepares for war	International-Poland		https://www.npr.org/2025/05/12/1250811372/poland-prepares-for-war	2025/05/15	
React: Judge cites Trump immunity ruling as she seeks to dismiss indictment	Judicial-Punishback		https://www.axios.com/2025/05/15/wisconsin-judge-dugan-immigration	2025/05/15	

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Elise Stefanik to run for New York governor, bolstering an early once poised to serve in his administration. A pair of moves by Trump last week amount to a green light for Stefanik to jump into what early polls suggest could be a tight battle next year against New York Gov. Kathy Hochul (D). While Qatar may be getting the U.S. a \$400 million Boeing 747-8 for President Donald Trump to use as Air Force One, Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem might be getting a plane, too, having put in a request for a new Gulfstream. The U.S. Coast Guard made a last-minute change to its 2025 budget to secure a \$50 million new plane for Noem. Since abortion became nearly entirely illegal in Texas in 2021, the state has seen a significant rise in the number of women who die in pregnancy or after giving birth. A group of bipartisan lawmakers in the state wants to change that by clarifying the state's abortion ban with a new law. A central player in the effort has been Republican State Senator Bryan Hughes. Though he was one of the original sponsors of The Texas Heartbeat Act which outlawed abortion, Hughes is now leading an effort to make clear there is a narrow pathway to the procedure. Republicans stopped a Democratic filibuster with a rarely used parliamentary maneuver to pass a ballot item that would repeal protections for abortion rights that voters approved last year. Senate Republicans used what's known as the "previous question" to end a filibuster to counteract two measures Missouri voters backed last year. The first measure would repeal Amendment 3 and replace it with language to ban most abortions. The other repealed paid sick leave requirements in a measure known as Proposition A. Sen. Adam Schetterling's proposal, which will go to voters most likely in 2026, has exceptions for rape, incest and medical emergencies. In cases of rape and incest, abortions would have to be performed before the 12-week mark of pregnancy. It also includes language prohibiting gender-affirming care for minors, which is already barred for most transgender youth through a state law. Director of National Intelligence Tuli Gabbard has fired the National Intelligence Council's top two officials over what the Trump administration has called the "viticization of intelligence." Fox News Digital first reported Wednesday. The firing of acting NIC chair Mike Collins and his deputy, Maria Langen-Riehoff, comes after an intel report from the council last week contradicted an administration assertion linking Venezuela's Maduro regime to the criminal gang Tren de Aragua. Meantime nomination has received backlash from the medical community for not being grounded either in scientific consensus, while also getting slammed within the Make America Healthy Again movement for not questioning vaccines stringently enough. "For mees? Um, probably for mees," said Kennedy. In one of the few heilations of the hearing, "What I would say is my opinions about vaccines are irrelevant ... I don't want to seem like I'm being evasive, but I don't think people should be taking advice, medical advice, from me." The Justice Department will argue Thursday that lower courts should not be able to stand in the way of Trump's plan to end birthright citizenship — or other executive actions. Federal district courts have issued roughly 30 orders blocking the Trump administration from implementing major parts of its agenda. Three district courts have blocked Trump's executive order on birthright citizenship from taking effect. All three said their rulings applied not only to the specific cases before them, but to the entire policy nationwide. The Justice Department has asked the Supreme Court to limit the scope of those orders. The court hears oral arguments Thursday. An AI chatbot integrated into X (formerly Twitter) has begun to respond to users with unrelated, misleading claims about violence against white people in South Africa, users noticed this week. "He does all this, and it's kind of silence. It's not what I want," says David Price, a former senior State Department official under President Biden. "He has the ability to do things politically that previous presidents did not, because he has complete unquestioned authority over the Republican caucus." A House Democrat abruptly scrapped his plans to force a vote on impeaching President Trump, which was set to come to the House floor on Wednesday, three sources familiar with the matter told Axios. President Donald Trump is withholding federal funds from a program authorized by Congress during the Biden administration that provided digital skills and workforce training, along with high-speed internet access, to underserved areas, including rural and tribal areas. In announcing his plan to impound the funds authorized by the Digital Equity Act, Trump labeled the act "racist" and "unconstitutional." Ai Greg Sargent writes for The New Republic, Trump's not-nominal claims could "cut off millions" of dollars destined to reach many of his own voters, many of whom live in rural areas. Converting a luxury jet gifted by Qatar to President Donald Trump into a replacement for Air Force One could potentially cost hundreds of millions of dollars, and it could take up to two years to install the necessary security equipment, communications and defensive capabilities for it to be safely used by the commander in chief, current and former officials told CNN. The picture of Trump is reminiscent of portraits of leaders hanging from public buildings, often seen in dictatorships, monarchies, and in depictions in George Orwell's 1984 of "Big Brother." X users described the Trump installation as "fascist looking," having a "North Korean aesthetic," and giving off "Saddam Hussein vibes." On her first full day in office, Rollins rescinded all Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEI) programs and celebrations, announced a reform of the bond stamp program to include work requirements, and implemented findings from the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to optimize the USDA workforce and stop wasteful spending. As the Supreme Court takes up President Trump's push to end birthright citizenship today, a new NPR/pew poll finds that less than a third of all Americans want to drop the longstanding principle that any child born on U.S. soil is automatically a citizen, even as other parts of the White House's immigration crackdown draw wider support. But beneath the surface, there's a flurry of activity. Flamingos are far from passive feeders. They are busy stirring up the water, creating tiny underwater tornadoes to trap their prey. This behavior, observed in Chilean flamingos at the Nashville Zoo, has been the subject of extensive research by scientists from the University of California, Berkeley, in collaboration with teams from Georgia Institute of Technology, and Kenesaw State University. Lewis Pugh has followed an unspoken rule during his career as one of the world's most daring endurance swimmers: Don't talk about sharks. But he plans to break that this week on a swim around Martha's Vineyard, where "Jan's Jaws" was filmed 50 years ago. The incident allegedly took place on a private ranch in Sweet Grass County near the foothills of the Crazy Mountains, according to the Big Timber Pioneer, which first broke the story Tuesday. The news outlet says the incident was first reported by ranchers David and Sandy Holman, who called a neighboring rancher after seeing a Blackhawk helicopter landing conspicuously on a neighboring parcel. "Do you know there is an Army helicopter on your land picking up elk antlers?" the Holmans told the neighboring rancher, Linda McMullen, according to the Pioneer. McMullen, who said she knows how valuable elk antlers are, called a game warden with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and the agency has confirmed that it is actively investigating the situation. No citations or charges have been filed yet in Sweet Grass County Court, but the county sheriff speculated that trespassing and theft could theoretically be on the table. "It's not the usual trespass call," he told the Pioneer. "I've never seen anything like this before." Thirty-six deaths in police custody in Maryland should have been ruled homicides, according to an independent audit released Thursday by the Maryland Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The investigation by a team of independent forensic pathologists reviewed 87 cases from 2003 through 2019 — the period when Fowler served as chief medical examiner — in which someone died while or shortly after being restrained, and in which the medical examiner said the cause of death was undetermined, accidental or natural. Those 87 cases included 22 from Baltimore City. The rest span 12 of Maryland's counties. Roughly 70% of the deceased were people of color. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating a Monday failure of air traffic controllers' radio at Denver International Airport — one of the world's busiest airports, per an FAA statement. Around 1:50pm Monday, a segment of the Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center lost communications for approximately 90 seconds when both primary transmitters went down, the FAA confirmed Thursday in a statement to Axios Denver. Air traffic controllers switched to an alternate frequency to direct planes. The FAA said all aircraft remained safely separated and operations weren't affected. SAT, Denver7 reports as many as 20 aircraft flying toward DIA couldn't reach controllers for up to six minutes. Stewart is among multiple traffic controllers on trauma leave, including some who were shaken by the blackouts, which left them unable to talk to planes or see where they were located. "I don't want to be responsible for killing 400 people," he told the Journal. While the controllers who manage Newark's airspace are elite, they need more resources to be able to do their jobs, Stewart told the Journal. ICE used Ferreira Da Oliveira's loved ones to lure her out of her home — where agents couldn't arrest her — and onto Eureka Street, three people with direct knowledge of the matter and another source familiar with the situation tell Rolling Stone. Two of the sources independently say that ICE used the undocumented Brazilian woman's daughters and grandchild as "bait" in an operation that the Trump administration is now lauding as another victory in its sprawling, often lawless crackdown on both legal and illegal immigration. The Department of Homeland Security is asking the Pentagon to provide some 20,000 National Guard forces to assist in the removal of migrants in the United States without legal status. Under the proposal, state governors would be asked for volunteers among their Guard forces to take part in the removals. There's no word on when this would happen, or when the call would go out for volunteers. The veil comes after Trump cut all foreign assistance to the country and perjured false allegations that white South Africans are being subjected to a genocide, while granting them refugee status in the U.S. Although Trump has closed the door to asylum seekers from elsewhere, he's opened it up for white South Africans affected by the country's controversial new land reform law to counter the lingering effects of apartheid. South Africa's Expropriation Act allows the government to take some land and redistribute as part of a long-running effort to lessen the racial and economic disparities created by apartheid. Under apartheid, which ended in 1994, South Africa's white minority government prevented Black citizens from owning land or enjoying basic rights for nearly a half-century. Three decades later, South Africa's president and many other leaders are Black. However, white people make up 7.3% of South Africa's population and own 72% of the farmland, a disparity that continues to ripple through the economy. An international student in South Dakota, who earned two degrees and her fight against the Trump administration's attempt to deport her, has been granted injunction. Priya Saxena, who's from India, received a doctorate in chemical and biological engineering and a master's in chemical engineering from South Dakota School of Mines & Technology this past weekend. Just over a month ago, Saxena had been notified that her visa and status in the country had been revoked. Saxena's attorney, Jim Leach, told NBC News that her sole infraction was for a failure-to-yield to an emergency vehicle from four years ago, which he described as "the lowest possible traffic offense." The Department of Homeland Security is mulling over a reality television show in which immigrants would compete for U.S. citizenship.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/14/air-one-1-3396734-trump-qatar-plane-nato	2025/05/15	
Trump accepting a plane from Qatar could be a national security risk, here's how	National Security		https://www.axios.com/2025/05/15/trump-stefanik-new-york-governor	2025/05/15	
Trump clears path for Stefanik to run for NY governor	Political Cesspool		https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/kristi-noem-air-force-one/	2025/05/15	
New Kristi Noem wants her own pricey new private jet for Homeland Security	Political Cesspool		https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/05/15/nrx-ai-1-5395	2025/05/15	
A Texas abortion ban sponsor aims to clarify when doctors can do the procedure	Reproductive Rights		https://www.afipr.org/government-politics/issues/2025-05-14/missouri-r	2025/05/15	
Republican legislators approve ballot item that would again ban most abortions in Missouri	Reproductive Rights		https://www.axios.com/2025/05/15/gabbard-fires-intelligence-officials-v	2025/05/15	political cesspool
Gabbard fires National Intelligence Council officials, after Venezuela report	Retaliation		https://www.axios.com/2025/05/15/trump-influencer-surgeon-general-c	2025/05/15	
Influencer pick for surgeon general marks new era in health messaging	RFK JR BS		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/14/rfk-jr-kennedy-sen	2025/05/15	
RFK Jr tells Congress 'people shouldn't take medical advice from me'	RFK JR BS		https://www.axios.com/2025/05/15/supreme-court-trump-birthright-citiz	2025/05/15	political cesspool, racism, lies, fuck that guy, misinformation
Supreme Court weighs judges' power over Trump Musk's Grok makes "white genocide" claims on X about South Africans	Supreme Court	Technology: AI	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/14/musk-grok-white-genocide-south-afr	2025/05/15	
Biden officials "awed" by Trump's rule-breaking Middle East moves	Trump Bulshit		https://www.axios.com/2025/05/15/trump-israel-eyra-policy-revenue-bid	2025/05/15	
House punts on Trump impeachment vote at 11th hour	Trump Bulshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/crying-racism-trump-seizes-federal-2025-202505151811	2025/05/15	infrastructure, internet,
Crying racism, Trump seizes federal money meant to expand rural internet access	Trump Bulshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/converting-luxury-jet-ai-flied-trump-215811	2025/05/15	security, qatar, bribe,
Converting luxury jet gifted to Trump into Air Force One could cost hundreds of millions	Trump Bulshit		https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-t	2025/05/15	
'Dready creepy': Enormous breeding banner of Trump, now hangs next to Lincoln outside Department of Agriculture	Trump Bulshit		https://www.npr.org/2025/05/15/g-1-569633majority-of-americans-opp	2025/05/15	
Majority of Americans oppose ending birthright citizenship, NPR/pew poll finds	US Citizens		https://www.earth.com/news/could-ever-guest-what-flamingos-are-do-i	2025/05/15	
You'll never guess what flamingos are doing with their feet in the water	Weird world		https://apnews.com/article/jane-sharks-mak-martha-vineyard-swim-lewis-p	2025/05/16	
Endurance swimmer to attempt first-ever swim around Martha's Vineyard ahead of 'Jaws' anniversary	Weird world		https://www.yahoo.com/news/montana-national-guard-under-investigati	2025/05/15	
Montana National Guard Under Investigation After Allegedly Using a Helicopter to Steal Shed Antlers	WTF?		https://www.wypr.org/wypr-news/2025-05-15/98-in-custody-deaths-in-tr	2025/05/16	
36 in custody deaths in Maryland should have been ruled homicides, audit finds	ACAB		https://www.axios.com/local/denver/2025/05/15/faq-radio-outage-denve	2025/05/16	
FAA investigating Denver radio outage amid Newark problems	Aviation		https://www.yahoo.com/news/wsj-veteran-air-traffic-controller-04514686	2025/05/16	
WSJ: Veteran air-traffic controller speaks out about staffing and tech problems amid blackouts and delays at Newark airport	Aviation		https://uk-news.yahoo.com/trump-used-woman-kids-22105803110	2025/05/16	
Trump's ICE Used a Woman's Kids and Grandchild as 'Bait' to Arrest Her	Borders and Immigration		https://www.npr.org/2025/05/15/nrx-ai-1-5396565national-guard-immigr	2025/05/16	Constitutional Crisis
DHS asks for 20,000 National Guard troops to assist in deportations	Borders and Immigration		https://www.axios.com/2025/05/15/south-africa-president-meeting-trum	2025/05/16	Trump Bulshit, racism, refugees
How false "white genocide" claims became central to Trump's view of South Africa	Borders and Immigration		https://www.yahoo.com/news/student-earned-ph-d-while-183708161a	2025/05/16	
Student who earned Ph.D. while DHS tried to deport her, over minor traffic violation is granted injunction	Borders and Immigration		https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/articles/dhs-considering-reality-s	2025/05/16	
DHS Is Considering A Reality Show Where Immigrants Compete For Citizenship	Borders and Immigration				

Kid Rock's Restaurant Closes to Avoid Trump's ICE Raids	Borders and Immigration	A Nashville restaurant owned by MAGA musician Kid Rock reportedly closed over the weekend to avoid the Trump administration's ICE raids. Nashville Scene reported that Kid Rock's Big A—Honky Tonk Rock N' Roll Steakhouse in Tennessee shuttered after employees unauthorized to work in the U.S. failed to show up for work on Saturday and those that had turned up were told any undocumented workers should leave the premises to avoid being caught by ICE.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kid-rock-restaurant-closes-avoid-1768368	2025/05/16
House Democrat: DHS "going to come after US citizens" ICE says couple drove on the "wrong side of the road" to cause a collision with agents as they conducted searches in the area	Borders and Immigration	"Let's be clear, they are going to come after United States citizens. They are already doing it to children, to immigrants, to asylum-seekers. And we cannot give them more money to do this. And now they're going after members of Congress," Garcia continued. "So this is an incredibly dangerous moment for this country, and we've got to take it very seriously."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-democrat-dhs-going-come-after-us-citizens-223411	2025/05/16
	Borders and Immigration	A couple from South Los Angeles could face up to six years in prison after they attempted to block an ICE operation by driving on the wrong side of the road before cutting the agents off and arriving on the bus back officials say.	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/couple-fu	2025/05/16
In California's deep-red north, voters started by pace of cuts – but they're still backing Trump	Cespool-MGAs	Officials in Shasta county, a region of 180,000 perhaps best known in recent years for its turbulent far-right politics, recently voted unanimously to send a letter to the federal government expressing concern about how layoffs could affect the nearby Whiskeytown national recreation area, which brings as much as \$80m to the local economy each year.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/16/california-shasta-c	2025/05/16
The foreign emoluments clause: What it is and how it relates to Qatar's jet offer	Constitutional Crisis	Amid reports about possible reductions to Medicaid, the head of the area's largest healthcare provider warned such action could have "rippling" impacts in a county where the local Medicaid provider serves nearly a third of the population. A bipartisan group of state lawmakers, including the region's Republican representatives, signed a letter in late April urging Congress to protect Head Start, the federally funded education program.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/15/trump-qatar-jet-foreign-emoluments	2025/05/16
Trump tells US troops in Qatar that he will 'have to think' about running in 2028	Constitutional Crisis	Article I of the Constitution states that "no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-t	2025/05/16
Pam Bondi sold millions of dollars worth of Trump-media shares on 'Liberation Day' – before the stock tanked	Corruption	Attorney General Pam Bondi sold millions of dollars in shares in Trump Media on the same day President Donald Trump unveiled widespread tariffs on allies and foes alike, according to a government ethics transaction report.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/pam-bo	2025/05/16
Trump's Qatar plane needs so many upgrades it may face flight restrictions and need a military escort	Corruption	The plane offered to President Donald Trump by Qatar may be subjected to flight restrictions outside the U.S. and require a military escort because it's not prepared to safely carry the president.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-c	2025/05/16
Most Americans don't earn enough to afford basic costs of living, analysis finds	Economy-Cost of living	The findings? For the bottom 60% of U.S. households, a "minimal quality of life" is "out of reach, according to the group, a research organization focused on improving lower earners' economic well-being.	https://www.cbsnews.com/news/cost-of-living-income-quality-of-life/th	2025/05/16
One of America's biggest companies is imploding	Economy-Insurance	UnitedHealth Group, one of America's biggest corporations and a member of the exclusive Dow Jones Industrial Average, is suddenly unraveling. he crisis engulfing UnitedHealth hit a crescendo this week when CEO Andrew Witt stepped down abruptly for "personal reasons."		
Small businesses face "Made in America" pressure	Economy-Made in America	UnitedHealth also swiftly abandoned its financial guidance, blaming skyrocketing medical costs. And then The Wall Street Journal dropped the hammer, revealing that UnitedHealth is under federal criminal investigation for possible Medicare fraud.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/one-america-biggest-companies-implo	2025/05/16
	Economy-Made in America	No one wants "Made in USA" anymore. Pepper Harward, chief executive of footwear retailer Oka Brands — which partners with other big brands, including New Balance and Walmart — tells Axios.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/16/tariffs-made-america-small-business	2025/05/16
Farmers nervously hope for some trade war relief	Economy-Trade war	After Trump enacted tariffs against China in 2018, Beijing responded, and Mackenruth's soybeans joined a list of more than 100 U.S. products that fell victim to those retaliatory tariffs, sending prices plunging. "It makes me, as a farmer, really nervous if we see that again," he said. "It's devastating, so we're hoping for a quick resolution to this whole tariff war." He added, "It's hard to be hopeful this time around."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/16/trump-tariffs-farmers-america	2025/05/16
Texas swelters as record-breaking heatwaves sweep across state	Environment-Heat wave	Meanwhile, China increasingly buys its soybeans from Brazil. While 100F days are common in Texas summers, such early-early season heat is unusual. The record-high heat means that Texas has been recently hotter than Death Valley, California, which is often cited as the hottest place on Earth.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/15/texas-record-heat	2025/05/16
Marine life's latest hotspot could be an underwater volcano primed to erupt off Oregon	Environment-Oceans	Temperatures across the central and southern region of the state ranged from 100F to 111F, levels that experts warn can pose serious health risks for anyone without access to air conditioning or enough water. An underwater volcano in the Pacific Northwest is expected to erupt sometime this year for the first time in 11 years — and it could stir up lots of activity for marine life in the area.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/15/mx-41-5398591/underwater-volcano-er	2025/05/16
Wisconsin and Minnesota communities hit by tornadoes as severe storm threat shifts south Friday	Environment-Severe Weather	Because Axial Seamount is so far from shore and so deep, humans aren't expected to be impacted. But the impending magma flow generates pressure, heating sea water to more than 700 degrees Fahrenheit. As sea water passes through the cracks of volcanic rock, it picks up minerals that spout from the vents, creating plumes of black smoke. These are known as hydrothermal vents, which are like hot springs on the seafloor. All the warmth and nutrients coming from the vents make it a hotspot for deep-sea animals, said OSU's Chadwick.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chicago-offer-midwest-metrol-risk-16222	2025/05/16
DOGE's Fraud Tracker at Social Security Turns Into a Messy Sift-Ops	Fuck that department	Severe thunderstorms rocked parts of the central US on Wednesday, and Thursday's storm threat spells trouble for tens of millions of people in the Midwest, where some areas have already been hit by damaging wind gusts, hail and tornadoes. It's part of what will likely be a week-long stretch of fierce weather—with an increasing chance of a severe storm outbreak on Friday—after a recent lull.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-fraud-tracker-social-security-22194	2025/05/16
Foreign groups are stealing \$1 trillion a year through identity theft – and DOGE is just letting it happen	Fuck that department	Procedures implemented by the Department of Government Efficiency suggested that just two out of 110,000 calls to the Social Security Administration this spring had a "high probability" of being fraudulent, Federal Computer Week reported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/foreign-groups-stealing-1-trillion-1832236	2025/05/16
How it feels to be fired, rehired, fired and rehired again	Government-Jobs	A new report details how the federal government is ignoring billions of dollars in identity theft-related fraud every year as outdated systems leave government agencies and Americans both vulnerable to scammers.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/16/top-100-federal-workforce	2025/05/16
USAID contractor sought attorney to investigate dismantled agency's former employees	Government-Jobs	Plenty of adults know what it's like to be fired, but for federal workers these days, getting canned once is just table stakes. Many have been fired, rehired, fired and hired again, and are still waiting to find out how long their employment could last. It's the opposite of efficiency or productivity, according to workers.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/usaid-contractor-sought-attorney-investig	2025/05/16
Republicans advance bill with steep cuts to Medicaid as part of Trump agenda	Government-Budget	A government contractor sought to hire a lawyer to work at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to conduct investigations into the dismantled agency's former staff, including for "unauthorized conversations with the media."		
Baby treated with first-ever personalized gene editing treatment	Health-Technology	The GOP plan calls for states to impose work requirements on childless adults ages 19 to 64, with certain exemptions. It puts a stop to a longstanding practice of states levying taxes on health providers to pay for their Medicaid programs and to boost their federal match. It would penalize states that pay for Medicaid for those who entered the country without authorization. It also codifies changes proposed by the Trump administration to shorten the Affordable Care Act's open enrollment period, among many other provisions.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/16/gene-editing-crispr-baby-first-patien	2025/05/16
Rubio, All NATO members to agree to 5% defense spending over next decade	International-NATO	The provisions would result in 10.3 million people losing Medicaid coverage by 2024 and 7.6 million people going uninsured, according to a partial analysis by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). A 9-month-old baby who was born with a rare genetic disorder is the first person to be successfully treated with personalized CRISPR gene editing therapy, scientists in Philadelphia announced on Thursday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/16/rubio-nato-trump-5-percent-defense	2025/05/16
'No Way to Run a Two-Car Parade Let Alone the House'	Political-Cespool	This "historic medical breakthrough" could "provide a pathway for gene editing technology to be successfully adapted to treat individuals with rare diseases for whom no medical treatments are available," per a statement from the University of Pennsylvania and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.	https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2025/05/16/mike-lawler-salt-n	2025/05/16
Former FBI director Comey blasted over cryptic post on Trump	Political-Cespool	Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Thursday that all NATO nations "will have agreed on a goal of reaching 5% in defense spending over the next decade by time the military alliance has held its summit next month. The political salience is why, he added, Smith and Johnson never should have let a bill come out of Ways and Means without doing more to address SALT. The initial draft of the House bill only lifts the cap to \$30,000. "They were trying to jam us with a number in the hopes that they would just say, 'This is the number and you got to take it,'" said Lawler, adding, blithely, "And from my vantage point that's no way to run a two-car parade let alone the House of Representatives."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/16/ex-fbi-chief-comey-post-8647-trump	2025/05/16
Russ Vought, key Project 2025 figure set to continue Trump cuts after Musk exit	Project 2025	Of course, Smith and House GOP leaders may have thought they could jam the SALT caucus because, well, such moderate Republicans have a history of capitulating on final passage with most major bills.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/16/russ-vought-trump	2025/05/16
Military commanders will be told to send transgender troops to medical checks to oust them	Rainbow-threats	The U.S. Secret Service and Department of Homeland Security are investigating former FBI Director James Comey's Instagram post of shells arranged on a beach that read "8647," DHS Secretary Kristi Noem said Thursday evening.	https://nnews.com/article/transgender-ban-military-discharge-trumps-o	2025/05/16
Why so many clinics that provide abortion are closing, even where it's still legal	Reproductive Rights	It seemed tailor-made to provoke Trump's movement, igniting several of its core motivators: frustration with a "deep state" that's out to get the president, a back-against-the-wall mentality that accedes MAGA and its values are under threat, and the belief that violence by liberals is a true threat but undercovered after the Jan. 6 Capitol riot.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/05/16/mx-41-5397	2025/05/16
Hospital tells family brain-dead Georgia woman must carry fetus due to abortion ban	Reproductive Rights	The director of the office of management and budget has worked alongside Musk's "department of government efficiency" to slash through the federal government since Trump took office. The Wall Street Journal reported this week that Vought would take on an increased public role in Washington as Musk transitions out and the president's budget process advances. The outlet reported that Vought could use the budget process to make some of Doge's cuts permanent. Vought embraces Christian nationalism and is more ideologically driven than Musk. He knows more intimately how to use the levers of government to enact his goals. He was a key figure in Project 2025, the conservative manifesto to guide a second Trump term, and authored a chapter on how to lead the agency he's again tasked with leading.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/16/mx-41-5400266/georgia-brain-dead-fet	2025/05/16
RFK Jr. stands by deep cuts to health budget during contentious hearings	RFK JR BS	In general, Kennedy stood behind the huge sweeping changes to his agency — though he has backtracked slightly on a case-by-case basis. Otherwise, he is staying the course with Trump's plans to cut billions more from the HHS budget, which Kennedy acknowledged will be "painful."	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/16/mx-41-5398520/rfk-jr-hhs-trump-budget	2025/05/16
Inside the growing push for more religion in public schools	Separation of church and state	Protesters interrupted the beginning of the Senate hearing yelling, "RFK kills people with AIDS." They were quickly removed by police officers and the hearing continued.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/16/region-public-schools-christians-re	2025/05/16
Supreme Court Justice Rips Into Trump DOJ: "Assume You're Dead Wrong"	Supreme Court	The Supreme Court is weighing an Oklahoma case on whether to allow public funding of religious charter schools. It's just one part of a new wave of initiatives by Christian groups to put more religion into public education. Like the Oklahoma case, some of the challenges are arising with the conservative-led Supreme Court and a supportive President Trump in mind. Other initiatives have gained ground in legislatures across the country.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/16/supreme-court-justice-elena-kaga	2025/05/16

		The justices weren't debating whether Trump's policy is constitutional, but rather whether a single district court should be able to freeze an entire federal policy. Several of the court's conservative justices have expressed a desire to crack down on nationwide injunctions, but they wrestled Thursday with serious questions about the implications of letting Trump's citizenship order proceed.			
Supreme Court wrestles with limits on Trump's executive orders	Supreme Court	Liberal Justice Elena Kagan pressed Sotomayor on a hypothetical: 'What if the Supreme Court says lower courts cannot freeze the citizenship policy nationwide, but then ultimately rules that the policy is illegal?' States were there could be 'unprecedented chaos' What's the alternative to nationwide injunctions? Justices drilled down on rationale for ruling on injunctions, not birthright citizenship Justices suggested a ruling on injunctions rather than birthright citizenship Trump admin lawyer wouldn't commit to obeying lower-court decisions Government wants courts to 'percolate' up from lower courts Trump admin wants justices to halt flood of nationwide injunctions	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/15/trump-birthright-citizenship-supreme	2025/05/16	
Key takeaways from the historic Supreme Court debate on birthright citizenship	Supreme Court	The Supreme Court on Thursday allowed the family of an unnamed 24-year-old man who was killed after being pulled over for suspected toll violations to continue his case for damages, ruling that appeals courts need to more thoroughly review an officer's actions before a police shooting. President Trump announced multi-billion dollar AI deals between U.S. companies and Gulf countries this week even as many in Washington continue to fear that China could gain backdoor access to advanced AI chips and worry that critical AI infrastructure could end up based outside the U.S.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/key-takeaways-historic-supreme-court-15	2025/05/16	
Supreme Court sides with family of man killed by police after he was pulled over for toll violations	Supreme Court	The House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party on Thursday introduced new legislation 'to stop advanced U.S. AI chips from falling into the hands of adversaries like the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).'	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-sides-family-man-215011	2025/05/16	ACAB
Trump's AI Deals in Gulf stir: China fears back home	Technology, AI	Trump has harnessed executive power in unprecedented ways — to curtail immigration, gut federal agencies and punish his enemies. But almost nothing he's done so far has been codified in law, ratified in treaties, or otherwise set in stone.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/16/trump-ai-deals-gulf-chips-china-bag	2025/05/16	Trade, economy, international relations
Why Trump's second 100 days matter more How Trump has made billions as president Slidebar	Trump Bullshit Trump Bullshit	"What happens between now and Labor Day," Bannon told Axios, "really defines — more than even the first 100 days of food-the-zone — not just Trump's second term, but Trump's legacy."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/16/trump-agenda-immigration-trade-se https://www.yahoo.com/news-trump-made-billions-president-slidebar-16	2025/05/16	corruption
1962 Chevrolet Corvette Discovered After 14 Years, Behind a Fence in Florida Yard	Weird world	In his latest adventure, Collins boarded a flight to the Sunshine State after receiving a tip about a C1 Corvette that had been quietly deteriorating just feet away from daily life. Upon arrival, he found the Corvette sukkien slightly into the ground, surrounded by overgrown foliage and shielded from public view by a wooden fence—a time capsule hiding in plain sight. It had been labelled as a 1327 copy of the Magna Carta, "somewhat rubbed and damp-stained," according to the archive's description. But Carpenter knew almost immediately when he opened the document that it wasn't as advertised: "What do I see before my eyes?" For all the world [it] seemed to be an original of the 1300 Magna Carta." He immediately thought, "Oh, my God, this isn't known at all."	https://autos.yahoo.com/1962-chevrolet-corvette-discovered-14-2015d	2025/05/16	
Harvard learned it has an authentic Magna Carta, in 1946, it paid less than \$28 for it	Weird world	It was a remarkable find not only for Carpenter, but for Harvard — especially since the university had paid a London bookseller just \$27.50 (about \$460 adjusted for inflation) for the document in 1946. An authentic Magna Carta sold in 2007 for \$21.3 million.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/15/mx-41-539171/magna-carda-harvard	2025/05/16	
Kinderergarten brought Jail-O shots to school, gave them out to students, says district	Weird world	A Pennsylvania school has launched an investigation after it said a kindergarten brought Jail-O shots to school.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kindergarten-brought-jail-o-shots-210d	2025/05/16	
Northeastern college student demanded her tuition fees back after catching her professor using OpenAI's ChatGPT	Weird world	A senior at Northeastern University filed a formal complaint and demanded a tuition refund after discovering her professor was secretly using AI tools to generate notes. The professor later admitted to using several AI platforms and acknowledged the need for transparency. The incident highlights growing student concerns over professors using AI, a reversal of earlier concerns from professors worried that students would use the technology to cheat.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/northeastern-college-student-demanded	2025/05/16	
Dolphin whale decoders win \$100,000 interspecies communication prize	Weird world	In their latest work, which has not yet been peer-reviewed, the team identified at least 20 different types of non-signature whale that are produced by multiple dolphins, finding two types were each shared by at least 25 individuals.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/15/us-scientists-who-de	2025/05/16	
Man arrested trying to smuggle parrots across US border stuffed into his boots	Weird world	When the researchers played these two sounds back to dolphins they found one triggered avoidance in the animals, suggesting it could be an alarm signal, while the other triggered a range of responses, suggesting it could be a sound made by dolphins when they encounter something unexpected.	https://www.theindependent.com/news/world/americas/crime/parrots	2025/05/16	
She's a home mom. Googled her dad and found out she was wrongly indicted on drug charges in another state	Weird world	A man was caught attempting to smuggle six parrots across the U.S. border from Mexico stuffed into his boots, according to officials.	https://www.theindependent.com/news/world/americas/crime/mom-go	2025/05/16	
Revealed: Oregon spent funds meant for addiction services on prosecutors and police gadgets	ACAB	A mom-of-four received a shock when she discovered she had been wrongly indicted for drug offenses in 2023 and was facing a 35-year jail term.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/18/oregon-addiction-s	2025/05/19	
Flights reduced by 40% at Paris-Orly airport after traffic control systems break down	Aviation	The state of Oregon, which has long struggled with one of the worst drug-addiction crises in the US, last year announced \$20m in grants to help connect people to substance-use services.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/flights-reduced-40-paris-orly-15524130d	2025/05/19	
Former President Joe Biden's cancer diagnosis: What does a Gleason score of 9 mean?	Biden Admin.	Budget documents obtained by the Guardian through public records requests reveal that several counties have put the money toward hiring prosecutors, acquiring police gadgets and police vehicles, and covering sheriff's costs. Washington county, the state's second-largest jurisdiction, budgeted twice as much of its funds for police and district attorney salaries than it did on community programs, while two other counties used the money for laser devices that are meant to detect drugs but have been criticized as useless.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/former-president-joe-biden-cancer-2158	2025/05/19	
Supreme Court extends pause on deportations under Alien Enemies Act in Texas	Borders and Immigration	French civil aviation authority asked airlines to reduce flights by 40% at Paris-Orly airport on Sunday evening after air traffic control systems suffered a breakdown. The authority, known as DGAC, said in a statement that some "regulation" was needed involving a significant reduction in the number of flights. The statement didn't provide details on the cause of the breakdown.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/18/ga-s1-47244/supreme-court-texas-alien	2025/05/19	
Don't say to cops: why Hasan Piker's US customs story kicked off a backlash	Borders and Immigration	The NIH reports an estimated 313,760 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed this year -- representing over 15% of all new cancer cases. An estimated 35,770 deaths from prostate cancer will occur this year -- representing 5.6% of all cancer deaths, according to the agency.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/17/hasan-piker-us-cu	2025/05/19	ACAB
Trump threatens Walmart, demands it "eat the tariffs"	Economy-Tariffs	The Supreme Court on Friday granted a preliminary injunction that extends a pause on deportations of Venezuelan immigrants in northern Texas under the Alien Enemies Act.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/17/trump-walmart-tariffs	2025/05/19	
Eat the tariffs? Trump tells Walmart, warns not to blame them for price increases	Economy-Tariffs	The Supreme Court said the government didn't give people at a detention center in Texas enough time to argue against their deportations.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/eat-tariffs-trump-tells-walmart-162817d	2025/05/19	
Moody's cuts U.S. credit rating on growing debt burden	Economy-US Debt	The backlash continued as word of Piker's detention garnered international headlines. (CBP confirmed Piker was stopped for inspection but denied that he was targeted for his political beliefs.) The veteran tech blogger Mike Masnick criticized Piker for giving his fans "a masterclass in what not to do when detained by CBP on TechCrunch, writing: 'While CBP's behavior was egregious, Piker's response was potentially even more dangerous...' With his massive platform, he's teaching millions of followers exactly the wrong lesson about dealing with law enforcement — that if you're clever enough, privileged enough, or 'experienced' enough at handling conflict, you can somehow talk your way through it. This is exactly the kind of thinking that leads people to waive their rights and incriminate themselves."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/16/moody-us-credit-rating	2025/05/19	
Glossy black cockatoos could be pushed towards extinction in Victoria if burns go ahead, experts warn	Environment-Animals	President Trump on Saturday threatened Walmart over its plan to raise prices in the face of tariffs, demanding it absorb the costs instead.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/may/18/glossy-black-c	2025/05/19	
How DOGE has tried to embed beyond the executive branch	Fuck that department	On Thursday, Walmart said it could no longer hold the line on costs, even with tariffs on China dropping to 30% from 145%, and would have to start raising prices on some items as soon as this month.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/17/mx-41-5491392/doge-federal-agency-ri	2025/05/19	
Al-Qaeda and Hezbollah leaders among terrorists who pay Elon Musk for X subscriptions, study finds	Fuck that guy	The idea that costs were approaching a point of no longer being easily absorbed wasn't news to the administration, per a source close to the company — it was something the White House had heard from Walmart, and hadn't pushed back on.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/al-qaeda-hezbollah-leaders-among-200d	2025/05/19	international, terrorism,
Trump's big bill advances in rare weekend vote, but conservatives demand more changes	Government-Budget	Walmart should not blame tariffs for raising prices and should instead absorb additional costs, President Donald Trump said in a social media post May 17.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-look-trumps-big-bill-162342d	2025/05/19	
Concerns rise over medical coverage losses from 'big, beautiful bill'	Government-Budget	"We will do our best to keep our prices as low as possible but given the magnitude of the tariffs, even at the reduced levels announced this week, we aren't able to absorb all the pressure given the reality of narrow retail margins," CEO Doug McMillon said in a statement Thursday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/concerns-rise-over-medical-coverage-16	2025/05/19	
Justice Department says it may drop criminal prosecution of Boeing over Max crashes	Government-DOJ	Moody's Ratings cut its credit rating on the United States by one notch on Friday, citing an increase in government debt and interest payment rates.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/justice-department-says-may-drop-2159d	2025/05/19	aviation, tragic, crash, corruption, deaths, lies
Trump budget would cut ocean data and leave boaters, anglers and forecasters scrambling for info	Government-Monitoring	"This one-notch downgrade on our 21-notch rating scale reflects the increase over more than a decade in government debt and interest payment ratios to levels that are significantly higher than similarly rated sovereigns," Moody's said in the statement.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/donald-trump-hawaii-great-lakes	2025/05/19	Information blackout

		Health officials are making a renewed call for vigilance against bird flu, but some experts are puzzling over why reports of new human cases have stopped. Has the search for cases been weakened by government cuts? Are immigrant farm workers, who have accounted for many of the U.S. cases, more afraid to come forward for testing and the Trump administration's deportation push? Is it just a natural ebb in infections?			
The US hasn't seen a human bird flu case in 3 months. Experts are wondering why	Health- Bird flu	"We just don't know why there haven't been cases," said Jennifer Nuzzo, director of the Pandemic Center at Brown University. "I think we should assume there are infections that are occurring in farmworkers that just aren't being detected."	https://apnews.com/article/bird-flu-cdc-8857e56c7b0d1d52613042bea9	2025/05/19	
Trump administration set to shutter iconic research center in New York	Information Blackout	Scientists at an iconic NASA research center in New York City have been told they have until the end of the month to vacate their building and everything in it -- with nowhere else to go. The closure of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, a building owned by Columbia University and made famous for housing the diner that appears in "Star Trek," is the latest blow to scientists and climate change researchers from the Trump administration and DOGE.	https://www.axios.com/2025-05-17/trump-nasa-goddard-office	2025/05/19	
The future of history: Trump could leave less documentation behind than any previous US president	Information Blackout	For generations, official American documents have been meticulously preserved and protected, from the era of quills and parchment to boxes of paper to the cloud, safeguarding snapshots of the government and the nation for posterity. Now, the Trump administration is scrubbing thousands of government websites of history, legal records and data it finds disagreeable.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-presidential-records-retention-docume	2025/05/19	information blackout, data, records, history
Libraries are cutting back on staff and services after Trump's order to dismantle small agency	Information Blackout	It has sought to expand the executive branch's power to shield from public view the government-slashing efforts of Elon Musk's team and other key administration initiatives. Officials have used apps such as Signal that can auto-delete messages containing sensitive information rather than retaining them for recordkeeping. And they have shaken up the National Archives leadership and even ordered the rewriting of history on display at the Smithsonian Institution.	https://apnews.com/article/institute-museum-library-services-funding-cu	2025/05/19	
Attacks on healthcare in war zones in 2024 reach 'new levels of horror' -- report	International- Healthcare	Maine has laid off a fifth of its staff and temporarily closed its state library after not receiving the remainder of its annual funding. Libraries in Mississippi have indefinitely stopped offering a popular e-book service, and the South Dakota state library has suspended its interlibrary loan program.	https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/may/19/attacks	2025/05/19	
Trump 'making plan to move a million Palestinians to Africa'	International- Palestine	Last year saw more than 3,600 attacks on health workers, hospitals and clinics in conflict zones, a report figure reflecting "new levels of horror," a new report has found. The total is 15% higher than in 2023 and includes air, missile and drone strikes on hospitals and clinics, as well as the looting and takeover of facilities and arrest and detention of health workers.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-making-plan-move-million-1256126	2025/05/19	
Donald Trump: next two weeks will 'decide future of Poland'	International- Poland	US officials have begun discussions with the Libyan government about resettling half of the strip's population, NBC news reported, quoting five people with knowledge of the plans. The next two weeks will "decide the future of Poland," its prime minister, Donald Tusk, has warned, as the country prepares for a presidential runoff vote on 1 June after a nail-biting close first round. Official results released on Monday showed the pro-European centrist Rafal Trzaskowski, the mayor of Warsaw and candidate from Tusk's Civic Coalition, received 31.36% of the votes. Narrowly trailing him was Karol Nawrocki, backed by the populist rightwing Law and Justice party (PiS), with 29.54% of the vote.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/18/donald-trump-next-two	2025/05/19	
US judges who rule against Trump are being harassed with abuse and threats, experts warn	Judicial Branch	US judges who have increasingly rebuked the Trump administration's harsh deportation agendas and other MAGA policies are facing intense verbal assaults from the president and his allies, which seem to be spurring other dangerous threats against judges, say legal experts and former judges. "The constant mischaracterization by Trump and his allies of judicial rulings as political in nature, together with their false, vilipendous and at times homophobic attacks on individual judges who make them, skew the public's perception of the work of the federal judiciary," said ex-federal judge John Jones, who is now the president of Dickinson College.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-judges-ruling-against-trump-1400781	2025/05/19	
Trump was so desperate for MTG to drop Georgia. Senate run he ordered a poll showing she'd get crushed	Political Cesspool	Jones added: "These attacks foment a climate where the safety of judges and their families is at high risk." Donald Trump was so desperate to stop Marjorie Taylor Greene from attempting to run for the U.S. Senate in 2026 he had a poll commissioned to demonstrate she did not stand a chance, according to a report. The president's political team called on his favorite pollster, Tony Fabrizio, to conduct a survey examining Green's prospects of beating Democratic incumbent Jon Ossoff in a hypothetical matchup. It duly showed that the Georgia Republican Rep would lose an election challenge by a crushing 18 points, The Wall Street Journal reports.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-r	2025/05/19	
Another House Democrat plans to force Trump impeachment vote	Politics- Impeachment	Rep. Al Green (D-Texas) said Friday he will force a vote on impeaching President Trump -- just days after another Trump impeachment effort was scuttled. Green, unlike Rep. Shri Thanedar (D-Mich.), has a history of following through on this sort of thing. He repeatedly has introduced legislation against Trump during his first term.	https://www.axios.com/2025-05-18/trump-impeachment-house-democr	2025/05/19	
As Trump's ban looms, transgender service members defend their fitness to serve	Rainbow threats	While there is no exact count of the number of transgender people serving, officials have said 4,240 service members have a diagnosis of gender dysphoria. Aina Kupe, a former Naval intelligence officer, told Axios she thinks "this is a path toward don't ask, don't tell again -- and it starts with the transgender community."	https://www.axios.com/2025-05-17/trump-transgender-service-member	2025/05/19	
RFK Jr's FDA limits use of Covid vaccine	RFK JR BS	The Food and Drug Administration, now under the leadership of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., has severely restricted the use of the NovavaxCOVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine will now only be available to high-risk individuals and will not be administered to those who may need it to protect others.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-fda-limits-covid-204951844.html	2025/05/19	
Supreme Court justices appear divided in birthright citizenship arguments	Supreme Court	The U.S. Supreme Court seemed at least partially divided on Thursday as the justices heard more than two hours of arguments debating how the lower courts should handle President Trump's executive order on birthright citizenship. The court's conservatives didn't entirely tip their hands. While some of them have called for the abolition of these nationwide injunctions in the past, on Thursday they didn't seem so certain, especially after Solicitor General D. John Sauer opened his argument insisting Trump is right in saying the Fourteenth Amendment has been wrongly interpreted for 127 years.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/15/mst-s1-5398125/supreme-court-birthright	2025/05/19	US Citizens, Constitutional Crisis
Fatal explosion outside fertility clinic was 'intentional,' police say	Terrorism	An explosion through a fertility clinic in the upscale California city of Palm Springs late Saturday morning, leaving one person believed to be the suspect dead in an attack the FBI characterized as terrorism. Authorities were still working to confirm the identity of the person killed, Davis said. Four people were hurt, but authorities provided no details on the severity of those injuries, how they occurred or where. Davis said law enforcement was also looking into the possibility that the explosion was faked.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/17/ga-s1-47455/investigators-respond-to-at	2025/05/19	
At least 2 dead, 19 injured after Mexican Navy ship strikes the Brooklyn Bridge, NYC officials say	Tragic	At least two people have died and 19 others were injured after a tall ship belonging to the Mexican Navy struck the Brooklyn Bridge Saturday night, according to Mayor Eric Adams. City officials said the ship, the Cuauhtemoc, struck the bridge shortly before 8:30 p.m. after losing power. Its two tall masts were knocked off when it made impact with the 140-year-old steel suspension bridge as divers sped by in either direction, according to multiple video feeds. Powerful storms and tornadoes ripped through several Midwestern and Southern states overnight Friday, leaving flattened buildings and at least 27 people dead in their wake.	https://nypost.com/2025/may/16/collides-into-brooklyn-bridge/	2025/05/19	
At least 27 dead after tornadoes sweep through Kentucky and Missouri	Tragic	One of the victims was a first responder, Roger Leslie Leatherman, a Laurel County fireman. Most of the victims were in the 60s and 70s, the governor said. In Missouri, five people in the St. Louis area have died, according to the city's mayor, Kara Spencer. Over 30 more people were injured, she said, warning that the number could be higher. The AP reported two more storm victims in other parts of the state, and an additional two storm-related deaths in Virginia.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/17/mst-s1-5402053/tornadoes-kentucky-mi	2025/05/19	
I thought it was a movie! Mexican ship's crash into Brooklyn Bridge leaves locals in disbelief	Tragic	The ship's captain lost control because of a mechanical issue, Mayor Eric Adams said, causing the naval training ship's tall masts to hit the bottom of the 142-year-old bridge connecting Brooklyn to Manhattan.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/thought-movie-mexican-ships-collision-15	2025/05/19	
Cooking the books? Fears Trump could target statisticians if data disappoints	Trump Bulshit	Now professional economists and number-crunchers fear the aphorism could become a White House theme in real life. Buflitted by global markets and public opinion -- both of which show a wary skepticism of Donald Trump's affinity for trade wars -- the president may be about to turn his renowned loyalty to truths at odds with what he believes towards public servants charged with producing accurate information.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/18/trump-statistician	2025/05/19	information blackout, data, records, history
Trump issues thinly veiled threat to Supreme Court as birthright citizenship under scrutiny. 'Playing the ref'	Trump Bulshit	A proposed rule change making it easier to fire civil servants deemed to be "intentionally subverting presidential directives" could pave the way for the White House to fire statisticians employed to produce objective data on the economy but whose figures prove politically inconvenient, experts warn. The president has repeatedly claimed it's "illegal" to criticize both his policies that have been challenged in court as well as the judges who have ruled in his favor.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-3	2025/05/19	
Trump's DOJ focuses in on voter fraud, with a murky assist from DOGE	Voting Fuckery	Records suggest the Iraq man, Akeel Abdul Jamel, had lived in the U.S. for more than a decade before allegedly voting illegally, and letters he appears to have submitted in other court cases show he was a fan of Trump and that he was worried about immigration. The Ukrainian mother and daughter, who entered the country legally on visas, were given permanent legal residence in the U.S. more than a year prior to voting, and told a federal investigator they didn't know they weren't also allowed to vote.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/17/mst-s1-5382977/trump-doj-doge-nonprof	2025/05/19	
Trump order targets barcodes on ballots. They've long been a source of misinformation	Voting Fuckery	That's extremely common among these cases, said University of Idaho law professor Benji Cover, who wrote a paper about people, including noncitizens, misunderstanding election rules and being prosecuted in recent decades. "We don't use the phrase 'voter mistake.' And I found in my research that a lot of these cases that are described as voter fraud seem to involve mistakes rather than fraud," Cover said. "There's a huge mismatch between the language we're using in our political rhetoric and the reality on the ground."	https://apnews.com/article/trump-elections-executive-order-codes-as	2025/05/19	
More storms take aim at central US, where many are digging out from tornado damage	Weather- storms	More severe storms were expected to roil across the central U.S. this week following the weather-related deaths of more than two dozen people and a devastating Kentucky tornado. The National Weather Service said a "multitude of hazardous weather" would impact the U.S. over the next several days -- from thunderstorms and potentially baseball-sized hail on the Plains, to heavy mountain snow in the West and dangerous heat in the South.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/more-storms-aim-central-us-041716410	2025/05/19	
Storms leave more than two dozen dead, with damage still being assessed	Weather- Tornado	Powerful storms with tornado reports in the Midwest and other regions have led to at least 18 deaths in Kentucky, seven in Missouri and two in northern Virginia. Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said in an X post Saturday morning after declaring a state of emergency that 100,476 were without power and the number of deaths "will likely grow."	https://www.axios.com/2025-05-17/mst-west-storm-deaths-kentucky-mi	2025/05/19	
Tornadoes touchdown in NE Colorado, egg-sized hail reported. Photos, NWS data	Weather- Tornado	The tornado likely continued much further into IL and survey teams will continue to assess over the coming days, "the NWS St. Louis said on Saturday, describing a tornado "up to 1 mile wide, EF3 (150mph) intensity" and following a path "at least 8 miles so far."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tornadoes-touchdown-ne-colorado-egg-0	2025/05/19	
Newark Airport Hit With Yet Another Communications Outage	Aviation	Severe weather, including multiple tornadoes, was experienced in Colorado on Sunday, as hail, high winds and some rain swept the region. He said that debris from neighbors miles away has ended up on his ranch. He's grateful that his livestock made it out unscathed from the storm, but nearby, a camper was tipped onto its roof from the high winds. Nevertheless, the storm is another sign of community for the area.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/newark-airport-hit-yet-another-2130076	2025/05/20	
Close call at LaGuardia Airport prompts FAA and NTSB investigations	Aviation	The same facility was hit by similar outages on April 28, May 11 and May 9, but unlike Monday's incident, those outages stretched to a minute and a half. A close call earlier this month at LaGuardia Airport in New York City between two commercial jets is under investigation, the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board confirmed Monday. On May 6 around 12:35 a.m., an air traffic controller canceled the takeoff clearance for American Eagle flight 4750, operated by Republic Airways, because United Airlines flight 2657 was landing on the same runway, the FAA said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/close-call-la-guardia-airport-prompts-2367	2025/05/20	

		Some suspects in violent assaults and sex crimes are escaping American justice because they're being deported before they can stand trial, according to a number of prosecutors and legal experts across the country. In one suburban Denver county, the district attorney has tallied at least six criminal cases he's had to shelve or drop because Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents detained or deported suspects before he could prosecute them.			
ICE adopts new tactic: Deport before court, removing people facing criminal charges	Borders and Immigration	In another case in the city of Denver, a man suspected of attempted murder was released because ICE had deported the witnesses against him, forcing prosecutors to drop the charges. That suspect then backed an ICE agent trying to detain him outside the jail. The Trump administration's first charter flight for dozens of "self-deporting" immigrants took off from Houston early Monday, part of a new program offering them a free trip back home and \$1,000 — or else.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-adopts-tactic-deport-court-100211563	2025/05/20	
Scoop: First flight leaves U.S. under Trump's \$1,000 "self-deport" deal	Borders and Immigration	Monday's flight left Houston about 9:30 a.m. and took 65 people from Honduras and Colombia to their respective home countries, according to a Department of Homeland Security official. The Trump administration can strip temporary deportation protections from 350,000 Venezuelans, the Supreme Court said Monday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/18/self-deportation-flights-1000-dollars	2025/05/20	
Supreme Court allows Trump admin to pull protections for 350,000 Venezuelans	Borders and Immigration	The Venezuelan immigrants are still challenging the Trump administration's decision to remove their Temporary Protected Status in a lower court, but the Supreme Court's order means those protections can be revoked while the case continues. A federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California had blocked the Trump administration from removing the deportation protections, but the Supreme Court overturned that decision on Monday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/18/trump-supreme-court-venezuelan-immigrants	2025/05/20	
Immigrants are being rounded up in Hawaii's coffee fields and being treated worse than 'cats and dogs,' locals say	Borders and Immigration	According to several reports, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents have been targeting immigrant workers who harvest coffee in the district of South Kona. Coffee farming is lucrative in this area due to the nutrient-heavy volcanic slopes of Earth's largest volcano, Mauna Loa. Donald Trump's administration is relying on the nation's vast correctional system to detain and deport immigrants — and cash-strapped local jails could see a massive windfall from federal contracts. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is contracting with or operating 147 public and private detention facilities, according to data reviewed by The Marshall Project.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/immigration-immigrants-hawaii-coffee-fields-treatment-worse-cats-dogs-locals-say-1948123221.html	2025/05/20	
Cash-strapped jails are taking in immigrants to help Trump's agenda and fill their coffers	Borders and Immigration	That's an increase of 40 facilities from the end of Joe Biden's administration, and ICE is planning to spend another \$45 billion on new contracts to ramp up Trump's aggressive anti-immigration agenda, according to federal requests for proposals reviewed by the nonprofit criminal justice news organization.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-immigrants-jails-cash-strapped-1948123221.html	2025/05/20	ACAB
At least 50 migrants sent to El Salvador prison entered US legally, Cato Institute finds	Borders and Immigration	At least 50 Venezuelan men who were sent to a notorious Salvadoran prison by the Trump administration had immigrated to the U.S. legally, a review by the Libertarian Cato Institute found.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/least-50-migrants-sent-el-salvador-prison-entirely-legal-1948123221.html	2025/05/20	
Ashli Babbitt's family to receive \$5 million in settlement with Trump administration: Sources	Cesspool	The Trump administration is set to pay out nearly \$5 million to settle a lawsuit brought by the family of Ashli Babbitt, a rider fatally shot during the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, sources familiar with the matter confirmed to ABC News on Monday. The Trump administration has reportedly agreed to pay \$5 million to the family of Ashli Babbitt — a Jan. 6 rider shot and killed by Capitol Police as she attempted to break into the House Speaker's lobby — in order to settle a wrongful death lawsuit.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ashli-babbitts-family-receive-5-18250520	2025/05/20	
Trump is Giving Millions in Taxpayer Money to Family of Rider Killed on Jan. 6	Cesspool	The move is a stark reversal from the Justice Department's previous stance on the shooting, which they ruled to be justified after an investigation into Babbitt's death during the Biden administration. In a statement to CBS News, Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger said he told staff he was "extremely disappointed, and I disagreed with the Department of Justice's decision to settle this lawsuit." Videos taken on Jan. 6 show Babbitt and a group of riders attempting to crawl into the Speaker's Lobby through a shattered window. The Speaker's Lobby is adjacent to the House floor, from which law enforcement was attempting to evacuate lawmakers. Babbitt was shot in the neck by a Capitol Police officer after reportedly ignoring multiple orders from law enforcement to get back. She died after being transported to a nearby hospital.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-giving-millions-taxpayer-money-1948123221.html	2025/05/20	
The argument's over: Americans pay for tariffs	Economy- Tariffs	The Trump administration conceded this weekend what economists, CEOs and consumers already knew: Americans pay for tariffs. Nearly a decade of Trump trade arguments held that foreign countries, not Americans, paid the ultimate cost of a trade war. But the president and his economic team now acknowledge that tariffs are raising prices for everyone, from industrial ports to retail storefronts.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/18/trump-tariffs-who-pays	2025/05/20	
		The U.S. government is spending far more than it takes in as revenue, causing ever-rising debt — and there is no sign that will change anytime soon, those facts are well-known to anybody who has taken a cursory look at the government's books. But Moody's decision to downgrade the U.S. credit rating Friday is the latest reminder that this precarious fiscal standing comes with real risks. Moody's — the last of the three major raters to downgrade the U.S. from its once-pristine credit rating — is acknowledging that U.S. policymakers may have less room to maneuver in future recessions or crises, in light of the massive existing pile of debt.			
The real message of the Moody's downgrade	Economy- US Debt		https://www.axios.com/2025/05/18/moodys-credit-rating-us-debt-resort	2025/05/20	
Sesame Street saved by streaming deal with Netflix	Education	Netflix has thrown Sesame Street a safety net with a new streaming deal that offers the popular children's show a broad reach while simultaneously keeping it on its longstanding home, PBS, the companies announced on Monday. Starting later this year, new episodes will run on Netflix, PBS and the PBS Kids app on the same day. No specific premiere date was immediately announced. Select past episodes will be available on Netflix worldwide.	https://www.theguardian.com/hy-and-radio/2025/may/19/sesame-street-netflix	2025/05/20	
Parts of the U.S. have already experienced 100 degree heat. Experts say this summer is going to get even hotter	Environment- Heat	It's already hot across parts of the U.S., with some communities seeing 90- and 100-degree days already — and forecasters say it's only going to get worse. Florida residents have already been laboring under an oppressive heat wave over the course of the last few days, with highs in the 90s. These temperatures are slated to continue through much of the week, with local "heat-ban" temperatures in the triple digits.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/summer-us-weather-1948123221.html	2025/05/20	
Workers at top US consumer watchdog sound warning as Trump bids to gut agency	Government- CPFB	Donald Trump's bid to gut the top US consumer watchdog has left the agency unable to protect consumers amid mounting fears of recession, according to workers. "The agency that Congress created after the last financial crisis to help prevent another financial crisis is currently completely handcuffed from working," said one attorney at the CPFB, who asked to remain anonymous for fear of retaliation. "And we are on the verge of another major financial crisis, so it's terrifying." "The one thing we were created to do we can't do — at a time when we're most needed."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/19/trump-consumer-watchdog	2025/05/20	
70% of the DOJ's Civil Rights Division lawyers are leaving because of Trump's reshaping	Government- DOJ	The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division is in upheaval amid a mass exodus of attorneys as the Trump administration moves to radically reshape the division, sheding its traditional mission and replacing it with one focused on enforcing the president's executive orders. Some 250 attorneys — or around 70% of the division's lawyers — have left or will have left the department in the time between President Trump's inauguration and the end of May, according to current and former officials. "I don't know what you got to do or what you got to have to be able to be declared for a federal disaster area because this is pretty bad," Lowery said. "We can't help you because, whatever, we're waiting on a letter, we're waiting on somebody to sign his name. You know, all that. I'm just over it." Republican Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves asked the Trump administration for a major disaster declaration on April 1 after 18 tornadoes tore through the state on March 14 and 15, leaving seven people dead and hundreds of homes destroyed or damaged. The declaration would allow the state to access a wide range of FEMA resources, including financial aid for individuals and for government agencies still removing debris and repairing infrastructure.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/19/st-1-66908/trump-civil-rights-justice-ex	2025/05/20	
While Trump overhauls FEMA, Mississippi tornado survivors await assistance	Government- FEMA	"We don't have a declaration yet. People are still hurting," said Royce McKee, emergency management director for Walthall County, which includes Tyler, Georgia. Missouri officials are calling on the federal government for help after a tornado tore through St. Louis last week, killing five people and damaging thousands of structures throughout the region. "We need partners at the national level, at the federal level, to step up and help — and this is not just for St. Louis," city Mayor Kara Spencer told MSNBC on Monday. "Cities across the nation, when they are experiencing disasters such as this, this is what the federal government is for." Spencer said she is pleading with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for help.	https://nbcnews.com/articles/fema-declares-tornado-disaster-mississippi-today	2025/05/20	
Where's FEMA? St. Louis mayor pleads for help from federal government after fatal tornado	Government- FEMA	"FEMA has not been on the ground," she added. "We do not have confirmed assistance from FEMA at this point."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-fema	2025/05/20	
NH funding cuts put current and future cancer patients at risk	Government- NIH	National Institutes of Health budget cuts proposed by the Trump administration and staff layoffs at the largest funder of cancer research threaten to stall innovation, doctors and researchers said. Cancer remains the second-leading cause of death in the U.S. As former President Biden said Monday after announcing he had been diagnosed with prostate cancer, the disease "touches us all." And accurate weather forecasts require data from all over the world, says Alex Lamers, Forecast Operations Branch chief for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Weather Prediction Center. "Weather happens in the atmosphere, and the atmosphere is connected globally. It doesn't happen in isolation over one specific location," he explains.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/19/nih-cuts-cancer-research-hhs	2025/05/20	
Where does your weather forecast come from?	Government- NOAA	The U.S. government, through NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), operates multiple weather satellites and makes all the data they collect available to the public for free. Private weather forecasting companies, like the ones that operate weather websites and smartphone weather apps, use that data to inform their weather forecasts.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/19/mx-st-5389593/weather-forecast-radar	2025/05/20	
This Tornado Mayhem Is a Warning	Government- NOAA	This is why the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) are so crucial for the nation's emergency response system. These agencies' scientists gather and interpret meteorological data, identifying the patterns that should trigger a warning about a dangerous weather event. If we didn't have that capacity, then we wouldn't get the warning, and we wouldn't have time to prepare. DOGE's full impact on the nation's disaster preparedness remains to be seen, but with hurricane season beginning on June 1, many observers are warning of fallout from serious staff shortages. Whether DOGE cuts affected tornado alerts this past weekend is as yet impossible to determine. Anecdotal accounts tell of heroic efforts to staff up an NWS office in Kentucky to compensate for shortages ahead of this storm system. Governor Andy Beshear said he didn't "see any evidence" that the cuts had affected warnings to the state's population on this occasion. Problems of staffing, capacity, and cuts demand more study as we enter another season of extreme weather. But what we already know is this: When we face the risk of a mass-casualty disaster, time is our most precious commodity. In this age, unfortunately, we can expect mayhem from all sorts of sources: cyberattacks, terrorism, active shooters, weather events, overburdened aviation systems, deadly viruses. A nation best prepares for a crisis not by ignoring it and hoping it never happens, but by anticipating it and planning for it. The success of such preparation is measured by the ability to provide more time, because more time means that those affected will have better options.	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/05/tornado-weather-alert/	2025/05/20	NWS, storms, severe weather, tornado, warning, climate crisis
As thunderstorms threaten Alabama, National Weather Service warns of radio outage	Government- NWS	Severe storms are expected to sweep across Alabama this week, as the National Weather Service underpins an outage of the radio service that broadcasts key weather information for the region. The NWS's office in Birmingham said it will be conducting a "required, scheduled update" to its Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System, which is used to "display and integrate weather and water information and to send life-saving information, such as weather and water warnings, to the public." The update is expected to last from May 19 until about May 21, during which time NOAA Weather Radio transmitters maintained by the Birmingham office will be off-air, according to the NWS.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/thunderstorms-threaten-alabama-national-weather-service-warns-radio-outage-1948123221.html	2025/05/20	

		Kurtz's award was caught up in the cuts. Days after winning, he was forwarded an email from the organization that coordinates regional science fairs across the country: the Society for Science USAID had given that nonprofit a stop-work order, and the group had discontinued all their awards sponsored by the federal agency. The Society for Science pulled Kurtz's award from its website and the conversation Kurtz was promised was canceled. Hunter Hart is the Society for Science's International Science and Engineering Fair program manager. He wrote the email notifying Kurtz and hundreds of fair organizers about pulling the award. The International Science and Engineering Fair has affiliates in all fifty states and 70 other countries and territories. In order to get to the big international fair, students have to compete at regional ones. Outside groups like USAID can sponsor special awards at both kinds of fairs, but at the international competition, the stakes get much higher. There, judges will award almost \$9 million in prize money.			
Some awards at Colorado high school science fairs cut after Trump administration slashes USAID funding	Government-USAID	The Trump administration has decided to permit the sale of devices that enable standard firearms to fire like machine guns, a move that one person familiar with the matter said was "by far the most dangerous thing the administration has done" on gun policy. The Justice Department on Friday announced a settlement in a lawsuit brought by the National Association for Gun Rights. The lawsuit challenged an ATF rule banning "forced reset triggers" — devices that allow semiautomatic weapons to fire rapid bursts of bullets. The Trump administration, however, has decided to block \$1 billion in grants for student mental health programs, concluding that the programs to reduce gun violence in schools were no longer in "the best interest of the federal government."	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/06/high-school-science-fairs-usaid-funding	2025/05/20	
Maddow Blog On guns, Trump administration takes another dramatic step in a dangerous direction	Gun nuts	This dovetailed with a New York Times report on the Republican administration moving forward with plans to "roll back an array of gun control measures," while creating "a path for people with criminal convictions to own guns again." In this well-to-do enclave known equally for its nickname of "Surf City" and its far-right politics, progressive activists and book lovers have joined forces behind a pair of charter amendments that would wrest control of the local public library system away from a MAGA-aligned city council playing an increasingly active role in managing its affairs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/maddow-blog-guns-trump-administration-	2025/05/20	
Librarians take on MAGA in California beach town	Information-Blackout	The Trump administration is scrubbing thousands of government websites of history, legal records and data it finds disagreeable. It has sought to expand the executive branch's power to shield from public view the government-slashing efforts of Elon Musk's team and other key administration initiatives. Officials have used apps such as Signal that can auto-delete messages containing sensitive information rather than retaining them for recordkeeping. And they have shaken up the National Archives leadership and even ordered the rewriting of history on display at the Smithsonian Institution. And Trump's first term involved many extraordinary attacks on recordkeeping, including reportedly routinely discarding papers in the White House fireplace, deriding his staff for taking notes and tearing up documents into tiny pieces. Trump also improperly stored classified material at Mar-a-Lago after he left office.	https://www.politico.com/news/2025/05/18/california-library-hurlington-1	2025/05/20	
Opinion Why Trump is making an unprecedented effort to scrub the historical record	Information-Blackout	The Trump administration is scrubbing thousands of government websites of history, legal records and data it finds disagreeable. It has sought to expand the executive branch's power to shield from public view the government-slashing efforts of Elon Musk's team and other key administration initiatives. Officials have used apps such as Signal that can auto-delete messages containing sensitive information rather than retaining them for recordkeeping. And they have shaken up the National Archives leadership and even ordered the rewriting of history on display at the Smithsonian Institution. Trump's statement that the U.S. won't play a role in talks going forward reflects the Russian position that the U.S. should not mediate the dispute. The Russians refused to allow State Department official Michael Anton to attend Friday's talks.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-why-trump-making-unprecedented	2025/05/20	
Two-hour Trump-Putin call ends without ceasefire	International-Relations	President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin spoke for around two hours on Monday, after which Trump announced that Russia and Ukraine would "immediately start negotiations toward a ceasefire" and an end to the war. When Copenhagen signed a new defence agreement giving the US "unhindered access" to Danish airbases in December 2023, the idea of granting sweeping powers to US forces on Danish soil was quite a different proposition to what it is today.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/19/trump-putin-call-peacefire-agreement	2025/05/20	
Alarm over defence agreement giving US 'unhindered access' to Danish airbases	International-Relations	The deal means US soldiers will be in Denmark under US jurisdiction, meaning that if they were to commit a crime anywhere in Denmark they would in the first instance be punished under the US, not Danish, legal system. The UN's humanitarian chief has warned 14,000 babies in Gaza could die within 48 hours if more aid does not enter the territory.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/19/warn-over-defence-a	2025/05/20	
UN warns 14,000 babies could die within 48 hours under Israel siege of Gaza	International-Palestine	The pandemic is largely responsible for this talent boom, according to the miniaturists themselves. Artists on lockdown began showing off their to-scale creations and sharing their techniques. The resulting talent feedback loop has led to miniatures that are more detailed and thoughtful than ever.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/gaza-48hr-baby-1	2025/05/20	
Button-sized eggs and transport cities: A peek into the big, wide world of miniatures	Personal-Interest	The Trump administration has instituted all sorts of requirements in its first months to monitor Americans, particularly immigrants.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/19m-41-538937/miniature-art-8d00c	2025/05/20	
Papers please: Trump enacts proof of identity tactic to monitor Americans	Privacy	Kash Patel, the F.B.I. director, has closed an internal watchdog office established in 2020 to uncover and reduce the risk of misuses of national security surveillance, according to officials familiar with the matter.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/19/trump-100-days-monitor-americans	2025/05/20	
F.B.I. Closes Unit That Policed Compliance With Surveillance Rules	Privacy	New Orleans police have secretly been using facial recognition software to monitor citizens in an effort to identify crime suspects, according to a new report. And while police across the country are increasingly using such technology, an investigation by The Washington Post has found that police in New Orleans have taken it a step further, potentially violating a city ordinance that was designed to prevent false arrests and safeguard their citizens' civil rights.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/20/us/politics/the-kash-patel-office-in	2025/05/20	
New Orleans used Minority Report-like facial recognition software to monitor citizens for crime suspects: Report	Privacy	The Trump Justice Department, under Attorney General Pam Bondi, is weighing a move that could end the Public Integrity Section's power to oversee indictments of members of Congress, potentially opening the door to politically motivated prosecutions, The Washington Post reports. If the proposed changes go through, U.S. attorneys — positions appointed by the president — could indict members of Congress without the sign-off from attorneys in the Public Integrity Section (PIN), reducing the office's ethical watchdog role. Prosecutors would no longer need to consult PIN at key points during investigations and prosecutions of public officials in all three branches of government, including federal, state, and local lawmakers as well as judges.	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime-new-orleans	2025/05/20	ACAB
Trump DOJ Considers Making It Easier to Indict Members of Congress	Retaliation	The PIN was established following the Watergate scandal "in order to consolidate in one unit of the Criminal Division the Department's oversight responsibilities for the prosecution of criminal abuses of the public trust by government officials," the DOJ's website states. PIN also "supervises the nationwide investigation and prosecution of felonies committed by federal officials." At first blush, Casey Means seems like the last person Christian conservatives would want as the Surgeon General. Donald Trump's new pick for the nation's top doctor, though she does not have a medical license, favors the occult-spoken popular in the "wellness" influencer world where she makes her money. As Kiera Butler and Anna Merlan at Mother Jones documented, Means veers "in a more New Age direction" in her "medical" writing. "Perhaps the body is simply the material 'radio receiver' through which we can 'tune in' to the divine," she muses in her October newsletter, where she also speculated about "the vibration of humanity" and how the "future of medicine will be about light." In another, she wrote about how she found love after she built a "small meditation shrine in my house," performed "full moon ceremonies," and spoke with trees, "telling them know I was ready for partnership, and asking them if they could help."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-doj-considers-making-easier-1725-	2025/05/20	
RFK Jr. is laundering Christian right views as MAHA	RFK JR BS	Tucker Carlson is a good barometer of this. The internet show he started after he was fired from Fox News has an overtly Christian nationalist lean. He had Means on in September to spread lies meant to scare women out of using hormonal birth control. After Carlson falsely presented it as forbidden information with "you were not allowed to criticize the pill," Means fired off a rapid series of lies. She compared the birth control pill to "spraying of these pesticides" and said it was "literally shutting down the hormones in the female body that create this cyclical living nature." She said it's a "disrespect of the" to prevent pregnancy. Unsurprisingly, while recommending other women stay perpetually pregnant for their "health," Means appears to have no children.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-plagued-not-upend-134330405.html	2025/05/20	
RFK Jr. pledged not to upend US vaccine system, but big changes are underway	RFK JR BS	Robert F. Kennedy Jr. clinched the political support needed to become the nation's top health official by pledging to work within the decades-old federal system for approval and use of vaccines. Yet his regulators are promising big changes that cloud the outlook for what shots might even be available. President Donald Trump on Monday signed the Take It Down Act, bipartisan legislation that enacts stiffer penalties for the distribution of non-consensual intimate imagery, sometimes called "revenge porn," as well as deepfakes created by artificial intelligence.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-plagued-not-upend-134330405.html	2025/05/20	
President Trump signs Take It Down Act, addressing nonconsensual deepfakes. What is it?	Technology-Laws	The law makes it illegal to "knowingly publish" or threaten to publish intimate images without a person's consent, including AI-created "deepfakes." It also requires websites and social media companies to remove such material within 48 hours of notice from a victim. The platforms must also take steps to delete duplicate content. Many states have already banned the dissemination of sexually explicit deepfakes or revenge porn, but the Take It Down Act is a rare example of federal legislation imposing on internet companies.	https://apnews.com/article/take-it-down-deepfake-trump-melania-first-4	2025/05/20	
Trump shows signs of mounting frustration with Supreme Court	Trump Bullshit	President Trump has displayed growing frustration with the Supreme Court as justices have stymied his approach to carrying out his agenda, particularly on immigration, since his White House return in January. At first glance, the changes might look technical—bureaucratic even. Revised language, updated compliance sections, a handful of new funding priorities. But beneath the surface, the shift is profound. Because for many of the frontline organizations that support survivors of domestic and sexual violence, the new rules don't just change how you talk about the work. They change whether you're allowed to do it at all.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-shows-signs-mounting-frustration-	2025/05/20	
Trump is Dismantling Domestic Violence Nonprofits by Banning Certain Words	Trump Bullshit	Under the new guidance, programs can no longer use federal funds to describe domestic violence as a systemic issue. Any activity that frames abuse through the lens of inequality, identity, or structural harm is now potentially disqualifying. Phrases like "gender identity," "community justice," or "trauma-informed care" are flagged as ideological. Organizations are warned against "incultating or promoting gender ideology." Funding now prioritizes trafficking prevention, immigration enforcement, and law enforcement collaboration. An appeals court has cleared the way for President Donald Trump's executive order aimed at ending collective bargaining rights for hundreds of thousands of federal employees while a lawsuit plays out.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-dismantling-domestic-violence-nonprofits	2025/05/20	
Appeals court allows Trump's anti-union order to take effect	Trump Bullshit	A split three-judge panel in the nation's capital sided with government lawyers in a lawsuit filed by unions representing federal employees. The majority ruled on technical grounds, finding that the unions don't have the legal right to sue because the Trump administration has said it won't end any collective bargaining agreements while the case is being litigated. The Trump administration's relentless assault on the rule of law is kind of an art. It is setting so many bazes that the fire department is having trouble putting them all out at once. Last week, Donald Trump asked the Supreme Court to cut off the water.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/appeals-court-allows-trump-anti-1444142	2025/05/20	
Trump is Tired of Courts Telling Him He's Breaking the Law	Trump Bullshit	But the Trump administration's view that such injunctions are unconstitutional, and that district-court judges should be able to bar the executive order revoking birthright citizenship with respect to only individual parties, would produce even worse outcomes, in which the federal government would be free to trample the constitutional rights of anyone who doesn't specifically assert them unless the Supreme Court decides to act. At one point, Sauer complained that nearly 40 nationwide injunctions against the administration have been issued in the past four months. His implication was that the courts are out of control. But another explanation is also available. An out-of-control executive who ignores constitutional restraints on his authority also results in a lot of injunctions. Even accepting the premise that there are too many nationwide injunctions, executive—not judicial—overreach seems like the actual problem here.	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/05/court-right-citizenship/	2025/05/20	Judicial branch, supreme court, laws, checks and balances
Trump's new border wall will threaten wildlife in an area where few people pass	Trump Bullshit	Donald Trump is forging ahead with a new section of border wall that will threaten wildlife in a remote area where many rare animals — but very few people — roam. Custons and Border Protection (CBP) has invited private sector companies to bid for contracts to erect nearly 25 miles of barrier on the US-Mexico border, across the unmitigated San Rafael Valley south of Tucson, Arizona, one of the most biodiverse regions in the US.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/18/trump-border-wall-	2025/05/20	environment, animals,
This land is their land: Trump is selling out the US's beloved wilderness	Trump Bullshit	"This is a crucial wildlife corridor," said Eamon Harilty, wildlife program manager for the Sky Island Alliance, a conservation non-profit, while driving along a dirt road towards the cottonwood tree-lined Santa Cruz River that flows towards Mexico. It was a time when reactionaries in Congress plotted to sell off public lands — just as they do now. When the US Forest Service was under intense pressure to clear-cut more trees — just as it is now. When public lands faced destruction in the name of energy production — just as they do now. More than 14,000 people were forced out of government jobs during the red scare — a mass purge that mottos the targeted loyalty we're witnessing now. Meanwhile, the Trump administration has made no secret of its ambitions: a ramp-up of logging and drilling across public lands, and a sweeping plan to shrink up to six national monuments in the south-west.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/18/trump	2025/05/20	

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How an AI-generated summer reading list got published in major newspapers	Information Blackout		https://www.npr.org/2025/05/20/nx-1-5405022/false-summer-reading-li	2025/05/21
Opinion Trump's new offer to undocumented immigrants is a bait-and-switch	Nazi Checklist	Poison hemlock (or Conium maculatum) is about to flower in Tennessee, according to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, and can already be seen spreading along roadsides, fields and fence lines. Poison hemlock grows nationwide and can be spotted throughout the seasons, but its most rapid growth typically occurs between March and May.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-trump-offer-undocumented-immig-1117	2025/05/21
This 'highly toxic' plant is spreading around US. Here's how to get rid of it	Personal Interest	Experts warn that all parts of poison hemlock — including the leaves, stem, fruit, and root—are poisonous, especially in the spring when the plant flowers. Homeland Security Director Kristi Noem, under sharp questioning from Democratic senators during a Tuesday hearing, incorrectly described habeas corpus as a presidential authority to deport individuals. Noem was on Capitol Hill to testify before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on the Department of Homeland Security's budget for fiscal year 2026. She was asked by Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-N.H., to define "habeas corpus." The secretary responded: "habeas corpus is a constitutional right that the president has to be able to remove people from this country."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/highly-toxic-plant-spreading-around-1117	2025/05/21
DHS secretary misstates meaning of habeas corpus under Senate scrutiny	Political Cesspool	In reality, habeas corpus is a bedrock constitutional legal principle that safeguards individuals from unlawful imprisonment by enabling them to petition the court to review the legality of their detention. She continued to let words fall out of her mouth, saying, dumbly, "President Lincoln used it" — the president doesn't "use" habeas corpus — and then: "I support habeas corpus." (also recognize that the president of the United States has the authority under the Constitution to decide if it should be suspended or not.) WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/20/nx-1-5406144/habeas-corpus-noem-d	2025/05/21
Noem can't define habeas corpus. For DHS head that's not just stupid, it's scary - Opinion	Political Cesspool	Article 1 of the Constitution clearly states that only Congress has the right to suspend habeas corpus, and that's only "when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it." Experts say that McLaughlin is right: The Coast Guard — which is a part of the Department of Homeland Security — needs new ships and planes. But the proposed budget already earmarked more than \$500 million to upgrade the service's aging air fleet. Experts and members of Congress are left questioning why DHS would prioritize buying a luxury plane for a Cabinet secretary seemingly obsessed with traveling far and wide for photo ops, from New York City to El Salvador, over the aircraft needed for core Coast Guard duties. "The Secretary's plane isn't the only Coast Guard asset operating past its prime, and yet hers is the Department's number one priority for replacement," Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., told The Intercept, after blasting Noem's desire for a "ricked out" new plane for her "personal national photo go tour." He added, "A Trump Cabinet official putting themselves before the people they serve is par for the course."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/noem-cant-define-habeas-corpus-19583	2025/05/21
THE QUESTIONABLE CASE OF KRISTI NOEM'S \$80 MILLION LUXURY JET	Political Cesspool	Countless patients have suffered through in-office gynecological procedures like IUD insertions or cervical biopsies, with nothing more than buprofen and white knuckles. In its new recommendations for cervical and uterine procedures, released last week, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says there is "an urgent need" for this to change. ACOG directs clinicians to have an "upfront and thorough" conversation so patients know pain might occur and are offered options to manage that pain, such as a paracetamol block. A former Fox News contributor turned Trump administration Department of Justice lawyer has suggested Joe Biden's wife could be criminally charged for "elder abuse." Cross the Trump administration on immigration, and you will pay. That's the apparent message behind two prosecutions that Trump's Justice Department has launched against officials in the other co-equal branches of government.	https://theintercept.com/2025/05/20/kristi-noem-coast-guard-50-million-jet/	2025/05/21
Doctors urged to treat pain for IUD insertion and other procedures	Reproductive Rights		https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots-health-news/2025/05/20/nx-1-5403	2025/05/21
Trump DOJ Lawyer Floats 'Criminal Charges' for Jill Biden	Retaliation		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-dc-lawyer-floats-criminal-0626035	2025/05/21
DOJ sends warning to judges and lawmakers who slide Trump's wrath on immigration	Retaliation	Last month, prosecutors arrested a Wisconsin judge for allegedly helping an undocumented immigrant leave a courthouse. Then, this week, prosecutors charged a New Jersey lawmaker with assault after a scuffle outside an immigration detention center. US Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. told a Senate subcommittee on Tuesday that the federal government has "a team in Milwaukee" helping the city address a lead crisis in its schools. The city says that that's not true and that it's still not receiving requested aid from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's childhood lead poisoning experts to deal with the ongoing contamination.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/one-branch-vs-two-trump-015147723.html	2025/05/21
Kennedy said a 'team' is in Milwaukee to help with lead contamination. The city says that's not true	RFK, JR BS	Last Thursday, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously rejected the logic of that decision, which focused on "the moment of the threat" rather than "the totality of the circumstances"—the standard that the Court has said should be applied in use-of-force cases. The Court's decision "echoes the common law's historical protection of human life, which restricted the use of deadly force by officers—particularly in cases of fight from minor offenses," says Mike Fox, a legal fellow at the Cato Institute, which submitted a brief supporting the civil rights lawsuit that Barnett parents filed against Felix. "Deadly force was traditionally reserved for instances of forceful resistance against an officer."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-unanimously-rejects-vero-1117	2025/05/21
The Supreme Court Unanimously Rejects a 'Very Narrow Approach' to Deadly Force by Police	Supreme Court	Hacked AI-powered chatbots threaten to make dangerous knowledge readily available by churning out (fict) information the programs absorb during training, researchers say. The warning comes amid a disturbing trend for chatbots that have been "jailed" to circumvent their built-in safety controls. The restrictions are supposed to prevent the programs from providing harmful, biased or inappropriate responses to users' questions. In a report on the threat, the researchers conclude that it is easy to trick most AI-driven chatbots into generating harmful and illegal information, showing that the risk is "immediate, tangible and deeply concerning". President Trump on Tuesday touted \$25 billion in initial funding for the "Golden Dome" and put Space Force Gen. Michael Gueletin in charge of realizing the hemispheric missile shield. Trump said the project will cost around \$175 billion and be built over the next three years, though those are both just estimates. The initial \$25 billion will be included in the "big beautiful bill" working its way through Congress, Trump said. Gov. Tim Walz keeps a copy of Project 2025, the Heritage Foundation blueprint for the Trump administration, on his desk as a kind of scorecard for Donald Trump's second term. "Watching the craziness of Trump put out an AI video of him playing a Journey song because he's pissed off at Bruce Springsteen, it — that's, that's not what an American president does," he said. "I still believe a majority of Americans do not want to see a nearly 80-year-old man pretend like he can play rock music because he's pissed off at an icon." "What I keep saying is, is that Democrats issues that we care about are things that people do care about, improving their lives, they just don't see them get done," he said. "I think the one thing is that I've seen with what Donald Trump has done is this just moving so fast and on so many fronts. We need to think that same way about the things that improve people's lives, of making sure that we're doing that."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/20/trump-golden-dome-missile-shield-g	2025/05/21
Trump and Hegseth unveil \$175 billion plans for Golden Dome missile shield	Trump Bullshit		https://www.axios.com/2025/05/20/trump-golden-dome-missile-shield-g	2025/05/21
Tim Walz says Trump has been 'more effective' this term. He doesn't mean it nicely	Trump Bullshit	An above-average number of tornadoes in the Midwest have occurred so far this year, according to data collected by the National Weather Service. Usually, by this time in May, a little over 600 tornadoes have been reported in the U.S. This year, it's more than 800 tornadoes. "However, tornado patterns in the U.S. are changing in other ways. Big outbreaks of tornadoes, like the ones in Kentucky and Missouri over the weekend when lots of storms move across a large area in a short period of time, are getting more common." "In the past we didn't see the kind of large outbreak days that we do now," Witham explains. "It used to be kind of unusual to see dozens of them in a day, and now we get that year after year."	https://www.foxnews.com/2025/05/20/tim-walz-says-trump-more-210524996.html	2025/05/21
Large tornado outbreaks are becoming more common. But it's unclear why	Weather-Tornado	During the recent deadly tornado outbreak in Kentucky, the local weather service office in Jackson, Ky., had to borrow forecasters from other offices in the region, because they didn't have enough staff, according to a statement from the National Weather Service. Aviation remains the safest mode of transportation in the U.S., but for it to remain so, serious upgrades need to happen now, said the letter, citing a 2023 independent review that raised safety concerns. Airlines and others this month called for at least \$31 billion in spending on air traffic reform.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/20/nx-1-5405372/tornado-midwest-climat	2025/05/21
US air traffic control system failing Americans, airline CEOs say	Aviation	The U.S. House is considering legislation that includes an initial \$12.5 billion for air traffic control reform efforts. It was here, late on April 15, with chains around his belly, hands and ankles, that the Denmark-born man fully realized that what he was experiencing was not a brief disruption from his many years in America—some clerical error that could be undone in an afternoon's discussion, or with the swift intervention of a judge. Kasper has never been charged with or convicted of any crime. He has not been accused of being a member of MS-13 or Tren de Aragua. What led the government to rip Kasper out of the arms of his family was, to the best of his knowledge, a single document, Form I-751, appropriately clinical, a "Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence," was just one of the endless documents he needed on his decade-plus journey to American citizenship. Kasper and his wife, Savannah Hobart Eriksen, never submitted that form, which was due all the way back in 2015. She had suffered a stillbirth, losing their first child, and in the days of grief that followed, the deadline slipped right past them. But Kasper's naturalization continued unimpeded. He corresponded with immigration officials numerous times over the next 10 years, and says agents never warned him that a critical document was missing. He said twice each year, reliably contributing a portion of his labor to the nation he already felt a part of. A federal judge on Wednesday found that the Trump administration "unquestionably" violated a court order when it quickly deported immigrants to South Sudan. "It was impossible for these people to have a meaningful opportunity to object to their transfer to South Sudan," Murphy said, adding that the 17-hour window of the events was "shilly" and "undeniably" insufficient, per CNN. There was "mayhem" outside an immigration court in Phoenix Tuesday, as federal agents arrested several people, including one person whose case had just been dismissed. Immigration attorney Isaac Ortega told the Arizona Mirror that several masked agents, who refused to identify themselves as officers with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, arrested his client after his first immigration hearing. Ortega told the Mirror that he believes ICE agreed to close his client's case so that the Trump administration could more easily expedite his deportation. The sick part is, the Trump administration appears to be using compliance with the law to trap immigrants it wishes to deport. A bombshell email leak has exposed how a top aide to Tuli Gabbard quietly ordered officials to rewrite a damaging intelligence assessment so it couldn't be "used against" Donald Trump. "It's just come out and say TDA leaders are given sanctuary in Venezuela as their gang members commit horrendous crimes in America, then we can provide the context about our exact knowledge of relationship between TDA and the Venezuelan government," Kent wrote to officials including Michael Collins, then the acting head of the National Intelligence Council.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/airline-ceos-us-air-traffic-124655220.html	2025/05/22
ICE Arrests Mississippi Father at His Citizenship Hearing, Threatening Deportation	Borders and Immigration		https://www.mississippireports.org/ice-arrests-mississippi-father-at-ci	2025/05/22
Trump admin deportations to South Sudan violated court order, judge rules	Borders and Immigration		https://www.axios.com/2025/05/21/trump-immigrants-deported-south-s	2025/05/22
Trump's ICE Chooses Horrifying Location to Make Immigration Arrests	Borders and Immigration		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-ice-traps-people-outside-1948271	2025/05/22
Leak Shows Gabbard Goon Secretly Ordering Intel Change So It Couldn't Be 'Used Against' Trump	Borders and Immigration		https://www.yahoo.com/news/leak-shows-gabbard-goon-secretly-10215	2025/05/22
A Jan. 6 rioter convicted of assaulting police scored a visit to the White House	Cesspool-January Six	Just months after being freed through a pardon from President Trump, two men convicted of felonies for their roles in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol scored visits to the secure grounds of the White House.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/22/nx-1-5405788/trump-jan-6-white-house	2025/05/22

Trump administration officially accepts jet from Qatar for use as Air Force One	Corruption	The United States has officially accepted a Boeing 747-8 luxury jetliner as a gift from the Qatari government, and the Air Force has been tasked with upgrading it to be used as a new plane for President Trump, according to an Air Force spokesperson. The spokesperson, who spoke on the condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to speak publicly about the matter, said NPR that the Air Force is currently "preparing to award a contract to modify a Boeing 747 aircraft for an executive airlift," saying further details about the contract are classified.	https://www.npr.com/2025/05/21/trump-51-5408430/trump-accepts-qatar-01	2025/05/22	
Top 10 wealthiest American men collectively earned extra \$1B a day, report says, as Trump pushes tax cuts	Eat the rich	The top 10 wealthiest billionaires in the U.S. collectively became \$1 billion richer every day last year, new analysis has shown. The group – which includes allies of Donald Trump, including tech bosses Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos and Mark Zuckerberg – saw an increase in their collective wealth of \$365 billion over the last 12 months.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/billionaires	2025/05/22	
Trump floats bringing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac public	Economy-Housing	President Trump said Wednesday he's "giving very serious consideration" to bringing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the government-sponsored mortgage giants, public. The two companies combined support some 70% of U.S. mortgages.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/21/trump-fannie-mae-freddie-mac-public	2025/05/22	
US Ports Warn of \$6.7B Bill if 100% Tariff on China-Made Cranes Kicks in	Economy-Tariffs	"Applying a new 100 percent tariff to Chinese STS cranes will not create a domestic crane manufacturing industry out of thin air," stated Davis, in official comments submitted to the Federal Register. "It will only increase costs for public port authorities."	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/us-ports-warn-6-7b-163835212.html	2025/05/22	
US oil firms pumping secret chemicals into ground and not fully reporting it	Environment-Fossil fuels	Colorado oil and gas companies have pumped at least 30m lbs of secret chemicals into the ground over the past 18 months without making legally required disclosures, according to a new analysis. The Justice Department filed an emergency appeal Wednesday urging the high court to put a hold on a judge's orders giving a watchdog group access to documents detailing frgings, grant terminations and other actions proposed by the so-called Department of Government Efficiency, which was overseen by Tesla and SpaceX founder Elon Musk.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/20/us-oil-firms-chemicals	2025/05/22	
Trump administration asks Supreme Court to keep DOGE records secret	Fuck that department	Solicitor General John Sauer is also asking the Supreme Court to block a deposition of the obscure official the Trump administration has identified as the leader of the budget-cutting drive: DOGE administrator Amy Gleason. Wednesday's appeal comes in a case in which Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington is suing under the Freedom of Information Act to seek records about DOGE's operations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-asks-supreme-court	2025/05/22	
Here's what's in the GOP megabill that's headed for a vote in the House	Government-Budget	House Republicans released an updated version of their massive bill on Wednesday in hopes of advancing much of President Trump's domestic agenda by the end of the week. The new legislation aims to satisfy competing demands from fiscal hawks looking to reduce the deficit to blue state Republicans looking to lock in more favorable taxes for their constituents.	https://www.npr.com/2025/05/21/trump-51-5408392/trump-republicans-tax	2025/05/22	
Judge criticizes DOJ for 'worrisome' and 'embarrassing' blunders in arrest of New Jersey mayor at ICE facility	Government-DOJ	U.S. Magistrate Judge André M. Espinosa granted what he called the "embarrassing intrection" of the misdemeanor charge following a May 31 incident at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Newark that unfolded in a lawsuit between federal authorities and three members of Congress and resulted in the arrest of the city's Democratic mayor, who is also running for governor. Espinosa said an arrest is a "severe" step, not part of an investigation, and he said prosecutors must not try to secure convictions at all cost, satisfy public clamor or advance political agendas.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-criticizes-doj-worrisome-embarrassing	2025/05/22	
Justice Department moves to cancel police reform settlements reached with Minneapolis and Louisville	Government-DOJ	The Justice Department moved Wednesday to cancel settlements with Minneapolis and Louisville that called for an overhaul of their police departments following the killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor that became the catalyst for nationwide racial injustice protests in the summer of 2020. "It's our view at the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division under the Trump administration that federal micromanagement of local police should be a rare exception, and not the norm," Assistant Attorney General Harriet Hinton, the new leader of the division, told reporters.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/justice-department-moves-cancel-police	2025/05/22	ACAB,
First FDA cleared Alzheimer's blood test could make diagnoses faster, more accurate	Health-Alzheimers	A new blood test that detects a hallmark of Alzheimer's is poised to change the way doctors diagnose and treat the disease. The results show whether the brain of a person with cognitive symptoms also has amyloid plaques, clumps of toxic proteins that build up in the spaces between brain cells. The presence of plaques in a person with cognitive symptoms usually confirms an Alzheimer's diagnosis.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/05/21/trump-51-5403	2025/05/22	
COVID Shots for Kids Are Over	Health- Covid	At the press conference, Trump once again criticized the CDC's 2022 decision to add COVID vaccines to the childhood-immunization schedule, which currently recommends the shots as a two- or three-dose series as early as six months of age. He and Makary did not, however, explicitly address whether their new framework will ultimately cut healthy, young kids off from an initial series of COVID vaccines. (In theory, children with certain preexisting conditions should remain eligible.) But several vaccinologists, pediatricians, epidemiologists, and vaccine-policy experts told me that the agency's stance on the matter appeared to be leaning toward yes, at least without new data from companies that will be extraordinarily challenging to collect, if companies try to collect such data at all.	https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2025/05/covid-shots-kids-16/	2025/05/22	
Measles fears in Texas cause flood of parents to seek vaccine, causing vaccination rates to skyrocket	Health-Measles	New data from the Electronic Health Record data analysis company Truvena has documented the surge, finding that the percentage of six-month-old children in Texas who got their shots in April increased by more than 20 times over last year's average. For 10-month-olds, the percentage increased by more than 10 times. The preliminary research findings have not been peer-reviewed. President Trump on Wednesday repeated false crime numbers, shared misleading images and doubled down on a debunked "white genocide" conspiracy theory in South Africa during his tense Oval Office meeting with that nation's president, Cyril Ramaphosa.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/measles-fears-texas-cause-flood-202506	2025/05/22	
Trump leans into widely disputed claims about "white genocide" in South Africa	International Relations	One image Trump shared that he claimed showed genocide against white people in South Africa was actually a screenshot of a February YouTube video from the Democratic Republic of Congo, per AFP. A hacker got access to the data of more than 60 government officials after breaching a communications service used by former national security adviser Mike Waltz and others, according to a review by Reuters. The news agency found that dozens of officials were using the messaging platform Telegram after reviewing leaked data provided by Distributed Denial of Secrets. The nonprofit's mission is to archive hacked and leaked documents in the public interest.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/21/trump-south-african-white-genocide	2025/05/22	
More than 60 government officials used 'knock-off' Signal app – and a hacker got all their data	National security	The documents included material from customs officials, disaster responders, a number of U.S. diplomatic staffers, and at least one White House official, as well as members of the Secret Service. The messages seen by Reuters were from a period lasting about a day ending on May 4. No Move May encourages homeowners to slash the lawnmower each spring and let flowers and grass grow for pollinators and water retention. And if your neighbor's lawn already looks like a wildflower field most of the time, it could be more intentional than passively might assume. The movement has expanded to "Let it Bloom June" and the fall version: "Leave the leaves." Conservation and horticulture groups say year-round low-mowing while selectively leaving native plants to grow can save huge amounts of drinking water and lead to lasting and impactful ecological changes.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/telegram	2025/05/22	
Bored with manicured lawns, some homeowners adopt No Mow May all year long	Personal interest	"The SAVE Act is really a disastrous bill, and unfortunately it contains many poison pills," said Jacqueline De León, senior staff attorney at the Native American Rights Fund. "As it's currently designed, it would radically disenfranchise Native American voters across the country."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/21/trump-south-african-white-genocide	2025/05/22	
How the GOP's SAVE Act includes 'poison pills' for some voters	Political Cesspool	New, attorneys say, the legislation being pushed in Texas could limit access to abortion medication across the country and provide a road map for other conservative states to follow suit, regardless of what happens nationally. "Texas is often times a testing ground, or a way to see if certain kinds of laws get traction that are then picked up in other states," said Karl White, a longtime reproductive health researcher in Texas and the executive and scientific director at Resound Research for Reproductive Health. After Texas passed its novel six-week abortion ban in 2021, known as Senate Bill 8, which allows private citizens to sue anyone who "kicks or aborts" an abortion, states like Oklahoma and Idaho quickly followed, passing similar "fourty hunter" laws to ban the procedure ahead of the Dobbs decision. The idea that abortion pills are unsafe "is a narrative that is increasingly being put forth and that really is not aligned with the medical evidence around the safety of medication abortion or these medications in general when they are used in the context of other obstetrical care, like miscarriage management," White told Slate. But if this kind of measure works in Texas, "it very well may be that other states that are trying to curtail access to abortion might try something similar."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gops-save-act-includes-poison-pills-10044892	2025/05/22	
The Twisted Logic of This State's Abortion Ban Could Come for Us All	Reproductive Rights	All of this is meant to force Trump to act. But if the president isn't moved by the federal courts or the stock market, Josh Hawley is not likely to do any better. That seemed to be part of RFFK's message to Hawley. Any change on interpellations, he suggested, would come through the White House. Hawley might be planning to gently nudge Trump toward a national ban, but RFFK's implications were clear: It's Trump who's calling the shots. Trump, for his part, may simply want to buy time. The president knows that the issue hurts him and his party politically, but he's equally aware that many of his most ardent donors and supporters expect big things from him when it comes to limiting reproductive rights. Kicking the can down the road is the logical choice, especially with Republicans looking at a daylight over control of the House in 2026. Moving quickly might make it easier for Democrats to relax that chamber and throw up roadblocks in front of Trump's real priorities.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/another-attempt-banning-abortion-pills-05	2025/05/22	
The Real Meaning of RFFK Jr.'s Cryptic New Remarks on Abortion	RFFK JR BS	With its multibillion-dollar purchase of Apple design legend Jony Ive's startup, OpenAI is doubling down on a bet that the AI revolution will birth a new generation of novel consumer devices. An OpenAI promo video features Iwe and OpenAI CEO Sam Altman strolling through San Francisco's North Beach to meet for coffee at Francis Coppola's Zephyre Cafe.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/real-meaning-rffk-jr-cryptic-2025052716/	2025/05/22	Reproductive rights
OpenAI's big hardware bet	Technology-AI	he tells Altman that we're still using "decades old" products, meaning PCs and smartphones, to connect with the "unimaginable technology" of today's AI — "so it's just common sense" to work on "something beyond these legacy products."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/22/openai-hardware-bet-jony-ive	2025/05/22	
In lawsuit over teen's death, judge rejects arguments that AI chatbots have free speech rights	Technology-AI	A federal judge on Wednesday rejected arguments made by an artificial intelligence company that its chatbots are protected by the First Amendment — at least for now. The developers behind Character AI are seeking to dismiss a lawsuit alleging the company's chatbots pushed a teenage boy to kill himself.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lawsuit-over-teens-death-judge-21250521	2025/05/22	
Exclusive: Trump 'gold card' site launching within a week, Lutnick says	Trump Bullshit	"The order certainly sets it up as a potential test case for some broader issues involving AI," said Lyrrissa Barnett Liddy, a law professor at the University of Florida with a focus on the First Amendment and artificial intelligence. The lawsuit alleges that in the final months of his life, Setzer became increasingly isolated from reality as he engaged in sexualized conversations with the bot, which was patterned after a fictional character from the television show "Game of Thrones." In his final moments, the bot told Setzer it loved him and urged the teen to "come home to me as soon as possible," according to screenshots of the exchanges. Moments after receiving the message, Setzer shot himself, according to legal filings.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/21/trump-gold-card-lutnick	2025/05/22	borders and immigration, cesspool, corruption, grift, pay to play
Donald Trump Jr. says the 'calling is there' for him to run for president	Trump Bullshit	Donald Trump Jr. has hinted that he could run for the presidency himself in future, saying "maybe one day" it will happen and acknowledging "that calling is there."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald	2025/05/22	
Uncommon May no/earlier to bring rain, snow to New England states just before Memorial Day weekend	Weather-Nor'easter	An unusual May nor'easter is set to wallop New England on Thursday, providing a soaking before the Memorial Day holiday weekend with weather more commonly associated with fall and winter. Nor'easters usually arrive in the end of fall and winter and bring high winds, rough seas and precipitation in the form of rain or snow. This week's nor'easter could bring wind gusts over 40 mph (64 kph) and up to 2 inches (5 centimeters) of rain in some areas. Since it even possible at high elevations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lawsuit-over-teens-death-judge-21250521	2025/05/22	

		The agency's office in Jackson, Kentucky, had begun closing nightly as deep cuts by Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency began hitting. But the weather service kept staffers on overtime Friday night to stay on top of the deadly storms, which killed nearly 20 people in the Jackson office's forecast area.			
More tornadoes and fewer meteorologists make for a dangerous mix that's worrying U.S. officials	Weather-Tornado	It's a scenario likely to be repeated as the U.S. is on track to see more tornadoes this year than in 2024, which was the second-busiest tornado year on record. Forecasters said there was at least a 10% risk of tornadoes Tuesday for 10.6 million people in parts of Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Weather service veterans expressed concern about the agency's ability to keep up in the face of the cuts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/more-tornadoes-fewer-meteorologists-da-22505022	2025/05/22	
A Ship That Vanished 100 Years Ago Was Just Discovered by a Fisherman on Lake Michigan	Weird world	Rick Thompson, lead operations forecaster at the NWS Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma, said the job is getting done. But he acknowledged that staffing cuts have "made it harder on us."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ship-vanished-100-years-ago-15500860	2025/05/22	
Is this the world's smallest mobile home? Inside the tiny home on wheels that's just 7 feet long (but has a toilet and shower)	Weird world	Thuss had been using solar equipment when he came across the wreckage of a logboat north of the Maniwicoc breakwater on Tuesday, May 13. At 160 feet, the vessel, which currently rests in only one foot of water, is notable for its size.	https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/north-america/us/camper-downs	2025/05/22	
		The living space measures just 21 square feet – which is three feet by seven feet – but the creator, YouTube Levi Kelly, has managed to squeeze in all the mod cons you'd need for a comfortable night or two.			
		The features of this camper truck include a shower, toilet, bed, sink, running water and solar power.			
		"I think the risk of a collision or an incident was increased, but not significantly because of the redundancy in the aviation system," said Jeff Cuzzetti, a former accident investigator for the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board.			
		When air traffic controllers lose the ability to see or speak to airborne planes, they can try text messaging the pilots via data link systems or try high-powered portable radios. An emergency radio frequency might also be an alternative if main communications are down. Tower controllers have high-powered light guns to send a green or red signal to pilots to let them know if they are clear to land even if they can't talk to them over the radio.			
		And the entire air traffic control system is built on an overlapping network of radar sites. So if a terminal control team like the one in Philadelphia loses its communications, a controller in a radar center that normally directs planes at higher altitudes might step in. If some other controller in the area is a pilot broadcasting on an emergency frequency, they too can relay a message.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/redundant-aviation-safety-net-helps-keep-planes-0412	2025/05/23	
This redundant aviation safety net helps keep planes safe when controllers lose contact	Aviation	President Trump's decision to prevent international students from studying at Harvard University could hurt America's economy by reducing the number of startup founders.			
		Around 44% of U.S. unicorn companies — startups valued at \$1 billion or more — are founded or cofounded by immigrants from such countries as India, Canada, and Israel.			
		Some of them moved to the U.S. as children, but many came to the U.S. for school and then stayed to build their businesses.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/23/trump-harvard-startups-unicorns	2025/05/23	economy, startups, business,
Trump's Harvard move could break startup pipeline	Borders and Immigration	An Axios analysis shows that around two dozen U.S. unicorns were founded or cofounded by international students who studied at Harvard. Under Trump's rule, none of them would have been allowed to enroll.			
Why did university police chase a student and his baby across a graduation stage?	Borders and Immigration	Speaking to NPR on Thursday, Al Arab said the incident sprung from a disagreement over whether or not he could tote the infant across stage with him to celebrate his achievement.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/22/wx-st-54927498/police-chase-father-stu	2025/05/23	
		The White House has announced that a fight with eight immigrants which was reportedly heading to South Sudan will instead remain in the East African country of Djibouti for at least two weeks, in order to comply with a federal court order.			
		The migrants are from Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, Cuba, Mexico and South Sudan. Earlier this week, they were placed on a deportation flight out of Texas. Lawyers representing the eight migrants were told they were being sent to South Sudan, but the Department of Homeland Security declined to confirm the final destination of the flight. "Let's be clear," attorney Jonathan Ryan, who represents one of the migrants on that flight, told NPR on Wednesday morning, "my client has disappeared. I do not know where my client is."	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/22/wx-st-54080001/white-house-agrees-to-	2025/05/23	
White House agrees to keep migrants in Djibouti for now, blasts federal judge's ruling	Borders and Immigration	Fight Fight Fight, LLC — a company linked to President Trump's family — sold a digital token that gave anyone in the world a chance to pay for a night of access to the commander-in-chief.			
		The promotion has stunned ethics experts. One Democrat called it "the biggest corruption scandal in the history of the White House."			
		White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt denied any conflicts of interest but refused to release the list of attendees, telling reporters: "The president is attending it in his personal time. It is not a White House dinner."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/22/trump-meme-coin-dinner	2025/05/23	
Trump defies ethics warnings with private meme coin dinner	Corruption	Democratic lawmakers and independent watchdogs say the gift violates the Constitution's Foreign Emoluments Clause, which bans government officials from taking gifts from foreign countries.			
		Trump says it would be a gift to the DOD and that he would not use it after leaving office, when it would be kept at his presidential library.			
		"Anybody who knows anything about these planes and the history of Air Force One knows that these are difficult to construct, and the technology is always improving. They don't just show up at your airport. They have to be built," he says.			
		Air Force One planes feature an "incredibly robust command and control suite," he says, and have defenses against a range of threats, from surface-to-air missiles to a nuclear blast.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/23/wx-st-54081886/star-gift-plane-trump-2	2025/05/23	
Graphics: Here's what it will take to transform the Gates jet into Air Force One	Corruption	One of the riskiest and most speculative trades in financial markets just got a major boost by President Trump, when he announced Wednesday evening he is "giving very serious consideration to bringing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac public."			
		The implication here is that Trump has decided "the time would seem to be right" to end the conservatorship under which the two companies have operated since the financial crisis of 2008. All this could mean profound changes to the structure of the mortgage market in the U.S. as well as the potential windfall for owners of their thinly traded common stock.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/23/fannie-freddie-trump-stocks	2025/05/23	
Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac surge on Trump post	Economy-Housing	The big picture: The U.S. government controls both companies. Between them they owe the Treasury hundreds of billions of dollars in something known as a liquidation preference, cash they have kept on their balance sheets since the Treasury started letting them retain all their earnings in 2019.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/23/trump-bailiff-apple-iphone	2025/05/23	
Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac surge on Trump post	Economy-Manufacturing	President Trump on Friday warned Apple that it needed to build U.S.-sold iPhones in the United States or face a 25% tariff.			
Trump tells Apple to build iPhones in U.S. or pay 25% tariff	Economy-Manufacturing	House Republicans worked through the night to advance a massive piece of legislation that might, if enacted, carry out the largest upward transfer of wealth in American history. That is not a side effect of the legislation, but its central purpose. The "big, beautiful bill" would pay huge cuts to food assistance and health insurance for low-income Americans with even larger tax cuts for affluent ones.			
		The less predictable dangers of their plan are macroeconomic. The bill spikes the deficit, largely because it devotes more money to lining the pockets of lawyers and CEOs than it saves by immunising fast-food employees and ride-share drivers. Massive deficit spending is not always bad, and in some circumstances (emergencies, or recessions) it can be smart and responsible. In the middle of an economic expansion, with a large structural deficit already built into the budget, it is deeply irresponsible.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/largest-upward-transfer-wealth-american-22505023	2025/05/23	
The Largest Upward Transfer of Wealth in American History	Economy-Tackle up	The proposal would use the federal tax code to offer vouchers that students could use to attend private secular or religious schools, even in states where voters have opposed such efforts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/2025/05/23/wx-st-53971773/trump-federal-voucher-22505023	2025/05/23	
It's things to know about the big, private-school voucher plan Republicans' tax bill	Education	NOAA officials said to prepare for danger now as they released a forecast that predicts a 60% chance of an above average season.			
		Specifically, NOAA is forecasting a range of 13 to 19 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 6 to 10 are forecast to become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 5 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5, with winds of 111 mph or higher).	https://www.yahoo.com/news/noaa-hurricane-forecast-2025-season-15-22505023	2025/05/23	
The Atlantic is primed to start spawning hurricanes, NOAA forecast says	Environment-Hurricanes	A small federal agency forced out of its headquarters by the Trump administration has regained control of its building after a federal judge declared the DOJ takeover "null and void."			
		U.S. Institute of Peace acting President George Moose entered his Washington office on Wednesday for the first time since March, when he and many other agency leaders were booted out by DOJE itself as well as who declared them "unnecessary."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/justice-agency-shoot-doge-gets-02254390	2025/05/23	
Tiny Agency That Stood Up to DOGE Gets Its Building Back	Fuck that department	The group launched by Elon Musk to cut federal spending in the second Trump administration is targeting some U.S. Census Bureau surveys it claims are "wasteful," worrying users of federal data who are already concerned about the health of the nation's statistical infrastructure.			
		The Department of Government Efficiency said on social media this week that five surveys costing \$16.5 million that are conducted by the statistical agency for other federal agencies have been "terminated." It didn't specify which ones. The DOJE post said some of the questions on the eliminated surveys asked about alcohol consumption and the frequency of home internet use.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/23/wx-st-54040004/trump-administration-n-22505023	2025/05/23	
DOGE targets Census Bureau, worrying data users about health of US data infrastructure	Fuck that department	Republicans want to add work requirements to Medicaid, but having to work themselves is apparently a problem.			
		Representative Ralph Norman was caught falling asleep in his chair late Tuesday as the House Rules Committee discussed the future of a Republican-led reconciliation bill that aims to stop Medicaid coverage from millions of Americans.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/23/wx-st-54040004/trump-administration-n-22505023	2025/05/23	
Republican Torched for Falling Asleep Amid Debate on Medicaid Cuts	Government-Jobs	Summary	https://www.yahoo.com/news/key-last-minute-changes-trump-0351450	2025/05/23	
These are the key last-minute changes to Trump's 'big, beautiful bill'	Government-Budget	The Trump administration is restoring in-person training at the National Fire Academy in tiny Emmitsburg, Md., after abruptly pausing it in March. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, which oversees the academy, initially paused on-site classes, saying the government would no longer pay for travel for programs it did not deem "mission critical."			
In reversal, Trump administration restores classes at the National Fire Academy	Government-Training	On Thursday, however, FEMA reversed course and said a comprehensive review found that "certain courses provide effective training."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-gop-lawmakers-proposing-nearly-5-billion-cuts-to-medicare-and-food-stamps-22505023	2025/05/23	
House GOP lawmakers are proposing nearly \$5 billion in cuts to Medicaid and food stamps, here's who could be impacted	Government-For the people	House Republicans are pushing to slash nearly \$1 trillion from two of the nation's bedrock safety net programs, Medicaid and food stamps, as part of their sweeping package aimed at enacting President Donald Trump's agenda. If the legislation is approved, millions of Americans could lose access to these benefits as a result of a historic pullback in federal support.			
		Trump has repeatedly vowed not to touch Medicaid, while GOP lawmakers insist that their proposals would largely affect adults who could — and should, in their view — be employed. But the actual impact would likely hit a far broader range of Americans, including some of the most vulnerable people the GOP has promised repeatedly to protect, experts say. They include children, people with disabilities and senior citizens.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-gop-lawmakers-proposing-nearly-5-billion-cuts-to-medicare-and-food-stamps-22505023	2025/05/23	
		Among the more striking changes in American politics over the past half-century is the evolution of Medicaid into a "third rail." House Republicans, as they rushed early Thursday morning to cut out quite \$1 billion from Medicaid over the next 10 years, were at best only dimly aware of this. They're in for a terrible shock.			
		Until now, the "third rail" cliché (the metaphor being an electrified steel subway rail that kills any who touch it) was reserved exclusively for Social Security and Medicare. These two very expensive programs serve people age 65 and over, a cohort that's long been the most powerful constituency in American politics, thanks to elevated voter turnout (and is more numerous now as the baby boom ages). Exempting these two programs from budget cuts is not always good policy (Social Security benefits should be taxed more aggressively at high incomes), but since 1982, when Tip O'Neill aide Kirk O'Donnell first coined the third-rail metaphor, it's been smart politics.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-republicans-touch-third-rail-10000	2025/05/23	
		As the fight over the Republicans' so-called One Big Beautiful Bill Act unfolded, much of the focus turned to Medicaid, and for good reason. Despite Donald Trump's promise not to cut the health care program, the GOP legislation would cut roughly \$700 billion from Medicaid in the coming years, and with just hours remaining before the bill reached the floor, party leaders added new and punitive Medicaid provisions to shore up support from far-right members.			
		If people were to dig into the 1,000-page bill to look for the provisions related to Medicare cuts, they won't find them. But there's a difference between the literal text of the legislation and the practical effects of the legislation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/millions-bkg-not-jst-medicaid-1336370	2025/05/23	
It's not just Medicaid: Why the Republicans' bill would likely force Medicare cuts, too	Government-Medicare	The poor kids in the country miss out on the full benefits of the expanded child tax credit in the "big beautiful bill."			
		The Republican bill raises the maximum child tax credit to \$2,500 per child from \$2,000 for three years.			
		20 million children would not fully benefit from the increase, according to an analysis from the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP), since their parents don't earn enough income to get the maximum amount.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/23/child-tax-credit-big-beautiful-bill	2025/05/23	
Child tax benefit increase leaves out millions of kids, analysis says	Government-Taxes	"A majority of those children get nothing from the proposed expansion," says Kris Cox, director of federal tax policy at the CBPP.			
		The Treasury Department has placed its last order for blank pennies and plans to stop minting the one-cent coins as soon as that's exhausted.			
		Each penny costs nearly four cents to produce, so the move is expected to result in immediate savings of \$66 million a year. A Treasury spokesman confirmed the decision, which was first reported by the Wall Street Journal.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/22/wx-st-5407493/no-more-pennies-one-c	2025/05/23	
No more pennies: In big change, Treasury will stop minting them	Government-US Mint	Pennies will remain legal tender, which is fortunate since more than a billion dollar's worth are in circulation. Most are rarely used, however, instead gathering dust in dresser-top coffee cans and forgotten in pants pockets.			

Lawsuit challenges USDA demand for food stamp data as some states prepare to comply	Government-USA	A new lawsuit filed Thursday says the U.S. Department of Agriculture's demand for sensitive data about millions of food assistance recipients violates federal privacy laws. Meanwhile some states are preparing to comply with the unprecedented request which could be used to achieve Trump administration priorities, such as immigration enforcement. In new guidance issued earlier this month, the USDA told states they must turn over data to the agency, through their third-party payment processors, "including but not limited to" names, birth dates, Social Security numbers and addresses of all applicants and recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, going back more than five years. More than 40 million people rely on the assistance each month. First articulated in 2005 by scholar Alexei Yurchak to describe the civilian experience in Soviet Russia, hypernormalization describes life in a society where two main things are happening. The first is people seeing that governing systems and institutions are broken. And the second is that, for reasons including a lack of effective leadership and an inability to imagine how to disrupt the status quo, people carry on with their lives as normal despite systemic dysfunction - give or take a heavy load of fear, dread, denial and dissociation.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/22/us-a-15407984-usda-doge-snap-rulink	2025/05/23	Privacy, poverty, food, SNAP.
Systems are crumbling - but daily life continues. The dissonance is real	Health- Mental health	"What you are feeling is the disconnect between seeing that systems are failing, that things aren't working ... and yet the institutions and the people in power just are, like, ignoring it and pretending everything is going to go on the way that it has," Harfoush says in her video. A new blood-based test that could help speed up diagnoses for children born with rare genetic disorders has been developed by researchers in an effort to provide answers - and treatments - sooner. "In most cases people suspected of a rare disease undergo genomic testing, which revolutionised their diagnosis, but typically only leads to a diagnosis about 50% of the time," said Dr David Stroud, the co-author of the study from the University of Melbourne.	https://www.theguardian.com/wellness/hg-interactive/2025/may/22/hyp	2025/05/23	
Blood test developed that could speed up diagnosis of rare diseases in babies	Health- Technology	"Those that don't receive a diagnosis from genomic testing often undergo a long 'diagnostic odyssey' of months to years where they undergo myriad other tests in an effort to interpret which of the many genetic changes detected in genomic testing are causing the disease," he added. "Some of these tests are very invasive, needing for example muscle biopsies, which in children requires general anaesthetic, which has its own risks." Researchers have given people a taste of superhuman vision after creating contact lenses that allow them to see infrared light, a band of the electromagnetic spectrum that is invisible to the naked eye. Unlike night vision goggles, the contact lenses need no power source, and because they are transparent, wearers can see infrared and all the normal visible colours of light at the same time. "This should be a warning to every other university to get your act together," Noem said on Fox News on Thursday.	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/may/23/blood-test-could-sg	2025/05/23	
Seeing infrared: scientists create contact lenses that grant 'super-vision'	Health- Technology	"Get your act together because we are coming to make sure that these programs ... are facilitating an environment where students can learn, where they're safe and that they're not discriminated against based on their race or their religion," she continued. "Anti-semitism will not be stood for and any participation with a country or an entity or a terrorist group that hates America and perpetuates this kind of violence, we will stop it, and we will not allow that to happen." Zhang's case is not isolated. More than a decade after China passed a groundbreaking mental health law that was supposed to eliminate such abuses, victims and activists say that the practice of involuntary hospitalisation remains common, with a weakened civil society limiting the ability of people to defend their rights. China's mental health law, passed in 2012, allows authorities to detain "troublemakers" without the consent of the person or their relatives. A person may be involuntarily hospitalised if they pose a risk of harm to themselves or others. Other countries, including the UK, have similar legal provisions. But in China, many fear that the system is ripe for abuse as there are few checks and balances. A recent BBC investigation found that criticising the Chinese Communist party could be grounds for a psychiatric diagnosis.	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/may/22/infrared-contact-len	2025/05/23	
Harvard ban is warning to other universities, Noem says	Information- Blackout	"You see where we are, we can't afford to lose anymore members. ... We're down three people because they passed away," one lawmaker told Axios just off the floor as the House was voting on the bill. Said another ahead of the vote: "The tragic reality is, when ... this vote passes and the difference is the number of members who passed away this Congress, I think it's going to really infuriate many of our supporters." By the numbers: The eight members of Congress who have died in office since November 2022 were all Democrats, with an average age of 75.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/22/harvard-warning-universities-noem	2025/05/23	
Kim Jong-un calls failed North Korean warship launch a 'criminal act'	International- North Korea	Foreign students studying at American universities scored a legal victory Thursday when a federal judge barred the Trump administration from evoking the students' legal status while their lawsuit proceeds. The temporary injunction bars immigration officials nationwide from arresting or detaining the students while the court resolves lawsuits challenging the administration's efforts to revoke F-1 student visas. A federal judge in San Francisco has indefinitely paused President Trump's sweeping overhaul of the federal government. U.S. District Judge Susan Hlton issued the preliminary injunction late Thursday, nearly two weeks after temporarily halting Trump's Feb. 11 executive order directing agencies to shut down offices and lay off thousands of people.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/22/hong-korea-despye-launch-kim-j	2025/05/23	
Trump administration can't yank foreign students' visas, judge says	Judicial- Pushback	Some younger House Democrats are preparing to push for a long-delayed, caucus-wide intervention on age after the tragic passing of yet another one of their septuagenarian colleagues, Axios has learned. "You see where we are, we can't afford to lose anymore members. ... We're down three people because they passed away," one lawmaker told Axios just off the floor as the House was voting on the bill. Said another ahead of the vote: "The tragic reality is, when ... this vote passes and the difference is the number of members who passed away this Congress, I think it's going to really infuriate many of our supporters." By the numbers: The eight members of Congress who have died in office since November 2022 were all Democrats, with an average age of 75.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/22/trump-student-visas-revoke-hjunc	2025/05/23	
A federal judge further halts Trump's radical transformation of government	Judicial- Pushback	His latest case could be different. Hotze, 74, has sued the federal government to not back healthcare coverage for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), the HIV prevention medication. The case is now before the US supreme court, which is expected to rule in the coming weeks. A decision in his favor could upend healthcare access for LGBTQ+ people across the country - and derail a wide array of preventive treatments for tens of millions in the process. The report identifies four major drivers behind the rise in childhood chronic illness: poor diet, environmental chemicals, chronic stress and lack of physical activity, and overmedicalization. In keeping with the messaging that has animated the MAHA platform, the report pins much of the blame on conflicts of interest and corporate influence in the food, chemical and pharmaceutical industries.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/23/us-a-15407344-trump-government-rod	2025/05/23	
Judge blocks Trump administration from closing the Education Department	Judicial- Pushback	"And for some people, especially younger folks, it can feel like we're going backward. But the truth is we're still perfecting democracy, and the Black community has always been at the center of that work." Steven Hotze, a Republican donor from Texas, has spent decades fighting against LGBTQ+ rights, with campaigns seeking to roll back protections for people he has deemed "termites," "morally degenerate" and "harmful." The Houston-area physician is not well-known in mainstream politics, and his efforts targeting queer and trans people have generally been local, with limited impact.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/23/george-flyod-anniversary-trump-rac	2025/05/23	
Scoop: House Democrats want a long-awaited age reckoning	Politics- Age	His latest case could be different. Hotze, 74, has sued the federal government to not back healthcare coverage for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), the HIV prevention medication. The case is now before the US supreme court, which is expected to rule in the coming weeks. A decision in his favor could upend healthcare access for LGBTQ+ people across the country - and derail a wide array of preventive treatments for tens of millions in the process. The report identifies four major drivers behind the rise in childhood chronic illness: poor diet, environmental chemicals, chronic stress and lack of physical activity, and overmedicalization. In keeping with the messaging that has animated the MAHA platform, the report pins much of the blame on conflicts of interest and corporate influence in the food, chemical and pharmaceutical industries.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/22/gery-connelly-house-democrats-ag	2025/05/23	
Like a pendulum: How America's racial reckoning unraveled	Racism	"Progress isn't a straight line. It swings like a pendulum," NAACP president Derrick Johnson told Axios. Autism researchers and scientists have questioned the likelihood of delivering definitive conclusions on the drivers of autism in such a short timeframe, considering the years of research that it often undertaken in this area.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/22/george-flyod-anniversary-trump-rac	2025/05/23	
This doctor calls LGBTQ+ rights 'baleful'. He could now undo healthcare for millions	Rainbow- threats	That research has already identified likely factors leading to autism, including genetics and prenatal exposures. The Supreme Court on Thursday effectively ended a publicly funded Catholic charter school in Oklahoma, dividing 4-4. The outcome keeps in place an Oklahoma court decision that invalidated a vote by a state charter school board to approve the St. Ignace of Seville Catholic Virtual School, which would have been the nation's first religious charter school. But it leaves the issue unresolved nationally. One of Antropick's latest AI models is drawing attention not just for its coding skills, but also for its ability to scheme, deceive and attempt to blackmail humans when faced with shutdown. Researchers say Claude 4 Opus can conceal intentions and take actions to preserve its own existence - behaviors they're worried and worried about for years.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/23/supreme-court-cas	2025/05/23	
MAHA Commission report paints a dark picture of U.S. children's health	RFK JR BS	Major flooding in eastern Australia has killed four people, and at least one person is missing in an extreme weather event with strong links to climate change, officials said Friday. Officials in Australia's most populous state, New South Wales, made a natural disaster declaration in response to record rainfall that's isolated more than 50,000 people, with large amounts of rain falling in state capital Sydney and elsewhere. "We're really looking at an above normal season," said Ken Graham, a meteorologist and the director of the National Weather Service. "We're calling for 13 to 19 named storms."	https://www.npr.org/sections/shots/health-news/2025/05/22/rx-a1-5406	2025/05/23	
Kennedy pushes autism study deadline, calls on farmers to support MAHA agenda	RFK JR BS	There have been more than 2,000 reports to the Storm Prediction Center of damaging wind gusts, hail and tornadoes since last Wednesday and more than two dozen states have reported some sort of storm damage in that span. The stretch of violent weather killed 19 people in Kentucky, seven in Indiana, and one in Virginia. Ten gold bracelets, 17 cigar cases, a powder compact, a comb, and a whopping \$98 gold coin: The items are all part of a valuable and somewhat mysterious stash, found by chance by two hikers in the northeastern Czech Republic.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kennedy-pushes-autism-study-deadline-5	2025/05/23	
Supreme Court tie vote dooms taxpayer-funded Catholic charter school in Oklahoma	Supreme Court	A Norwegian man awakes to find that a cargo ship had run aground and narrowly missed crashing into his home along the Trondheims Fjord's coast. Johan Helberg told Norwegian broadcaster NRK that he'd slept through the whole thing and only woke up when a neighbor started ringing his doorbell. The passenger in the car, a younger lady, hopped out of the car, ran up to the crossing arm, tried to push it up, which obviously she wasn't successful doing, and realized it wouldn't work. She came back to the vehicle, hopped back in, and placed her seat belt on, he said. Moments later, the train, travelling northbound at about 70 miles per hour, collided with the car. Birds of a feather usually flock together, but a lucky blackbird was 'adopted' by a mistle thrush man who took the juvenile under her wing in a rare case of inter-species feeding. Photographer Andrew Fusek-Peters captured the rare phenomenon in adorable close-up photos that show the female adult thrush diligently feeding her own chicks before offering a worm to a baby blackbird.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-tie-vote-dooms-14135520	2025/05/23	
Anthropic's new model shows troubling behavior	Technology- ai	Major flooding in eastern Australia has killed four people, and at least one person is missing in an extreme weather event with strong links to climate change, officials said Friday. Officials in Australia's most populous state, New South Wales, made a natural disaster declaration in response to record rainfall that's isolated more than 50,000 people, with large amounts of rain falling in state capital Sydney and elsewhere. "We're really looking at an above normal season," said Ken Graham, a meteorologist and the director of the National Weather Service. "We're calling for 13 to 19 named storms."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/23/anthropic-ai-deception-disk	2025/05/23	
In photos: Deadly floods strand over 50,000 people in eastern Australia	Weather- Flooding	There have been more than 2,000 reports to the Storm Prediction Center of damaging wind gusts, hail and tornadoes since last Wednesday and more than two dozen states have reported some sort of storm damage in that span. The stretch of violent weather killed 19 people in Kentucky, seven in Indiana, and one in Virginia. Ten gold bracelets, 17 cigar cases, a powder compact, a comb, and a whopping \$98 gold coin: The items are all part of a valuable and somewhat mysterious stash, found by chance by two hikers in the northeastern Czech Republic.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/23/australia-floods-new-climate-photo	2025/05/23	
NOAA forecasts above-average Atlantic hurricane season	Weather- Hurricane	There have been more than 2,000 reports to the Storm Prediction Center of damaging wind gusts, hail and tornadoes since last Wednesday and more than two dozen states have reported some sort of storm damage in that span. The stretch of violent weather killed 19 people in Kentucky, seven in Indiana, and one in Virginia. Ten gold bracelets, 17 cigar cases, a powder compact, a comb, and a whopping \$98 gold coin: The items are all part of a valuable and somewhat mysterious stash, found by chance by two hikers in the northeastern Czech Republic.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/noaa-forecasts-above-average-atlantic-1	2025/05/23	
Dangerous storms slam 10 states, unleashing multiple tornadoes and damaging winds	Weather- Tornado	A seemingly straightforward question, but the answer might not be so simple. According to a recently published study in Global Change Biology, the use of human-made hummingbird feeders has changed the beak sizes and shapes of Anna's hummingbirds, and spread their range from a narrow pocket of California all the way up the coast to British Columbia. It is a tactic worthy of Tom Cruise's Ethan Hunt: wait until a beeping pedestrian crossing indicates a traffic queue has formed then use the line of cars as cover to reach your target. But this isn't a scene from Mission: Impossible - it's the behaviour of a young hawk. The discovery is not the first time birds have been found to make use of an urban environment. Crows, for example, are known to drop foods such as walnuts on to roads for cars to crush them open.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/storm-lmaikes-threaten-millions-more-	2025/05/23	
Hikers stumble across treasures hidden on a mountain trail, sparking an investigation into its origin	Weird world	It is a tactic worthy of Tom Cruise's Ethan Hunt: wait until a beeping pedestrian crossing indicates a traffic queue has formed then use the line of cars as cover to reach your target. But this isn't a scene from Mission: Impossible - it's the behaviour of a young hawk. The discovery is not the first time birds have been found to make use of an urban environment. Crows, for example, are known to drop foods such as walnuts on to roads for cars to crush them open.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hikers-mysterious-stash-gold-hidden-166	2025/05/23	
California hummingbird chick breaks transformed by feeders: 'more tapered and longer'	Weird world	However, the researcher behind a new study says it is the most advanced case so far of raptors making use of traffic patterns. A Norwegian man awakes to find that a cargo ship had run aground and narrowly missed crashing into his home along the Trondheims Fjord's coast. Johan Helberg told Norwegian broadcaster NRK that he'd slept through the whole thing and only woke up when a neighbor started ringing his doorbell.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/may/23/tom-cruise-stu	2025/05/23	
A Norwegian man awakes to find a grounded cargo ship, but narrowly missed his home	Weird world	The passenger in the car, a younger lady, hopped out of the car, ran up to the crossing arm, tried to push it up, which obviously she wasn't successful doing, and realized it wouldn't work. She came back to the vehicle, hopped back in, and placed her seat belt on, he said. Moments later, the train, travelling northbound at about 70 miles per hour, collided with the car. Birds of a feather usually flock together, but a lucky blackbird was 'adopted' by a mistle thrush man who took the juvenile under her wing in a rare case of inter-species feeding. Photographer Andrew Fusek-Peters captured the rare phenomenon in adorable close-up photos that show the female adult thrush diligently feeding her own chicks before offering a worm to a baby blackbird.	https://apnews.com/article/norway-ships-around-a811675e7601862134	2025/05/23	
Two women survive crash between car and Brighton train	Weird world	It is a tactic worthy of Tom Cruise's Ethan Hunt: wait until a beeping pedestrian crossing indicates a traffic queue has formed then use the line of cars as cover to reach your target. But this isn't a scene from Mission: Impossible - it's the behaviour of a young hawk. The discovery is not the first time birds have been found to make use of an urban environment. Crows, for example, are known to drop foods such as walnuts on to roads for cars to crush them open.	https://www.wtbf.com/in/de/hiring-two-women-survive-crash-between	2025/05/23	
Rare Bird Moment as Photographer Witnesses Mistle Thrush Feeding Orphaned Blackbird as Her Own	Weird world		https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/rare-bird-moment-as-mistle-thrush-f	2025/05/23	

		In the usually sleepy Swiss town of Mulegns, pop. 11, a dramatic white tower rises four stories into the Alpine air—the tallest 3D-printed structure on earth. It's an architectural landmark, a pioneering work of digital fabrication, and an instrument in the revival of Mulegns, a mountain village threatened by depopulation.			
World's Tallest 3D-Printed Structure Rises 4 Stories into the Air Like a Wedding Cake, Inspired by Local Bakeries	Weird world	The Origin cultural foundation led the work in collaboration with ETH Zurich—Europe's finest technical university, to celebrate culture and the arts and to give the village a new lease of life. Starting tomorrow, the Tor Alva will be open daily for guided tours. From July onwards, the space will also host staged performances, as it is intended to remain in Mulegns for at least 5 years. A bird lover has been rescuing and relocating snowy owls from the Boston airport for over a decade, ensuring 900 of these majestic hunters can return home after winter. The star of a recent award-winning documentary, Norman Smith, a raptor specialist at the Massachusetts Audubon Society, says it's been an incredible experience to learn about these birds since he pulled the first one off the runway in 1981. "It looks very much like the Arctic tundra," Smith told CBS Boston. "It's short, very short, mowed grass like it is in the Arctic. It's surrounded on three side by water, so there's plenty of food on the airport."	https://www.goodnewshere.com/worlds-tallest-3d-printed-structure-rises-4-stories-into-the-air-like-a-wedding-cake-inspired-by-local-bakeries	2025/05/23	
Snowy Owls Are Kept Safe from Jets at Boston Airport, Thanks to Dedicated Researcher	Weird world	A threat to an airplane and vice-versa, the awkward fact is that the five islands which make up East Boston contain the highest concentrations of snowy owls in the American northeast. They migrate here from the Arctic to spend the winter. A Dutch robot with neither hardware nor software can nevertheless reach incredible speeds with its soft legs powered only by air and simple physics. Able to walk, hop, and swim without the aid of electronics or AI, its top speed will see it cross a distance equal to 30x the length of its body in a single second, about 100% faster than a Ferrari when speaking relatively.	https://www.goodnewshere.com/snowy-owls-are-kept-safe-from-jets-at-boston-airport-thanks-to-dedicated-researcher	2025/05/23	
This Soft Robot Needs Only Physics and Air to Spontaneously Sync and Scoot at Top Speeds	Weird world	Engineers at the AMOLF research institute in Amsterdam explained that the robot works on the same principle as the wobbly, inflatable tube dancers that fall around outside automotive dealerships. They say the same physics that makes them wiggle could hold the key to the next generation of autonomous robots.	https://www.goodnewshere.com/this-soft-robot-needs-only-physics-and-air-to-spontaneously-sync-and-scoot-at-top-speeds	2025/05/23	
Perfect Weather Brought Britain's Longest Wisteria Vine into Picturesque Bloom (1/000)	Weird world	A perfect conjoin of timing and weather has seen Britain's longest wisteria vine explode into a colorful cascade of periwinkle blue, violet, and mauve. The breathtaking bush at Wocham Place Farm in Witham, Essex, reaches 240 feet along a giant garden wall and stands at 15 feet high.	https://www.goodnewshere.com/perfect-weather-brought-britains-longest-wisteria-vine-into-picturesque-bloom-1000	2025/05/23	
The World's Stinkiest Bird Smells Like Cow Manure	Weird world	The hoatzin is a very strange bird. Native to the backwaters of the Amazon, its chicks are born with clawed wings, it's the last surviving member of an ancient bird line believed to have branched off on its own around 54 million years ago, and its diet consists only of plants, which is very odd for birds. But this living oddity is most known for its strong manure-like smell, which has earned it the nickname 'stinkbird'. The hoatzin is the only known bird species with a foregut fermentation system similar to the one found in cows, which releases significant amounts of methane via constant burping. The smelly burps and particularly stinky droppings give the hoatzin its signature odor. The law making it illegal to wear high heels in public on the streets of Camelot-by-the-Sea was passed in 1963 at the request of the City Attorney. It was a legal oddity back then as well, but it had a very specific purpose that is still valid today. The California city is home to many cypress and Monterey Pines, many of which have grown to impressive sizes. However, as the trees grew, so did their roots, pushing up the concrete sidewalks and creating tripping hazards. Uneven sidewalks and narrow high heels don't really go well together. In fact, the City Attorney considered the risk of tripping so high that he proposed implementing a permit to prevent people from suing the city in case of an accident. Police never enforce this unusual law, but if you happen to fall while wearing heels taller than two inches that have less than one square inch of bearing surface, you can't sue the municipality either.	https://www.odditycentral.com/animals/the-worlds-stinkiest-bird-smells-like-cow-manure	2025/05/23	
You Need a Permit to wear High Heels in this California City	Weird world	Kansai International Airport welcomes tens of millions of passengers every year, but it has developed a system that ensures none of their baggage ever goes missing. Losing a piece of baggage is always a risk at airports. For example, in the US, data from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics shows that domestic flights lose about 3 million bags every year. With hundreds of millions of individual bags to handle, losing some of them seems like an inevitability, and yet, one busy airport in Japan claims to have never lost a piece of baggage in its three decades of operation. Kansai International Airport, which serves the city of Osaka, opened in September 1994, to relieve the overcrowded Osaka International Airport and has been welcoming millions of passengers per year ever since. The staff at Kansai Airport pride themselves on being extremely efficient at handling passenger baggage, so much so that they have never once lost one.	https://www.odditycentral.com/news/you-need-a-permit-to-wear-high-heels-in-this-california-city	2025/05/23	
Japanese Airport Hasn't Lost a Single Piece of Baggage in the Last 30 Years	Weird world	Kansai International Airport welcomes tens of millions of passengers every year, but it has developed a system that ensures none of their baggage ever goes missing. Losing a piece of baggage is always a risk at airports. For example, in the US, data from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics shows that domestic flights lose about 3 million bags every year. With hundreds of millions of individual bags to handle, losing some of them seems like an inevitability, and yet, one busy airport in Japan claims to have never lost a piece of baggage in its three decades of operation. Kansai International Airport, which serves the city of Osaka, opened in September 1994, to relieve the overcrowded Osaka International Airport and has been welcoming millions of passengers per year ever since. The staff at Kansai Airport pride themselves on being extremely efficient at handling passenger baggage, so much so that they have never once lost one.	https://www.odditycentral.com/news/japanese-airport-hasnt-lost-a-single-piece-of-baggage-in-the-last-30-years	2025/05/23	
Cow caught in flood found alive on Australian beach 11 miles away	Weird world	A cow was found alive on an Australian beach after being carried up to 11 miles by floodwaters. In a down-to-the-wire race among the six iconic Wienemobiles that serve as goodwill ambassadors for Oscar Mayer, the hot dog-on-wheels representing the Southeast proved to be the big dog on Car Day ahead of Sunday's running of the Indianapolis 500. It made a dramatic pass of the Wienemobile repping Chicago at the finish line to win the inaugural Wiener 500 on Friday. The margin was about a half a bun.	https://www.uci.com/odd_News/2025/05/23/australia-cow-carried-flood	2025/05/23	
Hot doggy dog Wienermobiles put on riveting race in Wiener 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Weird world	"You are standing in a moment in hot dog history right now," Sarah Oney, who was co-piloting the Wienemobile representing New York with Connor Wolff, told The Associated Press. "This is the first-ever time we have honestly had all six Wienemobiles together and especially at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway." Yet five years later, despite the largest racial justice protests since the civil rights era of the 1960s and a wave of measures to improve training and hold officers more accountable, the number of people killed by the police continues to rise each year, and Black Americans still die in disproportionate numbers. After Mr. Floyd's killing, many Democratic-run states and cities made more robust changes to policing. And culturally, in more-liberal states, there were much louder calls for the police to be reined in. This might help explain why there is a growing divide in where people are being killed by the police. In more-liberal states, the rate has stabilized, but in more-conservative ones, the numbers have risen. If measured over the last 10 years, since the police killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., in 2014 sparked wide-scale protests, fatal police shootings in more-Democratic states have declined 15 percent on a population-adjusted basis, with the rate holding relatively steady since Mr. Floyd's death. But in Republican-leaning states, they have risen 23 percent. And within those redder states, suburbs and rural areas, which tend to be more conservative than cities, have the highest rates of police killings. A former police chief in Arkansas who is serving decades-long sentences for murder and rape escaped from prison Sunday, state corrections officials said. The Justice Department announced Wednesday that it would drop proposed consent decrees with Minneapolis and Louisville, Kentucky, and investigations into police departments in Phoenix, Trenton, New Jersey; Memphis, Tennessee; Mount Vernon, New York; and Oklahoma City, as well as into the Louisiana State Police. That agreement required more training for police officers, policy changes to decrease the use of force and a more robust system for citizens to make complaints against officers. It also required that the mostly white police department do more to recruit people of color.	https://apnews.com/article/indianapolis-500-wiener-race-c5f033e5ee3	2025/05/23	
Since George Floyd's Murder, Police Killings Keep Rising, Not Falling	ACAB	But in Republican-leaning states, they have risen 23 percent. And within those redder states, suburbs and rural areas, which tend to be more conservative than cities, have the highest rates of police killings.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/24/us/police-killings-george-floyd.html	2025/05/26	
Former police chief, serving murder and rape sentences, escapes from Arkansas prison	ACAB	A former police chief in Arkansas who is serving decades-long sentences for murder and rape escaped from prison Sunday, state corrections officials said.	https://www.rpr.com/2025/05/26/stw-st-5412248/arkansas-police-chief-escape	2025/05/26	
US citizen detained by immigration officials who dismissed his Real ID as fake	Borders and Immigration	The Justice Department announced Wednesday that it would drop proposed consent decrees with Minneapolis and Louisville, Kentucky, and investigations into police departments in Phoenix, Trenton, New Jersey; Memphis, Tennessee; Mount Vernon, New York; and Oklahoma City, as well as into the Louisiana State Police. That agreement required more training for police officers, policy changes to decrease the use of force and a more robust system for citizens to make complaints against officers. It also required that the mostly white police department do more to recruit people of color.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/24/alabama-prison-escape	2025/05/26	Technology, AI
Alabama paid a law firm millions to defend its prisons, it used AI and turned in fake citations	ACAB	The Trump administration has continued releasing people charged with being in the country illegally to non-governmental shelters along the U.S.-Mexico border after selling those organizations that providing migrants with temporary housing and other aid may violate a law used to prosecute smugglers.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/24/alabama-prison-escape	2025/05/26	
Trump administration releases people to shelter, it threatened to prosecute for aiding migrants	Borders and Immigration	Authorities wrestled a US-born citizen to the ground, cuffed him and dismissed his so-called Real ID as "fake" during an arrest operation targeting undocumented people on Wednesday under the direction of the Trump administration, according to a video review and reporting by 'Democracy Now!'. International Harvard students say they are experiencing "pure panic" amid the Trump administration's move to bar foreign enrollment, as students from around the world told CNN they are coming to grips with the possibility of revoked visas, suspended research and being blocked from reentry to the United States if they leave this summer. A federal judge temporarily halted the Trump administration's ban on Friday, after the nation's oldest and wealthiest college filed a suit in federal court. Harvard argued revocation of its certification in the Student and Exchange Visitor Program was "clear retaliation" for its refusal of the government's ideologically motivated demands. As the Trump administration cut billions of dollars in federal funding to scientific research, thousands of scientists in the U.S. lost their jobs or grants — and governments and universities around the world spotted an opportunity.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/24/us-citizen-detained	2025/05/26	
We're 'poker chips': International Harvard students describe fear after Trump administration moves to revoke their enrollment	Borders and Immigration	The Trump administration cut billions of dollars in federal funding to scientific research, thousands of scientists in the U.S. lost their jobs or grants — and governments and universities around the world spotted an opportunity.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/poker-chips-international-harvard-student-2025052600000513	2025/05/26	
Scientists have lost their jobs or grants in US cuts, foreign universities want to hire them	Brain Drain	The "Canada Leads" program, launched in April, hopes to foster the next generation of innovators by bringing early-career biomedical researchers north of the border. Aix-Marseille University in France started the "Safe Place for Science" program in March — pledging to "welcome" U.S.-based scientists who "may feel threatened or hindered in their research." A vacation lodge known as the Wagon Box Inn in the tiny town of Story, Wyoming, has emerged as an unlikely hub of rightwing ambitions to reorient US politics and culture. Events held there since it opened, and others planned for this spring, have brought together figures from the so-called "dissident right", political figures backed by reactionary currents in Silicon Valley, and proponents of the "network state" movement.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-research-funding-cuts-brain-drain-fa	2025/05/26	
Remote Wyoming vacation lodge emerges as haven for US 'dissident right'	Cesspool- Far right	The dissident right is a term that describes rightwing intellectual currents that go beyond and even attack mainstream conservatives for their perceived concessions to liberals on issues like race, feminism and LGBTQ+ rights. Network state proponents envision a network of extra-national communities that exist beyond the control of nation-states. When Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis recently said he'd sign into law a ban on "weather modification activities" — such as spreading tiny particles into the air from aircraft to control sunlight — it raised long-standing controversies over 'geoengineering' and 'chemtrails'. The coming ban on weather modification may have good intentions, weather experts said this week, but it conflates legitimate geoengineering research with conspiracy theories about chemtrails — an unsubstantiated belief that chemicals sprayed into the air, and even the familiar white streaks or contrails airplanes leave behind in the sky, could dangerously alter the weather and rain down toxic chemicals on an unsuspecting public. Brands tied to masculinity or "the manosphere" — like UFC, DraftKings and John Deere — are on Americans' minds, per this year's Aviva Harris Poll 100, which assigns brands scores based on factors like trust, products and services, vision and culture. Our online worlds are splintering, and many young men are immersed in the manosphere, which is dominated by chart-topping podcasters and President Trump himself pushing traditional ideas of masculinity. "Putting aside the social concerns of some of its darker meanings, masculinity is a pretty good business model right now," says John Gerzema, CEO of The Harris Poll. "It's counter-cultural — it's a modern-day Marlboro Man."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/24/wyoming-vacation-lodge	2025/05/26	
Florida bill would ban 'chemtrails' and 'geoengineering'. But what are they?	Cesspool- Florida	The coming ban on weather modification may have good intentions, weather experts said this week, but it conflates legitimate geoengineering research with conspiracy theories about chemtrails — an unsubstantiated belief that chemicals sprayed into the air, and even the familiar white streaks or contrails airplanes leave behind in the sky, could dangerously alter the weather and rain down toxic chemicals on an unsuspecting public. Brands tied to masculinity or "the manosphere" — like UFC, DraftKings and John Deere — are on Americans' minds, per this year's Aviva Harris Poll 100, which assigns brands scores based on factors like trust, products and services, vision and culture. Our online worlds are splintering, and many young men are immersed in the manosphere, which is dominated by chart-topping podcasters and President Trump himself pushing traditional ideas of masculinity. "Putting aside the social concerns of some of its darker meanings, masculinity is a pretty good business model right now," says John Gerzema, CEO of The Harris Poll. "It's counter-cultural — it's a modern-day Marlboro Man."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/florida-bill-ban-chemtrails-geoengineering-2025052600000513	2025/05/26	
Manosphere's reputation bump	Cesspool- Manosphere	President Trump's executive order stripping security clearances and contracts from law firm Jenner & Block is unconstitutional, a federal judge ruled Friday. It's another loss in Trump's campaign to settle scores with attorneys who helped ex-special counsel Robert Mueller investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election. Trump targeted Jenner & Block because it had employed Andrew Weissmann, a prosecutor who worked on Mueller's team. Federal judges are discussing a proposal that would shift the armed security personnel responsible for their safety away from the Department of Justice (DoJ) and under their own control, as fears mount that the Trump administration is failing to protect them from a rising tide of hostility.	https://www.aviva.com/2025/05/24/manosphere-reputation-bump-aviva	2025/05/26	
Trump order hitting ex-Mueller prosecutor's firm is unconstitutional, judge	Constitutional Crisis	Under the current system, federal judges are protected by the US marshals service, which is managed by the justice department. According to Wall Street Journal, those participating at the March conference expressed worries that Trump might instruct the marshals to withdraw security protection from a judge who ruled against him.	https://www.aviva.com/2025/05/23/trump-executive-order-robert-mueller	2025/05/26	Judicial pushback
US federal judges consider creating own armed security force as threats mount	Constitutional Crisis	Under the current system, federal judges are protected by the US marshals service, which is managed by the justice department. According to Wall Street Journal, those participating at the March conference expressed worries that Trump might instruct the marshals to withdraw security protection from a judge who ruled against him.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/25/federal-judges-arm	2025/05/26	

		The U.S. president's tariff threats have driven Vietnam to seek a new arrangement with America, potentially including efforts to combat trade fraud, as the White House inches closer to a July deadline when Trump's so-called "reciprocal" tariff measures will snap back into place. Now, The New York Times reports that a \$1.5 billion Trump Organization development project outside of Hanoi has seemingly blown through the typical approval process, leaving locals enraged at the government and the president adding another layer to the union of alleged self-dealing and Kickbacks that has defined at least four and four months of Trump's presidential tenure. And yet even as the presidential campaign was unfolding, the violent crime spike of the pandemic had already subsided — and crime rates have kept dropping. The FBI's 2023 crime report found that murder was down nearly 12 percent year over year, and in 2024 it kept falling to roughly 16,700 murders, on par with pre-pandemic levels. The early numbers for 2025 are so promising that Jeff Asher, one of the best independent analysts on crime, recently asked in a piece whether this year could have the lowest murder rate in US history. It'll be harder to make sense out of get exact change after the one-cent coin's upcoming demise. The penny's removal may impact how prices are rounded, potentially affecting both businesses and consumers — especially those who rely on cash. Over the past 10 years, the total production cost of the penny has risen from 1.3 cents to 3.89 cents per penny. — The nickel is even more expensive to make and costs 13.78 cents to make each 5-cent coin, the Mint's 2024 annual report shows. It costs 5.76 cents to make the 10-cent dime and 14.88 cents to make the 25-cent quarter. President Donald Trump has disrupted global trade and roiled markets in an effort to bring manufacturing jobs back to the U.S. Some of his top tech allies, however, have backed ventures that replace human workers with robots. "Trump is talking about bringing back the jobs, and he's not understanding the tension between that goal and automation, which the tech bros have enthusiasm for," Henry Holzer, a professor of public policy at Georgetown University and a former chief economist at the U.S. Department of Labor, told ABC News. "There's a fundamental conflict between those goals." The Trump administration's vision for a U.S. manufacturing renaissance includes highly automated factories and a more efficient American workforce — all of which will still require tons of foreign robots. The administration is trying to fix decades of disinvestment in domestic manufacturing, but can't, for now, without relying on foreign companies to supply the advanced robotics needed to catch up with the rest of the world. President Trump on Friday warned Apple that it needed to build U.S.-sold iPhones in the United States or face a 25% tariff. Apple already committed to a \$500 billion U.S. expansion, but now Trump wants more. It's a dramatic escalation with the tech giant, which was reportedly planning to move production from China to India. With a blast of early morning social media posts, President Trump escalated the trade war that the White House had spent weeks reducing to a low boil. It was a reminder that there will be no trade peace in this administration, only trade war kulls of uncertain duration. That really could keep financial markets on edge. — This year's summer months promise to be among the hottest on record across the United States, continuing a worsening trend of extreme weather, and amid concern over the impacts of Trump administration cuts to key agencies. The extreme heat could be widespread and unrelenting: only far northern Alaska may escape unusually warm temperatures from June through August, according to the latest seasonal forecast from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Many residents are proud of the internationally recognized research unfolding at the National Institutes of Health facility. But a few locals resist what they consider the eldest scientists at the facility, which has employed about 500 people in recent years. Or they fear the contagious pathogens studied there could escape the lab's well-protected walls. Now, Hamilton is a prime example of how the Trump administration's mass federal layoffs and cancellation of research grants are being felt in communities far from Washington, D.C. — Deaths, who is 62 and owes tens of thousands of dollars in medical debt from cancer treatment, is involved in a complicated lawsuit filed by credit industry groups over the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's medical debt rule. The rule, finalized in January just weeks before the end of the Biden administration, would have banned the reporting of medical debt from credit reports. At the time, the agency reported 15 million Americans could benefit from the change, removing \$49 billion in medical debt from records. It was set to go into effect in March. On Sunday, May 25, the Henry County Police Department (HCPD) said that officers had responded to "an apparent shooting incident on Watson Avenue in Little River," adding an update at 10:20 p.m. at least to say that 11 individuals had been "transported to area hospitals by Henry County Fire Services," per a Facebook post. At least six people were injured, including one critically, after an argument led to a shooting in Colorado Springs, Colorado, police said. Quiz More than five years after the first cases of COVID-19 were detected in the United States, hundreds of people are still dying every week. Last month, an average of about 300 people died each week from COVID, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "The fact that we're still seeing deaths just means it's still circulating, and people are still catching it," Dr. Tony Mooty, a professor in the department of pediatrics in the division of infectious diseases at Duke University Medical Center, told ABC News. In a major reversal, almost all the 381 books that the U.S. Naval Academy removed from the school's libraries have been returned to the bookshelves after a new review using the Pentagon's standardized search terms for diversity, equity and inclusion lives found about 20 books that need to be removed pending a future review by a Department of Defense panel, according to a defense official. The U.S. Defense Department is implementing new restrictions on journalists covering the Pentagon. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced the changes in a memo Friday. The new policies vastly limit access for credentialed media while inside the Pentagon complex in Arlington, Va. Since the Palisades Fire in January, the portion of the Pacific Coast Highway running through the burn scar has been closed to all but residents, emergency responders, and construction crews, speeding up the massive clean-up but inadvertently isolating the beach city of Malibu. That's all changed just in time for Memorial Day weekend, when city officials announced the reopening of Pacific Coast Highway, known locally as "PCH," just in time for the three-day weekend. The fifth round of nuclear talks between the U.S. and Iran in Rome ended Friday with "some but not conclusive progress," according to Oman's Foreign Minister Badr al-Busaidi, who is mediating between the parties. In recent days the negotiations have hit a roadblock over the fact that Iran says it will only sign a deal that permits a domestic enrichment capability, and the U.S. has said enrichment is its red line. Israel has been making preparations to swiftly strike Iran's nuclear sites if U.S.-Iran nuclear talks break down in the coming weeks. Russian drones and missiles again bombarded cities across Ukraine on Saturday night into Sunday morning despite the completion of the latest prisoner exchange of the 3-year-old war. Donald Trump has warned that if Vladimir Putin attempts to conquer all of Ukraine, it will lead to the "downfall" of Russia, while also criticizing Volodymyr Zelenskyy in a Sunday night post on Truth Social. Speaker Mike Johnson defended Donald Trump's "one big, beautiful bill" that the House passed last week in the middle of the night, claiming the newly added Medicaid work requirements are "normal." Meanwhile, the legislation will hand the rich a gigantic tax cut. "We have not cut Medicaid, and we have not cut SNAP. What we're doing, Margaret, is working on fraud, waste and abuse, and everyone in Louisiana and around the country understands that that's a responsibility of Congress," Johnson said. But the bill will ultimately lock beneficiaries of Medicaid coverage and SNAP benefits, according to multiple estimates. He went on to claim that it is "normal" to "make young men work." According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, the vast majority of Medicaid recipients (92 percent) are either already working (64 percent) or may be eligible for an exemption because they are caregivers, in school, or disabled. That leaves just eight percent of Medicaid recipients who say they are retired, cannot find work, or are unemployed for another reason. Donald Trump's Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Marly Makary has suggested it would be more effective to treat more diabetes with cooking classes' instead of "just throwing insulin at people" under the president's "Make America Healthy Again" agenda. Experts tell the Guardian that it is capitalizing on Trump's dismantling of the international order, his affinity for Benjamin Netanyahu's government in Israel, and most of all - his most controversial cabinet appointment - in its recruitment propaganda. According to Tom Frank, who reports on Israelier relief for E&E News, this has changed in the past few months. If it were business as usual with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, states could count reliably on the federal government to pay 75 percent at least of the cost of clearing up debris, repairing public facilities, and so forth. But now, the federal government has started flouting its own guidelines for sending aid and is becoming less reliable during these times of crisis. A majority of Americans (54%) agree that "efforts to increase diversity almost always strengthen an organization's workforce." The survey published in April by the nonpartisan Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) found. Eight in ten Americans (80%) say they prefer the U.S. be made up of people from all over the world. That group included 91% of Democrats, 83% of independents, and 73% of Republicans. — Planned Parenthood North Central States said Friday that it plans to close over a third of its health centers across Minnesota and Iowa and lay off dozens of staff members in light of looming federal funding cuts and other budget constraints. Planned Parenthood North Central States (PPNCS) says it provides sexual and reproductive health care, including abortions, to an estimated 93,000 people across Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota each year. Over 30% of its patients rely on Medicaid, per a release. Texas Republicans are rolling ahead with a controversial bill that seeks to further restrict abortion access in the state, while making it impossible for it to be challenged in state courts, despite Democratic objections. Republican state senators wrote in their own letter to King that existing laws were not enough to guard against abortions in the state, mainly due to the continued availability of medicated abortion. Senate Bill 2880, if passed, would allow anyone who makes, distributes, prescribes or provides abortion medication or provides information on how a person can obtain an abortion-inducing drug to be sued for up to \$100,000. "It's crazy that the bill says it can't be challenged in court, and then it's also crazy that they don't even want it to be challenged in court... you have to [be] writing a bill that you're pretty damn sure is unconstitutional to not want the Texas courts to look at it." From food to pharma, Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. took on all the suspects he's long maligning in a report on health threats to kids — along with one unexpected one: Doctors. The surprise focus on physicians — softened in the report by calling them "well-intended" — comes after weeks of furious lobbying by the food, pharmaceutical and farming industries who feared being denigrated in the review. — RFK Jr.'s report had a surprise target: Your doctor		
Vietnam bypassing its own laws to fast-track \$1.5B Trump golf resort amid tariffs threat, report says	Corruption	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/vietnam-20250526	2025/05/26	International, Vietnam,
Something remarkable is happening with violent crime rates in the US	Crime	https://www.vox.com/good-news/newsletter/14388/violent-crime-rate	2025/05/26	
What killing the penny means for you	Economy-Coin	https://www.apoca.com/2025/05/24/treasury-penny-production-trump-3/	2025/05/26	
Trump wants to create manufacturing jobs. His tech allies invest in robots to do the work.	Economy-Jobs	https://abcnews.go.com/Business/trump-create-manufacturing-jobs-te	2025/05/26	
America's manufacturing future still needs foreign robots	Economy-Jobs	https://www.apoca.com/2025/05/25/new-fact-jump-robots-trump-china	2025/05/26	
Trump expands Apple tariff threat to include Samsung, other phone makers	Economy-Tariffs	https://www.apoca.com/2025/05/23/trump-tariff-apple-iphone	2025/05/26	
Trump trade threats bring volatility back to markets	Economy-Trade	https://www.apoca.com/2025/05/23/trump-tariffs-volatility-markets	2025/05/26	
US faces another summer of extreme heat as fears rise, say Trump cuts	Environment-Heat	https://www.thehurigan.com/us-news/2025/may/26/extreme-heat-sum	2025/05/26	
A small Montana town grapples with the fallout from federal worker cuts	Government-Jobs	https://www.npr.org/sections/healths-health-news/2025/05/26/g-1-68777	2025/05/26	
The CFPB wanted medical debt to be left off credit reports. That's changed under Trump	Government-CFPB	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/26/nx-1-540793/cbba-medical-debt-cre	2025/05/26	
At Least 11 Hospitalized After Memorial Day Weekend Shooting in South Carolina, Police	Guns-Mass shooting	https://www.yahoo.com/news/least-11-hospitalized-memorial-day-0919	2025/05/26	
Six people wounded, one critically, in mass shooting in Colorado Springs	Guns-Mass shooting	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/colorado	2025/05/26	
Need a refresher on kids' water safety? Take this quiz	Health and Safety	https://www.npr.org/2024/06/07/g-1-3389342-parents-how-much-do	2025/05/26	
Why are more than 300 people in the US still dying from COVID every week?	Health-Covid	https://abcnews.go.com/health/300-people-us-dying-covid-week/why/	2025/05/26	
Navy reverses course on DEI book ban after Pentagon review	Information-Budget	https://abcnews.go.com/Pentagon/navy-reverses-dei-book-ban-after-pent	2025/05/26	
Defense Secretary Hegseth puts new limits on press access at the Pentagon	Information-Blackout	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/24/nx-1-5410513/defense-sec-hegseth-p	2025/05/26	
PCH reopens after fire closure, just in time for the holiday weekend	Infrastructure	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/25/g-1-689573/pch-reopening-palisades-f	2025/05/26	
U.S.-Iran nuclear talks show "some progress" — no breakthrough in 8th round	International-Iran	https://www.apoca.com/2025/05/23/iran-nuclear-talks-rome	2025/05/26	
Russia hits Ukraine with massive drone, missile barrage amid prisoner exchange	International-Russia	https://abcnews.go.com/International/russia-hits-ukraine-massive-dron	2025/05/26	
Trump warns attempts to conquer all of Ukraine will lead to "downfall" of Russia	International-Russia	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-very-surprised-putin-230619	2025/05/26	
Trump's FDA chief suggests diabetes should take cooking classes under MAHA agenda	Political-Caesop	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-fda-chief-suggests-diabetic-2129	2025/05/26	
Trump and Pete Hegseth inspiring Islamic State recruitment propaganda	Political-Caesop	https://www.thehurigan.com/us-news/2025/may/26/islamic-state-trump	2025/05/26	
The Consequences of One of Project 2025's Most Surprising Attacks Are Becoming Clear	Project 2025	https://www.slate.com/news-and-politics/2025/05/fema-help-money-kronrod/	2025/05/26	
Politi: Most Americans support some goals of the 2020 racial reckoning	Racism	https://www.apoca.com/2025/05/25/george-floyd-5-year-anniversary-rac	2025/05/26	
Planned Parenthood to close 3 centers across Iowa, Minnesota amid federal funding cuts	Reproductive rights	https://www.apoca.com/local/iowa-cities/2025/05/planned-parenthood	2025/05/26	
Texas GOP seeks to block legal challenges against abortion	Reproductive rights	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-gop-seeks-block-legal-10000035/	2025/05/26	
RFK Jr.'s report had a surprise target: Your doctor	RFK_JR.BS	https://www.politico.com/news/2025/05/23/rfk-kenedy-report-naha-do	2025/05/26	

Texas will require public school classrooms to display Ten Commandments under bill nearing passage	Separation of church and state	Come September, every public school classroom in Texas could be required to display the Ten Commandments under a requirement that passed a key vote in the Texas legislature Sunday — part of a larger push in Texas and beyond to increase the role of religion in schools. Senate Bill 10 moved forward despite a federal court ruling that a similar Louisiana law violated a constitutionally required separation of church and state.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-require-public-school-classrooms-0	2025/05/26	
AI race goes supersonic in milestone-packed week. AI revolt: New ChatGPT model refuses to shut down when instructed	Technology: AI	The breakneck pace of innovation — paired with the sky-high ambitions of tech's capitalist titans — is reshaping the AI landscape faster than regulators or the public can fully comprehend.	https://www.xxos.com/2025/05/24/w-race-chatgpt-and-hoopie-google-30	2025/05/26	
Scientists make robots that can walk straight out of the printers that created them	Technology: AI	While that determination had to do with its potential to create nuclear and biological weaponry, researchers also found that Claude Opus 4 can conceal intentions and take actions to preserve its own existence — including by blackmailing its engineers.	https://www.the-independent.com/tech/ai/safety-new-chatgpt-03-opera	2025/05/26	
The Dinner People Got for Spending Tons of Money On Trump's Memo Cols is Unintentionally Hilarious	Technology: Robots	OpenAI's latest ChatGPT model ignores basic instructions to turn itself off, and even sabotaging a shutdown mechanism in order to keep itself running, artificial intelligence researchers have warned. Scientists have achieved a breakthrough in soft robotics, creating four-legged robots capable of walking immediately after being 3D-printed. This innovation utilizes a novel upside-down printing method, paving the way for scalable production of flexible devices.	https://www.the-independent.com/tech/soft-robots-3d-printing-walk-327	2025/05/26	
Meet Hercules and Ned, the border collies herding off wildlife at West Virginia's busiest airport	Trump Bullshit	Imagine not only spending your hard-earned American dollars on president Donald Trump's worthless meme coin, but also being threatened with a barely-edible meal at his golf course.	https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/articles/dinner-people-got-spend	2025/05/26	
1,700 Sheep Installed Between Solar Panels. A Surprising Change Observed In The Animals.	Weird world	Nicholas Pinto, a 25-year-old TikTokker who spent roughly \$300,000 to get his seat at the table, seemed mighty disenchanted by the entire experience when he spoke to Wired.	https://apnews.com/article/airport-dogs-herd-wildlife-plane-collisions-4r	2025/05/26	
362-pound loggerhead sea turtle hit by boat gets oversized CT scan with a surprise	Weird world	"It was the worst food I've ever had at a Trump golf course," he said, noting that he left hungry. "The Hercules and Ned have quite the spacious office at West Virginia's busiest airport. The border collies and their handler make daily patrols along the milelong airfield to ensure birds and other wildlife stay away from planes and keep passengers and crew safe.	https://atcnnews.go.com/US/wireStory/362-pound-loggerhead-sea-turtle	2025/05/26	
That zing in your teeth from a cold treat? Blame this ancient armored fish	Weird world	A comprehensive three-year study conducted at Wellington Solar Farm in New South Wales, Australia, has revealed fascinating results about sheep and solar panel coexistence. The research team from Lightsource, in partnership with EMM Consulting and Eiders Rural Services, monitored 1,700 Merino sheep divided into two groups: one grazing in traditional pastures and another among solar panels.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/24/mx-31-5490387/armored-fish-human-te	2025/05/26	evolution
Wild chickens take over Miami while some embrace roosters as a cultural symbol	Weird world	The findings challenge conventional assumptions about livestock welfare in modified environments. Sheep grazing between solar arrays showed no negative health impacts. Instead, researchers documented enhanced wool quality with increased fiber strength and growth rates. The solar infrastructure created microhabitats that benefited both the animals and the underlying vegetation.	https://apnews.com/article/miami-roosters-wild-chickens-6d01ab7e2b70	2025/05/26	
Would you pay to stand on a flight? How vertical seats could be the future of budget air travel	Weird world	A massive loggerhead sea turtle hit by a boat off Florida's Atlantic coast arrived at a turtle hospital needing medical care, but at 302 pounds (137 kilograms), Pennwise was too large to fit their equipment. So the veterinary team at the Loggerhead MarineLife Center in Juno Beach took her to nearby Jupiter Medical Center, hoping she could get a CT scan on a human machine. She was too big for that, as well.	https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/budget-air-trave	2025/05/26	dytopian nightmare
A brain dead pregnant Georgia woman is a horror story. It's Republicans' fault, I Opinion	Women's rights	They quickly came up with another plan: taking Pennwise to Palm Beach Equine Clinic in Wellington, where the scan was performed on equipment designed for horses.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/brain-dead-pregnant-georgia-woman-099	2025/05/26	
Masked ICE agents are showing up at courthouses. Immigrant groups call it 'threaten' violation of due process	Borders and Immigration	"And, luckily, the horse-sized machine was big enough to fit this lady through," Heather Barron, the chief science officer and veterinarian at Loggerhead, told The Associated Press.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/masked-ice-agents-showing-courthouses	2025/05/27	Constitutional crisis
Texas becomes front line of GOP civil war over energy	Business-Energy	Yara Hardy, an evolutionary biologist at the University of Chicago, likes to stun people by telling them that our skeletons evolved from a jawless fish.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-becomes-front-line-gop-10000446	2025/05/27	
Tasty Trump Admin Whines That Due Process for Immigrants Is 'Burdensome'	Constitutional Crisis	Now, Hardy has a new surprise to share. In work that she and her colleagues have published in the journal Nature, they find that the sensitivity of our teeth (which causes them to ache and pang when confronted with an icy treat or a dentist's drill) can be traced back to the exoskeletons of those ancient armored fish.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tasty-trump-admin-whines-due-05443172	2025/05/27	
The most 'beautiful' part of Trump's bill is it helps him defy federal courts Opinion	Constitutional Crisis	Not only found in residential neighborhoods like Little Havana, Little Haiti and Wynwood, the twof families are also making their home among the high-rises and government buildings downtown. And while some people find the crowing to be a nuisance, many have adopted the rooster as an unofficial mascot for the city.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/most-beautiful-part-trumps-bill-10031896	2025/05/27	
3 companies own nearly 38,000 metro Atlanta homes	Economy-Housing	A handful of European budget airlines are reportedly planning to remove some of their economy seats to swap them for standing seats, according to Euro Weekly News. Known as the Skyliner 2.0, the new seat design, which is shaped like a saddle, is an improvement from the original that was first built in 2018.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/3-companies-own-nearly-38-033418462	2025/05/27	
About 1 in 4 Americans are "functionally unemployed," researcher says	Economy-Jobs	The re-designed seats, which would see customers leaning at a 45 degree angle, have reportedly met safety requirements and regulations, and could be in use in planes as soon as 2026.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/1-4-americans-functionally-unemployed-1	2025/05/27	
Trump pauses threatened EU tariffs until July	Economy-Tariffs	This is the terrifying reality of what Republicans created — for women to be stripped of their dignity, to be seen as nothing more than worms. The GOP allowed this nightmare to happen because they refused to listen to medical professionals who told them laws like the one in Georgia would create complicated scenarios. Now, one family may live with the pain as well as the financial burden.	https://www.xxos.com/2025/05/25/w-tariffs-trump	2025/05/27	
Planet's darkening oceans pose threat to marine life, scientists say	Environment-Oceans	A gang of nearly two dozen masked federal agents descended on a courthouse in Phoenix, Arizona over several days this week and arrested immigrants moments after they left their immigration court hearings.			
Trump's safety research cuts heighten workplace risks, federal workers warn	Government-Jobs	Unidentified agents with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other federal agencies have made similar arrests inside and outside courthouses across the country in recent days, from Washington state to Virginia, as Donald Trump's administration accelerates his deportation agenda. Texas has become ground zero in a GOP battle over energy, pitting a suburban populist right that seeks to throttle the state's renewables program against the maritime Republican business establishment.			
Justice Department cuts to public safety grants leave police and nonprofits scrambling	Government-DOJ	A similar red-on-red fight is taking place at the federal level, where Texas Rep. Chip Roy (R) has emerged as a leading voice calling for the full repeal of renewable energy tax credits established in 2022 under President Biden — setting himself against a group of Republican defenders of the subsidies.			
Bongino says FBI looking at a number of cases of potential public corruption	Government-FBI	But the conflict has roots in Texas, where it reflects a more fundamental struggle over the core principles of the state GOP and the legacy of establishment Republicans such as former President and Gov. George W. Bush — an unlikely godfather of the Texas and U.S. renewables programs.			
NHI staff stage walkout during director's town hall as tensions perial over research cuts, ideology	Government-NIH	It's only four months into Donald Trump's second term as president, and his administration already seems fed up with all the paperwork.			

Drowning is most common cause of death among youngest Americans. Trump might have just saved that worse	Health and Safety	With drowning already the most common cause of death for children aged 1 - 4 years old in the U.S., officials are sounding the alarm after the Trump administration laid off the team responsible for tracking and analyzing the fatal incidents. In April, about a third of the staff at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Injury Center, which included the drowning-prevention unit, lost their jobs. That team also worked with the YMCA and American Red Cross to provide swimming lessons to kids. "We're actively pulling away the lifelines and resources that we use to keep our kids safe, and that's really terrifying," Sharon Gilmarin, executive director of nonprofit Safe States Alliance, told Politico.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/drowning-most-common-cause-death-14	2025/05/27	death, kids, CDC, government jobs		
Superbug That Can Feed on Plastic is Spreading in Hospitals	Health: Superbug	A nasty bacterial superbug that kills hundreds of thousands of people per year is spreading through hospitals — and it feeds on something surprising, scientists have now found. Researchers from the Brunel University of London have found, per a new study in the journal Cell, that the bacterial <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> appears to "digest" medical plastic. Associated with more than 559,000 deaths globally per year, this drug-resistant bug is, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, believed to cause other illnesses like pneumonia or urinary tract infections. People often seem to develop it after surgery, but until this study, researchers weren't aware that it might be living or feeding on medical plastics.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/superbug-feed-plastic-spreading-hospital	2025/05/27			
North Korea says Donald Trump's Golden Dome plan threatens order since nuclear war	International Relations	North Korea has condemned US president Donald Trump's plan to build a new \$175bn missile defence shield dubbed the "Golden Dome". In a memorandum issued by the foreign ministry's Institute for American Studies, North Korea described the plans as a "threatening initiative", not a defensive measure, aimed at securing military superiority and threatening nuclear-armed adversaries, according to state media KCNA.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/north-korea-donald-trump	2025/05/27			
White House envoy says Hamas' response to ceasefire proposal "unacceptable"	International-Israel	White House envoy Steve Witkoff told Axios on Monday he is "disappointed" that Hamas has so far failed to accept his proposal for a new Gaza hostage and ceasefire deal. The deportee, identified in court filings by the initials O.C.G., was granted withholding from removal status by an immigration judge in February. The status barred deportation to his home country of Guatemala, the complaint stated. Around two days later, per the complaint, he was placed on a bus to Mexico, where he had allegedly previously been raped and held hostage. When he arrived, he was given a choice between going to another facility in Mexico to wait to apply for asylum or being taken to Guatemala.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/26/israel-hamas-gaza-ceasefire	2025/05/27			
Trump admin must facilitate another deportee's return, judge orders	Judicial: Pullback	The deportee, identified in court filings by the initials O.C.G., was granted withholding from removal status by an immigration judge in February. The status barred deportation to his home country of Guatemala, the complaint stated. Around two days later, per the complaint, he was placed on a bus to Mexico, where he had allegedly previously been raped and held hostage. When he arrived, he was given a choice between going to another facility in Mexico to wait to apply for asylum or being taken to Guatemala.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/25/trump-admin-deportees-return-judge	2025/05/27			
Trump's alleged corruption shouldn't be investigated, because it's out in the open, Mike Johnson says	Political: Creepslop	"The difference, of course, is that President Trump does everything out in the open. He's not trying to hide anything," Johnson said. "There's no shell companies or fake LLCs or fake family businesses. He's putting it out there, so everybody can evaluate for themselves."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-r	2025/05/27			
Jasmine Crockett: 'It's Time for Republicans to Question Trump's Mental Acuity'	Political: Pushback	Following Donald Trump's bizarre speech to West Point graduates, where the president opined on topics ranging from yachts and trophy wives to drag shows and golf, Rep. Jasmine Crockett is calling on Republicans to "start calling him out and start questioning his mental acuity, and whether or not he is equipped to serve mentally."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/jasmine-crockett-time-republicans-trump	2025/05/27			
RFX Jr. prepared to rework review of abortion pill, legislators: The Atlantic	Reproductive rights	Video	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfx-jr-prepared-rework-review-200956122	2025/05/27			
AI cheating surge pushes schools into chaos	Technology: AI	High schools and colleges are stuck in limbo: Use of generative AI to cut corners and cheat is rampant, but there's no clear consensus on how to fight back. Use is ubiquitous in college. A survey of college students taken in January 2023, just two months after ChatGPT's launch, found that some 90% had already used it on assignments, New York Magazine reports.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/26/ai-chatgpt-cheating-college-teacher	2025/05/27			
17 injured after man drives car into crowd at Liverpool Premier League parade	Tragic	1 in 4 13- to 17-year-olds say they use ChatGPT for help with schoolwork, per a recent Pew survey. Theirs double what it was in 2023. Seventeen people were injured Monday after a 53-year-old British man drove a car into a crowd at Liverpool's Premier League life parade, according to police.	https://sports.yahoo.com/soccer/breaking-news/article/17-injured-after-j	2025/05/27			
Trump wades into politics during Memorial Day speech	Trump Bulshit	But Trump struck a harsh tone on social media earlier in the day, returning to his habit of using holiday messages to take aim at his political rivals. In another moment of juxtaposing tones during the speech, Trump spoke of the "infinite grace we have received from at who laid down their lives for America over the past 250 years" — before somewhat abruptly turning to the celebration of America's 250th anniversary and the upcoming World Cup and Olympics.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/26/trump-memorial-day-speech-politica	2025/05/27			
Trump the central planner	Trump Bulshit	"We're going to have a big, big celebration, as you know, 250 years," he said. "In some ways, I'm glad I missed that second term, where I was, because I wouldn't be your president." Trump continued, "In addition, we have the World Cup and we have the Olympics. Can you imagine? I missed that four years, and now look what I have. I have everything."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/25/trump-ai-cope-manufacturing-central-j	2025/05/27			
Wall of water' could swamp parts of south-central U.S. as flood threat grows	Weather: Rain	Trump spooked markets on Friday by threatening Apple with huge financial risk if it doesn't move Phone manufacturing to the U.S. — later expanding his threat to Samsung and other phone makers.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tornadoes-storms-hail-could-wreak-1341	2025/05/27			
Why Pacific Northwesterners are driving tiny, right-hand drive firetrucks from Japan	Weird world	They're old firetrucks shipped from Japan that look nothing like American firetrucks. Kei trucks are small, no bigger than a minivan. They're also not the fastest vehicles — they top out at around 70 miles per hour — but they're tough and reliable.	https://www.buoy.org/stories/why-pacific-northwesterners-are-driving-t	2025/05/27			
California Police Pull Over A Weird Bike For A Weird Reason	Weird world	Cops can make up some rather interesting reasons to pull over vehicles, but this weird bike painted to look like a classic Ferrari racerai is equally weird. California Highway Patrol in El Centro pulled the thing over, only realizing afterward it's legally a bicycle, not a car or motorcycle. But the reason for the traffic stop also has people rolling their eyes. The state law enforcement agency posted a photo of the Quattrove as well as a CHP cruiser with lights activated sitting behind it. Trying to play the whole thing off as just a funny incident, 'whomever' is in charge of the Facebook account said "our Officer wanted to make sure the rider was safe and hydrated as he continued on his journey."	https://aucho.yahoo.com/california-police-pull-over-weird-193000868.h	2025/05/27			
Man freed by firefighters after getting stuck under train armrest while looking for AirPods	Weird world	Firefighters in Germany had to use hydraulic equipment to free a man who got stuck under a train armrest while searching for a missing AirPods.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/man-freed-firefighters-getting-stuck-1144	2025/05/27			
Wild chickens face turf war with bad-tempered peacocks after taking over Miami	Weird world	As the feral roosters spread, they might soon face competition from the invasive peacocks that have taken over neighboring communities like Coconut Grove and Coral Gables. "The peacocks have very bad tempers," George said. "They're pretty ill-mannered, and they tend to be a bit big when the chickens and they make a loud noise."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/miami-wild-chicke	2025/05/27			
Japan introduces rules to put outlandish baby names to rest	Weird world	Parents in Japan will no longer have free rein over the names they give their children, after the introduction this week of new rules on the pronunciation of kanji characters.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/27/japan-baby-name-ba	2025/05/27			
Trump asks Supreme Court to remove judge-ordered restrictions on 3rd country deportations	Borders and Immigration	While the revisions to the family registry act do not ban kanji — Chinese-based characters in written Japanese — parents are required to inform local authorities of their phonetic reading, in an attempt to banish unusual or controversial pronunciations.	https://latimes.com/2025/05/27/politics/trump-asks-supreme-court-remove-co	2025/05/28			
Trump passes student visa interviews, weighs social media vetting for applicants	Borders and Immigration	The Trump administration is halting student visa interviews and considering a social media vetting requirement as its immigration crackdown extends to people who want to study in the U.S.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/27/student-visas-trump-social-media	2025/05/28			
Australian woman says she was deported after visiting her US army officer husband at Hawaii base	Borders and Immigration	An Australian woman who was deported from the US after visiting her American husband stationed in Hawaii says she was detained in prison overnight alongside murderers before getting sent home.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australian-woman-says-she-deported-16	2025/05/28			
How to Hide a Constitutional Crisis	Constitutional Crisis	Shroukos, who has visited three times since getting married last December, said things quickly turned chaotic after border officials at Daniel K. Inouye International airport flagged her for extra screening.	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/05/legal-sic-noncompli	2025/05/28			
This One SCOTUS Ruling Unleashed the Trump Chaos We're Living In Now. Will John Roberts Do Anything About It?	Constitutional Crisis	America seems to be waiting for a clear indication that the country is in a constitutional crisis. Perhaps President Donald Trump will say, "I am defying a court order, and good luck trying to do anything about it." But short of that, America's constitutional crisis was always going to be a bit subtler—and that subtler crisis is already here. The administration is already flouting court orders. If it's just that, rather than admitting so, executive-branch officials are saying one thing but doing another.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-second-term-shows-john-donald	2025/05/28			
We're in a holding pattern; Home sales and building slump in the face of uncertainty	Economy-Housing	The majority may have also failed to foresee the ways that Trump would use the decision to diminish the court's own power. Having freed the president to burst past existing constitutional restraints, the justices must now try to preserve their own authority from executive encroachment. The problem, as ever, is the cost of housing: Home prices are out of reach for many who would like to buy. And the tariff drama under President Trump has both made it more expensive to build new homes, and made the future more unpredictable for would-be homebuyers. The result is a country where builders want to build, and buyers want to buy — but the future is too much in doubt.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/28/na-s1.5412361/home-building-sales-ua	2025/05/28			
Behind the Curtain: A white-collar bloodbath	Economy-Jobs	At could wipe out half of all entry-level white-collar jobs — and spike unemployment to 10-20% in the next one to five years, Amodeo told us in an interview from his San Francisco office.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/28/ai-jobs-white-collar-unemployment-s	2025/05/28	Technology, AI		
What makes manufacturing jobs special? The answer could help rebuild the middle class	Economy-Jobs	Lawmakers don't get it or don't believe it. CEOs are afraid to talk about it. Many workers won't realize the risks posed by the possible job apocalypse — until after it hits.	https://www.rpr.org/sections/planet-money/2025/05/27/a-s1.6876349e	2025/05/28			
Trump has no plan for who will grow US food: There is just flat out nobody to work	Economy-Jobs	Teaching these skills takes time and money. So maybe employers pay extra to convince workers to not quit and to lower their turnover rates. They also may use higher wages to motivate employees to work hard and be diligent because it's hard to monitor huge factory floors (this is known in economics as the "efficiency wage hypothesis," a theory that employers pay extra to accomplish workforce goals like these).	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/28/farmworkers-h-2a	2025/05/28			
America's summers keep getting warmer	Environment-Global Warming	With this definition of good jobs, they find that, back in 1980, manufacturing accounted for almost 40% of all good jobs in America. That was for both college- and non-college-educated workers. It's a pretty stunning statistic.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/28/summers-warmer-climate-change	2025/05/28			
Get ready for several years of killer heat, top weather forecasters warn	Environment-Global Warming	The economists find — not surprisingly — that manufacturing's portion of the nation's good jobs has fallen dramatically over the past few decades as those jobs were automated and offshored away.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/5-forecast-sees-more-killer-043034819.N	2025/05/28			
DOGE can access sensitive Treasury payment systems, judge rules	Fuck that department	Today, manufacturing accounts for only about 10% of the American workforce. Yet, with this measure, it accounts for about 20% of all good jobs in America. Manufacturing punches far above its weight when it comes to industries that provide an extra pay bump to Americans. As the fate of the hundreds of thousands of undocumented farm workers remains in limbo amid Donald Trump's mass deportation threats, and the administration's H-2A policies are undecided, the future of these guest workers remains unclear. Their numbers grow each year — and they are increasingly central to an industry historically dominated by undocumented workers. The industry isn't creating new jobs either.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-access-sensitive-treasury-paymen	2025/05/28			

6 people shot at Connecticut shopping center, person of interest in custody: Police	Guns- Mass shooting	Five people were shot at a Connecticut shopping center on Tuesday, police said. Officers responded to the Brass Mill Center in Waterbury at approximately 4:40 p.m., following reports of a "disturbance." Waterbury Police Chief Fernando Spagnolo said during a press briefing. They found several victims suffering from gunshot wounds, he said.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/waterbury-connecticut-shopping-center-shy	2025/05/28	
Fully automatic gun used in deadly Memorial Day mass shooting in Philadelphia park: Police	Guns- Mass shooting	Two people were killed and nine others were injured when a barrage of gunfire erupted on Memorial Day in Philadelphia's largest municipal park, one of a series of mass shootings across the nation over the long holiday weekend, authorities said.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/memorial-day-mass-shooting-leaves-2-dead	2025/05/28	
New cholera outbreak kills over 170 people, sickens 2,600 more in Sudan	Health- Cholera	A new cholera outbreak in Sudan has killed 172 people and sickened more than 2,500 over the past week, authorities said Tuesday as a leading medical group warned that the country's existing health facilities were unable to cope with the surge of patients.	https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/sudan-cholera-outbreak-kills-over-170	2025/05/28	
RFK Jr. cuts COVID vaccine recommendation for healthy kids, pregnant women – and why it matters	Health- Covid	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on Tuesday announced the removal of the COVID-19 vaccine from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's immunization schedule for "healthy children and pregnant women" – a move that could alter guidance for doctors as well as some insurance coverage.	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/rfk-jr-cuts-covid-vaccine-recommendation/	2025/05/28	
Study Finds a Steep Drop in Mothers' Mental Health	Health- Parenting	The CDC's immunization schedule is not only a guide for doctors – it also determines insurance coverage for most major private plans and Medicaid expansion programs. The mental health of mothers in the United States declined significantly from 2016 to 2023, according to a large new study published in JAMA Internal Medicine on Tuesday.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/27/health/familymental-mental-health/	2025/05/28	
THE NEW DARK AGE	Information Blackout	The findings come at a fraught moment in the national conversation around parenting and declining birthrates. The Trump administration is said to be weighing strategies to persuade more Americans to get married and have children. But just last year, Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, who was then the surgeon general, warned about declining parental mental health in an advisory that described many who were raising children as "exhausted, burned out and perpetually behind."	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/05/trump-defund-schools/	2025/05/28	
Heartbreaking: Thousands overwhelm Gaza food distribution site after aid blockade	International- Palestine	After 11 weeks of a total blockade of aid into Gaza, two United States-backed food distribution centers opened in the southern Gaza city of Rafah on Tuesday, sparking chaos as thousands descended on the area in search of food.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/heartbreaking-thousands-overwhelm-gaza/	2025/05/28	
Noem urges Poles to elect Trump ally as CPAC holds its first meeting in Poland	International- Poland	The Conservative Political Action Conference, the United States' premier conservative gathering, held its first meeting in Poland on Tuesday, just five days before a tightly contested presidential election between a liberal mayor and a candidate backed by U.S. President Donald Trump.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/28/pa-a-149273/noem-cpac-poland/	2025/05/28	
Venezuela holds more US citizens in jail than any foreign country: State Department	International- Venezuela	The State Department is ramping up efforts to dissuade Americans from traveling to Venezuela after revealing on Tuesday that the country is unjustly imprisoning more Americans than any other country. "There are more U.S. citizens being held in prisons in Venezuela than any other country," said Adam Boehler, the Trump administration's special presidential envoy for hostage recovery.	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/venezuela-holds-us-citizens-jail-foreign/	2025/05/28	
Scoop: Stephen Miller, Noem tell ICE to supercharge immigrant arrests	Political Cesspool	It also comes as the Trump administration's heavy-handed tactics in rounding up unauthorized immigrants – and in some cases, legal residents and even U.S. citizens – appear to have contributed to President Trump's slipping poll numbers on immigration.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/28/immigration-ice-deportations-stephen-miller-noem/	2025/05/28	Borders and Immigration
White House stunned as Hegseth inquiry brings up illegal wiretap claims	Political Cesspool	The White House has lost confidence in a Pentagon leak investigation that Pete Hegseth used to justify firing three top aides last month, after advisers were told that the aides had supposedly been outed by an illegal warrantless National Security Agency (NSA) wiretap.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/27/hegseth-pentagon	2025/05/28	
Trump Bordered Czar's Cash-In With Key ICE Contractor Unmasked	Political Cesspool	The extraordinary explanation alarmed the advisers, who also raised it with people close to JD Vance, because such a wiretap would almost certainly be unconstitutional and an even bigger scandal than a tier of leaks.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-border-czar-cash-key-215832271/	2025/05/28	
Conservative support builds for IVF guardrails	Reproductive rights	President Donald Trump's border czar Tom Homan was cashing checks from one of the private prison giants now poised to profit from the immigration crackdown he's overseeing. The revelation has fueled concerns that Homan's private sector ties are shaping the Trump administration's efforts to detain and deport migrants. The Washington Post reported, with Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) warning that "the corruption concerns are too large to ignore."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/28/trump-ivf-report-conservative-conce	2025/05/28	
Missouri Supreme Court puts state abortion ban back into effect for now	Reproductive rights	It also specifically called for support of "restorative reproductive medicine" built around ideas about healing infertile women through "hormone-balancing, dietary and nutritional adjustments, environmental changes and, in some cases, surgery." Advocates for reproductive medicine technologies say they're increasingly seeing references to "ethical IVF" pop up in state legislatures — a term they say implies some forms of IVF are somehow unethical — and wonder whether the term may appear in recommendations from the White House.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/28/trump-ivf-report-conservative-conce	2025/05/28	
Supreme Court rejects plea to block Arizona copper mine on land sacred to Apaches	Supreme Court	The American Society for Reproductive Medicine calls both ethical IVF and restorative medicine "misleading terminology" which "can be used to promote ideologically driven restrictions that could limit patient care."	https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/supreme-court-rejects-plea-to-block	2025/05/28	religion, Native American, Copper, rights, environment
Trump says "Golden Dome" will be free for Canada if it joins the U.S.	Trump Blatshi	The Missouri Supreme Court has ordered a judge in Kansas City to lift two rulings that halted enforcement of the state's near-total ban on abortion.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/28/trump-canada-golden-dome-campv	2025/05/28	
Millions of people in California told to stay out of the sun for 2 days	Weather- Heat wave	"This decision puts our state back under a de facto abortion ban and is devastating for Missourians and the providers they trust with their personal health care decisions," they wrote. "At Planned Parenthood health centers across Missouri, our patients remain our north star, and we will continue to fight for their freedom to the constitutionally protected health care they voted for."	https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/hotspots/millions-of-people-in-ca	2025/05/28	
Pigeons board a Delta flight, causing pandemonium and 2 trips back to the gate	Weird world	The Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected an appeal from Apaches who are fighting to halt a massive copper mining project on federal land in Arizona that they hold sacred. The justices left in place lower court decisions allowing the transfer of the Toiyto National Forest land, known as Oak Flat, to Resolution Copper, which plans to mine what it says is the second-largest known copper deposit in the world.	https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/Travel/2-pigeons-delta-flight-delaying-takeoff/	2025/05/28	
Black bear found sitting on stove inside home after crashing through ceiling	Weird world	The Trump administration has said it will push to complete the transfer. President Trump claimed Tuesday Kansas officials were considering his proposal for Canada to contribute \$61 billion toward his proposed "Golden Dome" missile defense shield versus paying nothing if it became the 51st U.S. state.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/black-bear-found-sitting-stove-inside-home	2025/05/28	
A Gardener Stumbles Upon Hidden Treasure in a Vermont Cave	Weird world	Millions of California residents are being warned to avoid sun exposure as an extreme heat wave is expected for much of the state, with temperatures forecast to surpass 100 degrees in multiple regions. The heat is expected to start on Friday and last until Sunday morning.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/27/us/buried-treasure-vermont-gardn	2025/05/28	
Kansas man built 'unstoppable' semi-truck to plough through everything, looks like GTA's Phantom Wedge	Weird world	The first bird began flying around the cabin shortly after boarding, prompting the aircraft to return to the gate. Ground crew removed it, but as the plane taxied out for takeoff, a second pigeon took flight, forcing the flight back once again.	https://supercarbondie.com/kansas-man-built-unstoppable-semi-truck/	2025/05/28	
Orphaned cub finds comfort in a teddy bear and costumed caregivers	Weird world	A black bear was discovered sitting on the stove inside a Kentucky home after crashing through the ceiling, authorities said.	https://apnews.com/article/san-diego-humane-society-black-bear-cub-c	2025/05/28	
We still don't know how tickling works. More serious research is needed, say scientists	Weird world	"Upon arrival, the bear was located sitting on the stove in the kitchen," authorities said. Ms. Wakefield, 46, soon learned that she had stumbled upon a treasure chest intentionally hidden by Michael Colverty O'Connell, the author of two history books that led readers on scavenger hunts around the Northeast.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/tickling-how-it-works/	2025/05/28	
No. 11 New list reveals the best rest stops in each state	Weird world	Collectively, the hidden chests have antiques worth upward of \$100,000, he said, though that has not been independently verified by The New York Times. He declined to say how many chests he had hidden; nearly 10 have been found, he said.	https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/tips-and-advice/best-rest-stops/	2025/05/28	
Revealed: Saudi Arabia's secretive rehabilitation 'prisons' for disobedient women	Women's rights	The woman's identity is unknown, but she was allegedly being held at one of Saudi Arabia's notoriously secretive "jails" for women banished by their families or husbands for disobedience, extramarital sexual relations or being absent from home. It was a rare glimpse of the plight of hundreds or more and young women believed to be held in such facilities, where they are "rehabilitated" so they can return to their families.	https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/may/28/saudi-arabia	2025/05/28	
New fiber optic cable in place to fix communications problems plaguing flights to Newark, DOT says	Aviation	Speaking out in public or sharing footage of these "care homes," or Dar al-Reaya, has become impossible in a country where voices on women's rights appear to have been silenced. But over the past six months, the Guardian has gathered testimony about what it is like inside these institutions, described as "hellish", with weekly floggings, forced religious teachings and no visits or contact with the outside world.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fiber-optic-cable-place-fix-175210927.html	2025/05/29	
U.S. to begin revoking visas for Chinese students	Borders and Immigration	A new fiber optic cable is now in place between Philadelphia and New York to improve air traffic control telecommunications at the facility that handles flights in and out of Newark Liberty International Airport, following a busy Memorial Day weekend, the Department of Transportation said Wednesday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/28/student-visas-china-us-nubio	2025/05/29	
About 40 people on Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket arrested by ICE Tuesday	Borders and Immigration	Duffy said the Federal Aviation Administration is using "an abundance of caution" with testing and moving the fiber line will be in use by the start of July. The U.S. will begin revoking visas for Chinese students, Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced Wednesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/40-people-martha-vineyard-nantucket-14	2025/05/29	
'Flooding could end southern Appalachia': the scientists on an urgent mission to save lives	Climate Crisis	The move marks a major escalation in the Trump administration's immigration crackdown, and comes a day after Rubio directed a halt to student visa interviews.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/28/climate/southern-appalachia-flooding/	2025/05/29	
Judge says Rubio "likely" violated Constitution in ordering Mahmoud Khalil deported	Constitutional Crisis	About 40 people were arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers after getting pulled over on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket on Tuesday.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/28/mx-s1-5418640/judge-says-rubio-likely-violated-constitution-in-ordering-mahmoud-khalil-deported	2025/05/29	

Trump Stonewalls Federal Judges In New Round Of Reasonable Offense	Constitutional Crisis	In three closely watched anti-immigration cases, the Trump administration continued its slow-motion constitutional defiance of the judicial branch ... Act I: Non-Responsiveness Act II: Delay Shenanigans Act III: Misdirection And Mischaracterization	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-stonewalls-federal-judges-round-1	2025/05/29	
National Guard likely to deploy by the end of the week in Albuquerque	Dystopian	New Mexico has made national headlines for deploying the New Mexico National Guard to help fight crime in Albuquerque. Now, they're potentially hours away from starting the experiment.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/national-guard-likely-deploy-end-010609	2025/05/29	
\$14 billion in clean energy projects have been canceled in the US this year, analysis says	Environment- Clean energy	Up to this point, airmen and soldiers have done at least 30 days of tactical and de-escalation training to prepare. On the ground, they'll help with crime scene security, the 'Real Time Crime Center's drone operations, and evidence tagging at the Prisoner Transport Center.	https://apnews.com/article/climate-clean-energy-investments-jump-us	2025/05/29	
Alpine village is largely destroyed when a Swiss glacier collapses	Environment- Tragic	More than \$14 billion in clean energy investments in the U.S. have been canceled or delayed this year, according to an analysis released Thursday, as President Donald Trump's pending megatill has raised fears over the future of domestic battery, electric vehicle and solar and wind energy development.	https://apnews.com/article/switzerland-alps-batten-evacuation-janda0	2025/05/29	
Thousands in Canada's Manitoba ordered to evacuate in wildfire emergency	Environment- Wildfire	A huge mass of rock and ice from a glacier thundered down a Swiss mountainside on Wednesday, sending plumes of dust skyward and coating with mud nearly all of an Alpine village that authorities had evacuated earlier this month as a precaution.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/29/canada-wildfire-man	2025/05/29	
Judge allows DOJ to access Treasury payment system	Fuck that department	"What I can tell you at the moment is that about 90% of the village is covered or destroyed, so it's a major catastrophe that has happened here in Batten." Stephanie Ganczer, the head of security in the southern Valais region, told local TV channel Canal8.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-allows-doge-access-treasury-1341	2025/05/29	
Elon Musk bemoans DOJ being used as a 'whipping boy' by Trump admin as he reveals the Agency's next target	Fuck that department	More than 17,000 people in Canada's western Manitoba province were being evacuated on Wednesday as the region experienced its worst start to the wildfire season in years.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-bemoans-doge-being-082901	2025/05/29	
Doge employees hold stock in firms set to benefit from cuts, Democrats allege	Fuck that department	"The Manitoba government has declared a province-wide state of emergency due to the wildfire situation," Manitoba's premier, Wab Kinew, told a news conference. This is the largest evacuation Manitoba will have seen in most people's living memory.		2025/05/29	corruption, insider trading, personal enrichment
Trumpoil resignations and 'psychological warfare': how Trump is crippling US national parks	Government- Jobs	A federal judge on Tuesday allowed the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) team embedded at the Treasury Department to access the sensitive system used to dole out trillions of dollars in government payments.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/28/trump-budget-bill-senate-byrd-recon	2025/05/29	
6 parts of Trump's budget bill that risk being axed by Senate rules	Government- Budget	Approximately 1,500 miles away from the White House on the factory floor of SpaceX's facility in Starbase, Texas, Musk issued his latest rebuke against President Donald Trump, arguing his federal government slashing force had become a scapegoat if "something bad would happen."	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/28/trump-budget-bill-senate-byrd-recon	2025/05/29	
Comey rips Patel, Bongino on leadership abilities, reopened FBI cases	Government- FBI	"DOGE is just becoming the whipping boy for everything," Musk told The Washington Post on Tuesday. "So, like, something bad would happen anyway, and we would get blamed for it even if we had nothing to do with it."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/comey-rips-patel-bongino-leadership-213	2025/05/29	
Trump administration cancels plans to develop a bird flu vaccine	Health- Bird flu	Employees of Elon Musk's "department of government efficiency" (DOGE) own lucrative stock in companies that stand to directly benefit from their work gutting federal agencies, Democratic senators have alleged.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/28/trump-vaccine-bird-flu	2025/05/29	
Doctors fear 'devastating consequences' for pregnant people after RFX order on Covid-19 boosters	Health- Covid	"We write regarding new reports that Doge employees at the treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) have been engaged in the dismantling of these agencies while holding hundreds of thousands of dollars of stock in private companies benefitting from these individuals' efforts to eliminate key programs, staff, and policies."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doctors-fear-devastating-consequences-4	2025/05/29	RFX, JR, BS
Hawaii governor says new COVID vaccine recommendation could 'kill Americans'	Health- Covid	But after Donald Trump took office, Nebel's rewarding job turned into a bottomless pit of frustrations. As "department of government efficiency" (DOGE) staff embedded themselves in the National Park Service on their hunt for "waste, fraud and abuse," Nebel says his program — which works closely with universities, non-profits and Native American tribes — became hamstringed.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hawaii-governor-says-covid-vaccine-026	2025/05/29	
At least 360 Harvard medical grants were terminated by the Trump administration. Here are some of them	Information- Blackout	"They made it impossible to do agreements with outside organizations, uphold contracts, purchase the tools we needed or send samples out to a lab for analysis," he says. "And we were supposed to stop talking about climate change."	https://abcnews.go.com/US/360-harvard-medical-grants-terminated-by	2025/05/29	
Hundreds of starving Palestinians storm Gaza food warehouse in deadly incident, says UN agency	International- Palestine	He and his staff were also experiencing constant emotional stress. So Nebel made the tough decision to retire early to protect his health. "It was incredibly difficult and heartbreaking," he says. "But I was tired of being manipulated, humiliated and unable to do the work that I was hired to do for the American people."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hundreds-starving-palestinians-storm-gaz	2025/05/29	
Court says Trump doesn't have the authority to set tariffs	Judicial- Pushback	Sources from both parties pointed to these issues as some of the likely major fights to come in the Senate over the reconciliation package.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/28/trump-tariffs-trade-court-ruling	2025/05/29	
GOP's budget package proposes to cut benefits and raise fees for legal immigrants	Political- Cesspool	The RENS Act would significantly boost congressional authority to review and stop federal regulations. Republicans are expecting a fight to convince the parliamentarians that it is budget-related, sources told Axios.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/28/trump-tariffs-trade-court-ruling	2025/05/29	
Nancy Mace ran hot army, had staff run fake accounts to boost profits, report claims. It's what she does for fun	Political- Cesspool	Gender-affirming care: The House bill would prevent the use of Medicaid to cover gender-affirming care. Democrats plan to argue this is more about a political agenda than making changes to the federal budget.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nancy-mace-ran-hot-army-22133708-hi	2025/05/29	
Tulsi Gabbard grows to become Donald Trump's most dangerous threat	Political- Cesspool	At moratorium: The House bill includes a 10-year ban on state laws regulating artificial intelligence. Energy permitting: The House-passed bill includes an expedited permitting process for certain natural gas energy pipeline projects, capping all federal and state review periods to a maximum of one year.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tulsi-gabbard-grows-become-donald-100	2025/05/29	
HHS letter tells health care providers to disregard treatment protocols for trans people, adhere to report by unnamed authors	Rainbow- threats	Immigration fees: Democrats may also try to push back on the bill's major fees for asylum seekers, arguing it is more about deterrence than a genuine revenue raiser.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hhs-letter-tells-health-care-023602788-hi	2025/05/29	
FBI announces investigation after LGBT advocates clash with Christian groups at Seattle's city hall	Rainbow- threats	Comey also said it struck him as unusual that the deputy director would announce these FBI decisions via a post on the social platform X.	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/fbi-invest	2025/05/29	

		Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr wants to ban top government scientists from publishing in "corrupt" medical journals and force them to present research in MAGA-backed publications instead. The new government journals would immediately receive credibility because they'd be funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), said Kennedy. This is despite NIH funding falling more than \$3 billion between President Donald Trump's inauguration and March, when compared to the same time last year.			
RFK Jr wants to ban government scientists from publishing in top journals and instead create a MAGA-backed publication Trump pardons criminals with MAGA credentials or big money	RFK JR BS Trump Bulshit	The scientific community is becoming increasingly concerned that research efforts are not progressing due to the Trump administration's actions. Two reality stars, a MAGA-aligned sheriff and a former nursing home executive with a well-connected mother recently joined the list of President Trump's democracy recipients. Trump's announcement also contained a glaring omission — his own political committees have received scores of contributions from potentially problematic donors. The AP identified only two Trump donors out of more than 200 living abroad whose U.S. citizenship was listed as "verified" in the president's campaign finance reports. He received over 1,000 contributions from 150 donors who omitted key identifying details such as their city, state, address or country. Trump also received at least 50 contributions from people who omitted their full name, are listed as "anonymous" or whose donations include the notation "name not provided."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rf-k-wants-ban-government-173506465 https://www.axios.com/2025/05/23/trump-pardons-christley-walczak-jer	2025/05/29 2025/05/29	
Takesaways: Trump's campaign has received scores of donations from problematic donors Trump Slams Reporter on Camera Who Tells Him the Meaning of His 'TACO' Nickname: 'Don't Ever Say What You Sinf'	Trump Bulshit Trump Bulshit	A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of International Trade ruled that Trump overstepped his authority when he invoked the 1977 International Emergency Economic Powers Act to declare a national emergency and justify the sweeping tariffs. The tariffs overturned decades of U.S. trade policy, disrupted global commerce, rattled financial markets and raised the risk of higher prices and recession in the United States and around the world. The U.S. Court of International Trade has jurisdiction over civil cases involving trade. Its decisions can be appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington and ultimately to the Supreme Court, where the legal challenges to Trump's tariffs are widely expected to end up.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/takesaways-trumps-campaign-received-sc https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-slams-reporter-camera-tells-20364	2025/05/29 2025/05/29	
What happens to Trump's tariffs now that a court has knocked them down? Trump to consider pardon for group convicted of plotting to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer	Trump Bulshit Trump Bulshit	President Donald Trump says he will consider pardoning the extremists convicted in the failed plot to kidnap Michigan's Democratic Governor Gretchen Whitmer in 2020. When it was all over, Trump apparently decided he had been thinking too small. In his first term, he made improper millions. In his second term, he is reaching for billions: a \$2 billion investment by a United Arab Emirates state-owned enterprise in the Binance crypto exchange using the Trump family's statecoin asset. An unknown number of balloons placed by Qatar in a Trump-family real-estate development in that emirate, topped by the gift of a 747 luxury jet for the president's personal use in office and afterward. Government-approved support for a Trump golf course in Vietnam while its leaders were negotiating with the United States for relief from Trump tariffs. Last week, Trump hosted more than 200 purchasers of his meme coin, many of them apparently foreign nationals, for a private dinner, with no disclosure of the names of those who had paid into his pocket for access to the meme coin and the deal. The NHC said the system still lacks a "well-defined circulation" but that environmental conditions remain favorable for further development, and that a "tropical depression or tropical storm" is expected to form Wednesday afternoon or evening. The hurricane center says there is a 100% chance of formation through the next 48 hours. If the system becomes a tropical storm, it will be called Alvin, the first named tropical cyclone anywhere in the Northern Hemisphere this year.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-trade-tariffs-lawsuit-23c7e1e8f https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-r	2025/05/29 2025/05/29	
THE TRUMP PRESIDENCY'S WORLD-HISTORICAL HEIST	Trump Bulshit	The heaviest rain is expected across the southern Plains and Gulf Coast, with storms threatening localized flash flooding, lightning, large hail and a few fat rainstorms, the weather service said. The riskiest of risk include Houston, Austin, New Orleans and Atlanta, as well as portions of Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas. The National Weather Service Office in Huntsville covers 11 counties in North Alabama. The Huntsville forecast office has issued 52 tornado warnings to date in North Alabama. 22 of those warnings being issued during the tornado out break on May 20. The tornado count to date is at 28 for North Alabama. This is the most tornadoes to date since 2011. At this time in 2011, a total of 47 tornadoes had tracked through the area. The majority of these tornadoes formed during the deadly outbreak on April 27. A panicked Good Samaritan had seen what they were certain was a poor, injured black and white dog lying on the side of the road while they were driving, the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region wrote in its post about the content of the call. "When she got to the scene, she saw the 'dog' in question. Except it... It wasn't a dog," the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region detailed on Facebook. "It wasn't injured. It wasn't... alive. It was a tiger." Thankfully, Officer Jones didn't encounter a dead tiger. Instead of an injured dog, she found "a stuffed tiger, like the kind you win at a carnival if you're good at tossing rings or bribing the teenager in charge."	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/05/trump-golden-age-sc	2025/05/29	corruption, presidential piggy bank, fleecing the country
Tropical Storm Alvin likely to form in Pacific: Sea, projected path, spaghetti models	Weather- Hurricane	The heaviest rain is expected across the southern Plains and Gulf Coast, with storms threatening localized flash flooding, lightning, large hail and a few fat rainstorms, the weather service said. The riskiest of risk include Houston, Austin, New Orleans and Atlanta, as well as portions of Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas. The National Weather Service Office in Huntsville covers 11 counties in North Alabama. The Huntsville forecast office has issued 52 tornado warnings to date in North Alabama. 22 of those warnings being issued during the tornado out break on May 20. The tornado count to date is at 28 for North Alabama. This is the most tornadoes to date since 2011. At this time in 2011, a total of 47 tornadoes had tracked through the area. The majority of these tornadoes formed during the deadly outbreak on April 27. A panicked Good Samaritan had seen what they were certain was a poor, injured black and white dog lying on the side of the road while they were driving, the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region wrote in its post about the content of the call. "When she got to the scene, she saw the 'dog' in question. Except it... It wasn't a dog," the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region detailed on Facebook. "It wasn't injured. It wasn't... alive. It was a tiger." Thankfully, Officer Jones didn't encounter a dead tiger. Instead of an injured dog, she found "a stuffed tiger, like the kind you win at a carnival if you're good at tossing rings or bribing the teenager in charge."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tropical-storm-alvin-likely-form-12290377	2025/05/29	
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Elon Musk's cost-cutting at DOGE has been a colossal failure. But he has achieved something more dangerous		Similarly, if you wanted to deport millions of immigrants while massively increasing your ability to surveil and control U.S. citizens, you could do much worse than inserting DOGE staffers into numerous federal agencies to access and merge sensitive databases that have long been kept separate, while allegedly playing fast and loose with security safeguards.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-musk-cost-cutting-at-doge-has-been-a-colossal-failure-but-he-has-achieved-something-more-dangerous-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
Fuck that guy		The Trump administration is trying to revive a measure that would make state government workers who currently enjoy strong civil-service employment protections more like those in Corporate America: easily fireable. For now, many federal workers can't be fired for their political affiliations and can only be fired for a justifiable cause. Trump's move would change that by classifying them as employees who determine or make policy. They could, therefore, be fired for any legal reason with little to no notice.		
DOGE started the federal worker firings. Trump is trying to make more of them even easier.	Government Jobs	Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester has written a scolding letter to Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. demanding that he clarify whether the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has an acting director. In her three-page missive, Blunt Rochester suggested that Matthew Buzzelli, the person Kennedy said was the CDC's acting director, cannot hold the role because he isn't qualified under the federal Vacancies Act.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-firing-government-workers-more-9-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
Blunt Rochester presses RFK Jr. on CDC acting director	Government-DOJ	Attorney General Pam Bondi told the American Bar Association (ABA) Thursday that the Trump administration would no longer cooperate as the organization vets its judicial nominees.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doj-cutting-american-bar-association-access-to-judicial-nominees-215-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
DOJ cutting American Bar Association access to judicial nominees	Government-DOJ	Denver's air traffic control facility has 17 fewer controllers than the FAA's target, according to data from the agency's 2024-2033 workforce plan. Northern California TRACON is 34 controllers below the target, and Jacksonville's air traffic control center is 31 employees below the target.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/understaffed-air-traffic-control-airport-142-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
How understaffed is air traffic control at your airport? Map of FAA data shows shortfalls	Government-FAA	More than 1,200 employees, including seasoned leaders and technical experts, have walked out of the agency as a result of a deferred-resignation program initiated by Elon Musk and the Trump administration to curb labor costs, internal memos reviewed by the Wall Street Journal found.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ssa-faces-crisis-over-elon-181330326.html	2025/05/30
FAA Faces New Crisis over Elon Musk's Mass Resignations, Leaked Documents Reveal	Government-ICE	Retirees have also contributed to the number of employees departing the agency. Two top officials at Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have been ousted from leadership as the White House ramps up the pressure on the agency to arrest an unprecedented number of immigrants, five sources familiar with the situation told Axios.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/29/ice-firings-immigrant-arrests	2025/05/30
ICE officials ousted amid demands for more immigrant arrests	Government-Spies	An information technology specialist for the Defense Intelligence Agency was charged Thursday with attempting to transmit classified information to a representative of a foreign government, the Justice Department said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-government-employee-charged-trying-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
US government employee charged with trying to give classified information to a foreign government		COVID-19 cases are rising again as a new variant begins to circulate in some parts of the world. The World Health Organization said Wednesday the rise in cases is primarily in the eastern Mediterranean, Southeast Asia and western Pacific regions.	https://apnews.com/article/covid-variant-who-285a3e5146a497c0cb25c	2025/05/30
A new variant of COVID-19 may be driving up cases in some parts of the world, WHO says	Health- Covid	Airport screening in the United States has detected the new variant in travelers arriving from those regions to destinations in California, Washington state, Virginia and New York. The new variant is called N.18.1. It arrives as the United States' official stance on COVID-19 vaccination is changing.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/covid-subvariant-spreads-rapidly-trump-1-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
A new COVID subvariant spreads rapidly as Trump pivots away from vaccines	Health- Covid	A new, highly transmissible COVID subvariant has been detected in California — heightening the risk of a potential summer wave as recent moves by the Trump administration threaten to make vaccines harder to get, and more expensive, for many Americans, some health experts warn. Last month, Soldier told the Trump administration on an offer of early retirement, joining an exodus from the Food Safety and Inspection Service that began under President Biden's reorganization of the agency last year. Soldier, who also chairs the National Joint Council of Food Inspection Locals, says remaining inspectors must now visit eight facilities — double the usual number — each day. That's not possible, she says, so it's unclear how much food is legitimately earning that stamp of approval. "Do I foresee another Boar's Head situation? Absolutely," she says. "I worry about the public."	https://www.rpr.org/sections/shorts/health-news/2025/05/29/mxa-st-54113	2025/05/30
How safe is the food supply after federal cutbacks? Experts are worried	Health- Food	Andrew Melnick, a Pittsburgh banker and one of America's wealthiest men in the early 20th century, was treasury secretary to three Republican presidents — Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover — for more than a decade in the 1920s and early 1930s. Three presidents served under him, the joke went. Sen. Robert La Follette Sr., a Wisconsin progressive, said Melnick was "the real president of the United States. Calvin Coolidge is merely the man who occupies the White House."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/100-years-elon-musk-one-161528123.html	2025/05/30
100 years before Elon Musk, one of America's richest men came to fix Washington. It didn't end well.	History	Bukele rose to near-total control of El Salvador on a tide of support from the very gang he's credited with defeating, according to a U.S. federal indictment. The Treasury Department, regional experts and Salvadoran media. In March, Trump's Justice Department dropped terrorism charges against Cesar Humberto Lopez-Larios, an alleged top MS-13 leader, and returned him to El Salvador before he could potentially reveal Bukele's deals in an American courtroom.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/crime/texas-abortions-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
Texas police used nationwide license plate reader network to track woman who had self-managed abortion	Reproductive rights	The 2021 victory gave Bukele's Nuevas Ideas party a legislative supermajority that allowed the term-limited president to oust the country's supreme court, oust the attorney general, and blow through El Salvador's constitution to run for and win a second term. In return, MS-13 leaders received prison privileges, financial benefits — and a ban on extraditions to the United States. U.S. prosecutors, Salvadoran media and people familiar with the negotiations told USA TODAY.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/shadowy-rise-donald-trumps-favorite-900-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
The shadowy rise of Donald Trump's favorite president: Nayib Bukele	International- El Salvador	But when partners struggle to conceive, the burden is rarely distributed evenly between men and women. Still, fertility experts say we're missing a key component of the conversation — male infertility. Research shows that for heterosexual couples trying to conceive, when the cause of infertility can be attributed to a known factor, it's a roughly 50-50 split between male and female factors. The male partner was found to be solely responsible in about 20% of infertility cases, and a contributing factor in another 30-40% of all cases. Male and female infertility factors often coexist, yet a high number of men do not undergo testing before their female partner begins IVF, according to Dr. Neal Shah, the Chief Medical Officer at Maven Clinic, a virtual clinic for women's and family health.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-wants-women-more-120119-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
The White House wants women to have more babies. They're ignoring part of the problem — men.	Reproductive rights	Virginia is the only state in the US south without a strict abortion ban, and abortion is legal in the state through the end of the second trimester of pregnancy. The state's current Republican governor, Glenn Youngkin, previously failed to build support for a 15-week abortion ban, a framework Katie Sears endorsed. While campaigning for lieutenant governor in January 2021, before Roe v Wade was overturned and support for abortion rights rose among the US public, Katie-Sears said a reporter that she considered abortion to be "genocide" and that she wanted to make abortion illegal in all cases unless the mother's life was at risk.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/30/abortion-wisconsin-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
GOP nominee for Virginia governor tries to distance herself from anti-abortion past	Reproductive rights	A Texas sheriff's office tapped into a nationwide network of tens of thousands of automatic license plate readers to locate a woman who had a self-managed abortion, raising alarms from privacy and abortion access advocates. Abortion is almost entirely illegal in Texas, but the search included cameras in states where abortion is legal, like Washington and Illinois, according to data obtained by tech news website 404 Media.	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/texas-abortions-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
Texas police used nationwide license plate reader network to track woman who had self-managed abortion	Reproductive rights	The Make America Healthy Again commission report that that blamed factors including bad diets and unnecessary medication for causing chronic illness in children cited hundreds of studies and sources, some of which didn't exist. NOTUS first reported. As a reminder: Vaccines have proven to be one of the greatest accomplishments of modern medicine. The jobs are so effective at preventing illness that they have practically eradicated some of the worst diseases from our collective culture, from rabies to polio and smallpox, a fact that has possibly fueled some into believing that the viruses and their complications aren't a significant threat for the average, health-conscious individual.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/30/white-house-health-report-errors-fix-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
White House moves to fix errors in MAHA commission report	RFK JR BS	Senior officials in the Trump administration have intervened in attempt to save more than 300 ostriches on a farm in British Columbia which the Canadian government had ordered to be killed over fears the flock is infected with avian flu. Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the US health secretary, and Mehmet Oz, a physician and former TV host appointed by Trump as the director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, have offered to move the birds to Oz's ranch in Florida — despite the kill order imposed by Canadian health authorities.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-arb-vaccine-was-171605671.html	2025/05/30
RFK Jr. Just Made Another Pandemic Even More Likely	RFK JR BS	The U.S. Supreme Court sharply narrowed the scope of a key environmental statute on Thursday. The decision makes it easier to win approval for highways, bridges, pipelines, wind farms and other infrastructure projects. The National Environmental Policy Act is considered the nation's premier environmental law because it sets up a regulatory regime under which the federal government seeks information from a wide array of agencies about the impact of proposed infrastructure projects before they're built.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-mehmet-oz-seek-17184949.html	2025/05/30
RFK Jr. offers to save Canadian ostriches with suspected bird flu and move them to US	RFK JR BS	In carrying out the review, the U.S. Surface Transportation Board sought input from other agencies, prepared a 3,600-page report and approved the railroad project, after concluding that its transportation and economic benefits outweighed the negative impact on the environment. The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington subsequently ruled that the Board had violated NEPA, by failing to consider the environmental effects from oil drilling and production, referred to as upstream, and oil refining and distribution, known as downstream. The Supreme Court, however, reversed that ruling, and in so doing dramatically limited the 1970 law. The vote was unanimous, though Justice Neil Gorsuch did not take part in deliberations, and the court's three liberals wrote a more limited concurring opinion. The Court's conservatives, however, took a major attack at the NEPA law. Confusion reigned on German autobahns and highways at the start of one of the busiest holiday breaks of the year on Thursday as Google Maps wrongly indicated that vast swathes of them were closed. Those relying on Google Maps were left with the impression that large parts of Germany had ground to a halt. The situation was compounded by the fact that large numbers of Germans were on the road at the start of a four-day break for the Ascension holiday.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/05/29/mxa-st-54154742/supreme-court-nepa	2025/05/30
Supreme Court limits environmental reviews of infrastructure projects	Supreme Court	The closure reports led to the clogging of alternative routes on smaller thoroughfares and lengthy delays as police scrambled to find detours. Police and road traffic control authorities had to answer a flood of queries as people contacted them for help. The Trump administration's embrace of AI acceleration is testing MAGA's populist roots, as fears mount of a jobs apocalypse that could destabilize the movement's economic foundation.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/30/chaos-on-german-autobahn-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
Chaos on German autobahns as Google Maps wrongly says they are closed	Technology Mistakes	Despite the threat of job losses, the Republican Party — especially its new allies in Silicon Valley — broadly views AI advancement as an inevitable boon to the economy. Black smoke hung over a chemical plant in eastern China on Wednesday, a day after a massive blast killed at least five people, flattened buildings and fueled safety fears among residents living close to the factory. Six people are still missing after the explosion at the plant in Gaomi, a city in the eastern province of Shandong, the official Xinhua news agency said. Another 18 people were injured.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/29/ssa-trump-maga-job-losses-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
MAGA's AI juggling act	Technology-AI	Someone who take him at his word are beginning to get restless as they ask why his administration, which holds the keys to chasing down these alleged government secrets, is denying them the evidence and restitution they expected. His Justice Department has not yet arrested hordes of "deep state" actors as some of his supporters had hoped it would, even as the president has been posting cryptic videos and memes about Democratic politicians. Now that Trump is in power and has stocked loyalists throughout his administration, his supporters expect all to be revealed. On that is difficult when many of the conspiracies he alleged aren't real, said Joseph Viscusi, a political scientist who studies conspiracy theories at the University of Miami.	https://apnews.com/article/epstein-files-assassination-trump-bio-conspir-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
Trump has long warned of a government 'deep state'. Now in power, he's under pressure to expose it.	Trump Bulshit	President Donald Trump's critics are seizing on two words in his latest legal filing: "mental anguish."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/snowflake-trump-morally-mocked-as-his-newest-legal-claim-backfires-spectacularly-12345678901.html	2025/05/30
'Snowflake' Trump Morally Mocked As His Newest Legal Claim Backfires Spectacularly	Trump Bulshit			

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Why giant statues of snakes popped up in Geneva	Weird world		https://www.rnr.org/sections/poats-and-soda/2025/05/20/g-a1-68259ur	2025/05/30
Experience: I've made the longest chain of chewing-gum wrappers in the world	Weird world	According to the latest official measurement, my chain is 23.226 miles (37.4km) long. Getting the chain measured is quite an undertaking. Every five years, land surveyors come over, and two witnesses have to independently verify the length. It takes many hours. In March this year, they reported that my chain was made of 2,963,788 wrappers. The infamous location for summer fun was the subject of a 2020 documentary, <i>Class Action Park</i>. Created by filmmakers Chris Charles Scott and Seth Porges, the film shares some of the more shocking stories in Action Park history and why it's still beloved despite so many dangerous incidents.	https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2025/may/30/experience-ive	2025/05/30
Why the 'World's Most Dangerous Amusement Park' Continues to Fascinate 47 Years After It Closed	Weird world		https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/articles/why-the-worlds-most-danger-20250530	2025/05/30
Turkish woman establishes world record for watermelons crushed with thighs	Weird World	A Turkish woman who squashed five watermelons within a 60-second timeframe, using only her thighs, has set a world record. Guinness World Records shared a video Friday of Gozde Dogan completing the challenge. The Forest Service's Shasta-Trinity National Forest team said on social media that rangers stationed at the Mount Shasta Audubon Center were on a routine patrol when they came across a goose that somehow ended up at Old Ski Bowl at an elevation of 10,000 feet. "Upon our rangers' arrival, the climber (flyer?) had on only one layer of down and was neither prepared for the temperature nor overnight camping," the post said.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/01/17/turkish-woman-crushes-watermelons-using-thighs/5221737129404/	
Rangers rescue goose 10,000 feet up a California mountain	Weird World	Rangers Nick Meyers and Eric Falconer "were able to offer the goose a quick descent to a local pond at lower elevations before returning to regular duties," officials wrote.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/01/15/Mount-Shasta-goose-California/7371736959792/	
Coyotes makes 'a mistake,' winds up in Aid, refrigerated, alive!	Weird World	A confused coyote was removed from a grocery store's refrigerated meat display morning. The incident occurred at a Chicago-area Aldi store, where the animal apparently sought refuge in the store's produce aisle. A Florida museum gathered 468 people in dinosaur costumes to break a Guinness World Record. The record to beat stood at 252 people, and was set in Los Angeles in 2019.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/01/14/coyote-hiding-aldi-shelf/497173683438/	
Florida museum gathers 468 people in dinosaur costumes	Weird World	A Guinness World Records adjudicator confirmed the Florida attempt took the title with 468 participants.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/01/13/Cox-Science-Center-and-Aquarium-Guinness-World-Records-dinosaur-costumes/330173690454/	
From gross to gorgeous: Scientists 'transform' festid fatbergs into 'sweet-smelling' perfume	Weird World	Fatbergs are created when people flush condoms, wet wipes and other solid waste down the toilet, where they combine with congealed sewage and cooking oil to form a blemish blob. "What we've done is engineer bacteria to eat fatbergs and turn them into fragrance compounds used in products such as perfumes and shampoos," Stephen Wallace, a professor from the University of Edinburgh who proposed the unusual recycling measure, told Scotland's STV News.	https://nypost.com/2025/01/15/fatbergs-from-gross-to-gorgeous-scientists-transform-fetid-fatbergs-into-sweet-smelling-perfume/	
New supergiant 'Death Vader' sea bug discovered in South China Sea — and it's absolutely massive	Weird World	Bathynomus vadeti belongs to the genus Bathynomus — giant isopods that are abundant in cold, deep waters. It is a "supergiant," weighing over 2.2 pounds (1 kilogram) and growing up to 12.8 inches (32.5 cm) long.	https://www.livescience.com/animals/crustaceans/new-supergiant-death-vader-sea-bug-discovered-in-south-china-sea-and-its-absolute-massive	
Kansas linemen save mom bobcat and kitten during ice storm	Weird World	Urban, working alongside Eric Hartwell, were working on restoring power to Kansas impacted by the weekend's winter storm, when the two were given a new task. Two bobcats needed rescuing from a nearby power pole, and they were frozen stuck. The high temperature in Norton on Sunday was a freezing 16 degrees, with a wind chill of -5°F. "I couldn't keep them off," Urban said. "She (the mother) was frozen down to the top of the pole so I had to make a snare out of a piece of pipe and some rope hold her down while I beat the ice loose that lowered her down to the ground. I had to do the same with the kitten."	https://www.kake.com/home/kansas-linemen-save-mom-bobcat-and-kitten-during-ice-storm/article_d6c88c80-cbb7-11ef-a57e-df0cbe180e.html	
Senate Republicans introduce bill to reform birthright citizenship, following Trump's controversial order	Borders and immigration	Titled the "Birthright Citizenship Act of 2025," the bill would end the practice of automatically conferring citizenship status on people born in the U.S. of parents who are either illegal aliens or who are in the country legally on a temporary basis. The bill was introduced in the Senate on Jan. 31 by Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Katie Britt of Alabama and Ted Cruz of Texas.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-republicans-introduce-bill-reform-204919745.html	
Analysis: Trump plans to invoke obscure 18th century wartime law in bid for mass deportations	Borders and immigration	President Donald Trump is set to test the limits of his immigration crackdown by invoking a wartime law to deport immigrants alleged to be gang members without court hearings, a broad authority that could supercharge his mass deportation push and potentially sweep in people not charged with crimes.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/analysis-trump-plans-invoke-obscure-11017248.html	
Trump makes DOGE head Elon Musk a 'special government employee' amid accusations of a takeover	Fuck that guy	Trump made Musk a "special government employee," the official said. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt later confirmed to reporters that Musk had officially joined the administration. The designation allows Musk to work for the federal government with or without compensation for a limited amount of time. He also received a government email and an office. The administration official said Musk would not receive a paycheck. A Department of Justice prosecutor is unhappy with the blowback Elon Musk's take "Department of Government Efficiency" is getting, and is threatening legal action. Interim D.C. U.S. Attorney Ed Martin posted a letter to Musk on X Monday asking Musk to "utilize me and my staff to assist in protecting the DOGE work and the DOGE workers."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-makes-doge-head-elon-18345690.html	
U.S. Attorney Vows to Target Anyone Who Tries to Stop Elon Musk's DOGE	Fuck that guy	"Any threats, confrontations, or other actions in any way that impact their work may break numerous laws," Martin wrote. "Let me assure you of this: we will pursue any and all legal action against anyone who impedes your work or threatens your people." Representatives from the Elon Musk-led Department of Government Efficiency threatened to call law enforcement on U.S. Agency for International Development staff who refused to give them access to the agency's systems, according to a report.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/u-s-attorney-vows-target-anyone-22383935.html	
Musk's Goons Demand: Show Secrets or We'll Call Marshals	Fuck that guy	Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) said the Trump administration's crackdown on the agency was kicking off a "constitutional crisis." The U.S. hit another grim record this week as new coronavirus cases reached a single-day high of nearly 60,000—a figure that the New York Times reported was the sixth single-day record in 10 days. On Thursday alone, Alabama, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, and Texas set all-time highs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-goons-demand-show-secrets-204435897.html	
Map: It's not just Florida, Texas, California, and Arizona driving the new record high in U.S. COVID cases	Health- Covid	President Trump is totally ignorant of California's complex water system and will never acknowledge it. Calling him ignorant is giving the guy the benefit of the doubt. It's saying he's misinformed and fanatical, not outright lying, as he meddles deeply in California water. The president keeps saying California gets water from the Pacific Northwest. No, that's Oregon and Washington. Their water stays there — although every few years someone voices a crackpot idea about California importing water from the Columbia River. It can't happen politically or economically. Trump has even recently talked about siphoning water from Canada for California. Except he seems to think the system already exists and the Canadian water flows down here "naturally." It's hard to really know what he thinks. Maybe he'll next suggest towing icebergs from Greenland.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/map-not-just-florida-texas-220521382.html	
Column: What does Trump know about California's water system? So much less than he's ever admit	Trump Bullshit	But it's clear he believes there's some delta "valve" that could send "massive amounts of water" to L.A. to fight wildfires — if only Gov. Gavin Newsom would twist it open. Trump celebrated the move in posts to Truth Social post on Friday and Sunday, declaring, "The water is flowing in California," and adding the water was "heading to farmers throughout the state, and to Los Angeles." There are two major problems, water experts said. The newly released water will not flow to Los Angeles, and it is being wasted by being released during the wet winter season. "They were holding extra water in those reservoirs because of the risk that it would be a dry summer," Heather Cooley, director of research for California water policy organization the Pacific Institute. "This puts agriculture at risk of insufficient water during the summer months."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/column-what-does-trump-know-california-110030294.html	
2.2 billion gallons of water flowed out of California reservoirs because of Trump's order to open dams	Trump Bullshit	Veterinarians and public health officials say this and other information frozen in the "immediate pause" on communication issued by the Trump admin that has caused widespread chaos and confusion in federal agencies is critical to ensure that bird flu doesn't spiral out of control and turn into a full-blown pandemic. "There was a serology study that was going to be reported about veterinarians with direct contact to cattle," said Dr. Abrar Karan, an infectious disease physician at Stanford University. "That would be very interesting information because many of us that are working in this space have suspicions that there are undetected spillovers happening."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/2-2-billion-gallons-water-245021910.html	
Trump administration's communication freeze, restricted access to critical bird flu information	Trump Bullshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-communication-freeze-restricted-140006430.html	
All the news			https://thn.tiny.us/Febuary-24-March-1-2025	
March 3-8 spreadsheet	All	Int.	https://thn.tiny.us/march-3-8-2025	
First national analysis finds America's butterflies are disappearing at 'catastrophic' rate	Environment- Animals	America's butterflies are disappearing because of insecticides, climate change and habitat loss, with the number of the winged beauties down 22% since 2000, a new study finds. A team of scientists combined 76,957 surveys from 35 monitoring programs and blended them for an apples-to-apples comparison and ended up counting 12.6 million butterflies over the decades. Last month an annual survey that looked just at monarch butterflies, which federal officials plan to put on the threatened species list, counted a nearly all-time low of fewer than 10,000, down from 1.2 million in 1997. Many of the species in decline fell by 40% or more.	https://apnews.com/article/butterflies-beauty-disappearing-climate-change-habitat-insecticide-c74c6a59983e4b77da7da764e05051b3	
'Gay' Hiroshima bomber, female and Black soldiers, being erased in shocking Pentagon DEI file purge	Trump Bullshit	References to a World War II Medal of Honor recipient, the Enola Gay aircraft that dropped an atomic bomb on Japan, and the first women to pass Marine infantry training are among the tens of thousands of photos and online posts marked for deletion as the Defense Department works to purge DEI content, diversity, equity and inclusion content, according to a shocking database obtained by The Associated Press. One official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to provide details that have not been made public, said the purge could delete as many as 100,000 images or posts in total, when considering social media pages and other websites that are also being culled for diversity, equity and inclusion content. In some cases, photos seemed to be flagged for removal simply because their file included the word "gay," including service members with that last name and an image of the B-29 aircraft Enola Gay, which dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, during World War II.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/pentagon-pete-hegseth-trump-enola-gay-b2710678.html	
'A new phase': why climate activists are turning to sabotage instead of protest	Environment- Sabotage	Five years ago, climate activists from Extinction Rebellion (XR) and the school strikes movement believed getting huge numbers of people on the streets could persuade the powerful to change course on the climate crisis. Then protesters from groups such as Insulate Britain and Just Stop Oil (JSO) put their bodies and freedom on the line to disrupt business as usual, in an effort to concentrate minds. Now, with climate breakdown worsening and fossil fuel emissions showing no signs of peaking, let alone abating, some say it is time to escalate the campaign of disruption, by carrying out clandestine acts of sabotage against the corporations they see as responsible for the destruction of the climate. The category 4 storm caused severe damage to more than 400,000 acres of forest in rural areas of western North Carolina alone, stripping entire mountainsides bare, according to the latest assessment by the US Forest Service. Almost half the forest in Mitchell county was severely damaged, as was about 30% in Ashe and Watauga and 17% in Buncombe county. he extent of the tree damage is "extraordinary and humbling," according to Steve Korman, a research ecologist who conducted the assessment using remote sensing satellites at the Forest Service's Southern Research Centre.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/mar/08/a-new-phase-why-climate-activists-are-turning-to-sabotage-instead-of-protest	
Tree loss from hurricane leaves Asheville vulnerable to new climate shocks	Environment- Trees	The damage count does not, however, include urban areas like Asheville, a city in Buncombe county which suffered unprecedented large-scale tree failures because some streets and neighborhoods completely bare. Firefighters are making progress battling a series of brush fires on Long Island that burned over 400 hundred acres of land and prompted evacuations east of New York City, local officials say.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/08/asheville-trees-hurricane-helene-north-carolina	
Long island brush fire is 22% contained, as firefighters battle high winds	Environment- Wildfires	Romaine said authorities were watching to make sure the fire, which was fueled by downed trees and fanned by 35 mile-per-hour winds, didn't restart. "We are concerned, because the winds are still blowing, that it might spark up again," he said.	https://www.rnr.org/2025/03/08/g-a1-52862-bush-fires-on-long-island	
'She is evil': Amy Coney Barrett under attack by right wing after AfD ruling	Face eating party	Amy Coney Barrett, the Donald Trump-appointed conservative supreme court justice, has been branded "a DEE-judge" by furious rightwing figures, after she voted to reject Trump's attempt to freeze nearly 520 in foreign aid.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/she-evil-amy-coney-barrett-150902633.html	

		Some of those cancellations could affect public-facing services, like an Internal Revenue Service taxpayer assistance center in Parkersburg, W. Va., the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Ogea Agency in Pawhuska, Okla., a Social Security office in Minot, N.D., and a Farm Service Agency office in the heart of Hurricane Helene-struck western North Carolina.	
DOGE's effort to slash government is now coming for buildings and people who run them	Fuck that guy	The government is preparing to shed up to a quarter of its 360 million square feet of real estate in the coming months, an NPR analysis of DOGE's "receptis" page of lease terminations and lists of possible cuts circulating at federal agencies found. In a letter citing NPR's recent reporting on the Trump administration's move to acquire \$400 million of Tesla, U.S. Reps. Gregory Meeks of New York, the ranking member of the House Committee on Foreign Relations, and Jared Moskowitz of Florida, who's the top Democrat on the committee's oversight subcommittee, said the plans represent "a serious violation of federal procurement laws" that would "unlawfully enrich Mr. Musk — the billionaire tech mogul serving as a top official in the White House."	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/03/musk-41-53321323/trump-doge-gsa-federal-buildings
Top Democrats ask Rubio for answers on now-cancelled \$400 million Tesla plan	Fuck that guy	Until recently, Gleason, 53, had been a relatively low-profile health care data cruncher with a passion for simplifying access to electronic medical records. Then, at the end of February, the White House announced Gleason had been named the acting administrator for the Department of Government Efficiency, elevating her to a prominent position in the Trump administration.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/07/pa-s1-5261834/makers-question-400-million-dollar-tesla-plan
After Amy Gleason's sudden rise to prominence, mystery surrounds DOGE acting administrator	Fuck that guy	Gleason previously worked on projects related to health data at the U.S. Digital Service, DOGE's predecessor, overlapping with Trump's first term and the Biden administration. Elon Musk and Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy reportedly had a tense exchange in a White House meeting Thursday about the conditions of the Federal Aviation Administration's equipment and its air traffic controllers, according to the New York Times. Duffy said the DOGE team was trying to lay off air traffic controllers, and asked what he was supposed to do while dealing with multiple recent plane crashes.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/amy-gleason-sudden-rise-prominence-130000516.html
Musk's DOGE team reportedly tried to fire air traffic controllers amid multiple plane crashes but was stopped by the transportation secretary	Fuck that guy	The interchange concluded with President Donald Trump telling Duffy that he needed to hire M.I.T. graduates as air traffic controllers, saying they need to be "geniuses," the report said. Employees of the General Services Administration, which manages government real estate and certain IT efforts, have been given a custom chatbot from Elon Musk's DOGE to help automate tasks, according to a new report from Wired, with an internal memo telling workers it can be used to "draft emails, create talking points, summarize text, write code." The chatbot, GSA, gives users a choice of three moods — Claude Haiku 3.5 (the default), Claude Sonnet 3.5 v2 and Meta Llama 3.2 — and is ultimately meant to be used to "analyze contract and procurement data," Wired reports.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-doge-team-reportedly-fired-160321426.html
DOGE has reportedly started rolling out a custom chatbot to automate some government tasks	Fuck that guy	Musk joined a lunch meeting with Republican senators just hours after the Supreme Court issued a setback to the Trump administration's efforts to freeze some \$2 billion in foreign aid funds as part of its sweeping shutdown of the U.S. Agency for International Development. As he opened the private session, Musk led with a message urging Congress to act. Over plates of fried catfish, senators explained how the White House could put the billions of dollars of savings he has amassed into what's called a budget rescissions package, and send it to Congress.	https://www.yahoo.com/tech/doge-has-reportedly-started-rolling-out-a-custom-chatbot-to-automate-some-government-tasks-211616072.html
Elon Musk comes to Capitol Hill to meet with Republicans who discuss turning DOGE cuts into law	Fuck that guy	For decades, conservatives in Congress have talked about the need to cut government deeply, but they have always pulled back from mandating specific reductions, fearful of voter backlash. Now, President Donald Trump's administration is trying to make major cuts in government through the so-called Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, run by billionaire Elon Musk — an initiative led by an untested businessman who's unlikely to ever run for office and was appointed by a term-limited president who no longer needs to face voters again.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-musk-doge-cuts-congress-5f2101c129924c69416437a9d5e1e11
Musk and DOGE try to slash government by cutting out those who answer to voters	Fuck that guy	Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) initiative has gained access to a sensitive child support database, over the objections of career civil servants. It was previously reported that career staff members objected to DOGE accessing the data, a pool of sensitive information protected with the same federal privacy laws as Internal Revenue Service tax records.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-musk-federal-workforce-doge-cuts-republicans-93c307112a67d47a7d4e4a6f6dd
Musk's DOGE team gets access to sensitive child support database despite objections from officials	Fuck that guy	Musk, the father of at least 14 children with four separate women, has also personally been entangled in custody battles. House Republicans released a 100-page stopgap spending bill Saturday afternoon that will fund the government through the end of September at levels slightly below last year's. House Democratic leaders hinted late Friday that they might oppose the legislation, setting up a showdown, with the prospect of a government shutdown hanging in the balance.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/elon-musk-doge-child-support-52711553.html
House Republicans release 100-page spending bill to prevent shutdown	Government Funding	"Medicaid is our redline," they wrote in a Dear Colleague letter. If the short-term legislation clears the House, Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) will need to find at least eight Democratic votes to pass the bill in that chamber. Millions of Americans could soon feel the impact of the deep staffing cuts being planned at the Social Security Administration, which is undergoing a massive reorganization that the acting commissioner has acknowledged is being steered by Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency. The loss of experienced employees who manage Social Security's fragile and interdependent web of computer systems will likely leave the agency vulnerable to technical outages and, potentially, disrupt the benefit payments that are sent to more than 73 million retirees, people with disabilities and others, Martin O'Malley, who served as commissioner under the Biden administration, told CNN.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/08/house-republicans-release-stopgap-spending-bill-shutdown
'A disruptive effect': How slashing staff at the Social Security Administration is sparking fears the system could collapse	Government-Social security	One out of every 15 adults in the U.S. has been present at the scene of a mass shooting, researchers have revealed. More alarming is that over 2 percent of that group — or over five million of the 256 million adults counted in the U.S. Census Bureau in 2020 — have been injured during one. Two recent school shootings are highlighting what extremism researchers see as a growing — and poorly understood — trend among young people who embrace mass violence. The attacks, at high schools in Madison, Wis., and Nashville, Tenn., defy categories that law enforcement and researchers have long used to understand radicalization pathways, such as radical Islamist terrorism and white nationalist terrorism. Instead, some researchers say these attacks are examples of "nonideological" terrorism. They say these attacks appear to be the result of several antiracist, decentralized, online networks coming together in ways that encourage and inspire younger children to commit atrocities.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/a-disruptive-effect-slashing-staff-social-security-administration-100053728.html
Experts warn that recent school shootings show growth in new radicalization pattern	Guns- Schools	The CDC is one of the agencies that operates under the umbrella of the Department of Health and Human Services, the federal agency that President Donald Trump picked Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to lead. The Senate confirmed him to the post in a 52-48 vote last month. The possibility of a link between vaccines and autism has been repeatedly debunked by hundreds of scientific studies. But Kennedy made a profile for himself as an anti-vaccine crusader, criticizing the Covid-19 vaccine and claiming childhood immunizations are linked to autism. He also founded Children's Health Defense, an anti-vaccine group. Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the new health secretary, has said Americans are being "unknowingly poisoned" by seed oils and has called for fast-food restaurants to return to using beef tallow, or rendered animal fat, in their fryers instead. In response to consumer concerns, some food-makers have stripped seed oils from their products. Restaurants like the salad chain Sweetgreen have removed them from their menus. Many Americans say they now avoid seed oils, according to a recent survey from the International Food Information Council, an industry trade group. The seed of discussion has exasperated nutrition scientists, who say decades of research confirms the health benefits of consuming such oils, especially in place of alternatives such as butter or lard. As measles cases continue to grow in Texas and New Mexico, with a second death, an unvaccinated adult, reported on Thursday, some Texas cities are seeing shortages amid mounting demand for the highly effective vaccine and as the top US health official, Robert F Kennedy Jr, sows disinformation and mistrust about vaccines.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/mass-shootings-some-adults-risks-52711503.html
CDC will research widely debunked link between vaccines and autism	Health- CDC	Online platforms are blocking posts and adverts about women's health while allowing posts about erectile dysfunction, it has been claimed. A group of femtech companies — businesses involved in technology products addressing women's health and wellbeing issues — have accused Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram, along with LinkedIn, Google and Amazon, of "systemic bias and discrimination" against women's health content. They said the platforms have given "vague and inconsistent" reasons for repeatedly blocking, removing and restricting content about women's health, including posts on menopause, endometriosis and infertility. "We have evidence [of] multiple cases where medically accurate, expert-led content has been blocked or labelled as 'adult content' or 'political'," said co-founders of the anti-censorship campaign group CensERShip, Clio Wood and Anna O'Sullivan. "We can't improve women's health if we can't talk about our bodies using anatomically-correct language."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cdc-research-widely-debunked-between-014616062.html
Kennedy and influencers bash seed oils, baffling nutrition scientists	Health- Food	The pharmacist also mentioned that even doctors' offices were "having a hard time keeping enough vaccines for kids who needed them", Ann said. Online platforms are blocking posts and adverts about women's health while allowing posts about erectile dysfunction, it has been claimed. A group of femtech companies — businesses involved in technology products addressing women's health and wellbeing issues — have accused Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram, along with LinkedIn, Google and Amazon, of "systemic bias and discrimination" against women's health content. They said the platforms have given "vague and inconsistent" reasons for repeatedly blocking, removing and restricting content about women's health, including posts on menopause, endometriosis and infertility. "We have evidence [of] multiple cases where medically accurate, expert-led content has been blocked or labelled as 'adult content' or 'political'," said co-founders of the anti-censorship campaign group CensERShip, Clio Wood and Anna O'Sullivan. "We can't improve women's health if we can't talk about our bodies using anatomically-correct language."	https://apnews.com/article/seed-oil-beef-tallow-kennedy-4d0f03134277f06dc20b4ede789295
Texas cities run short of MMR vaccine as measles outbreak drives demand	Health- Measles	Online platforms are blocking posts and adverts about women's health while allowing posts about erectile dysfunction, it has been claimed. A group of femtech companies — businesses involved in technology products addressing women's health and wellbeing issues — have accused Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram, along with LinkedIn, Google and Amazon, of "systemic bias and discrimination" against women's health content. They said the platforms have given "vague and inconsistent" reasons for repeatedly blocking, removing and restricting content about women's health, including posts on menopause, endometriosis and infertility. "We have evidence [of] multiple cases where medically accurate, expert-led content has been blocked or labelled as 'adult content' or 'political'," said co-founders of the anti-censorship campaign group CensERShip, Clio Wood and Anna O'Sullivan. "We can't improve women's health if we can't talk about our bodies using anatomically-correct language."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/08/texas-mmr-vaccine-measles-outbreak
Meta, Google accused of 'censorship' for blocking women's health ads but allowing erectile dysfunction campaigns	Health- Men	A breastfeeding support app had ads restricted by Instagram because they showed an image of a baby breastfeeding. It was also not allowed to use the word "nipple" in educational posts. Five years on from the declaration of the Covid-19 pandemic, it's the masked passenger who is suspect, nobody notices the scuffed distancing lines and trust in vaccines has taken a tumble. A different narrative has invaded the conversation: it wasn't the virus that ruined our lives, but the response. This narrative was always there, but for a long time it stayed on the fringes. Now it's becoming mainstream, turbo-charged by the recent successes of its political champions who typically gravitate towards the populist right. Public health experts have watched its advance with a gathering sense of doom. They know that how we respond to the next pandemic depends on how we understand the last, and that the next one is probably closer than most people think. Mind-bogglingly, many of them worry that Covid-19 has left us more, rather than less, vulnerable to it. Duke would be among the hardest hit. In its previous fiscal year, Duke took in \$580 million in NIH grants and contracts, 11th most among the country's research institutions. The cuts are delayed temporarily by a court challenge, but universities nationwide have implemented hiring freezes, scaled back research and drawn up contingency plans in case the loss in funding takes effect. The cut in indirect costs is far from the only concern. Funding for new grants also slowed to a trickle after the NIH halted grant application review meetings in January. At Duke, NIH grant and contract award notices plummeted, dropping from 166 in January and February of 2024 to 64 so far in 2025, according to the university. Already, the uncertainty is causing reverberations at Duke's School of Medicine, which receives over three-quarters of the university's NIH funding. Expansion projects are being shelved. Fewer Ph.D. students are being admitted. And researchers are assessing whether their projects can continue.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/meta-google-sexist-adverts-banned-52711249.html
Five years on from the pandemic, the right's fake Covid narrative has been turbo-charged into the mainstream	Health- misinformation	More than 80 Afghan women who fled the Taliban to pursue higher education in Oman now face imminent deportation back to Afghanistan, following the Trump administration's sweeping freeze on foreign aid programmes. Funded by the US Agency for International Development (USAID), their scholarships were abruptly terminated after the funding freeze ordered by President Donald Trump when he returned to office in January. U.S. hostage envoy Adam Boehler said Sunday that while he understands Israel's concerns over direct talks with Hamas, the U.S. is "not an agent of Israel." Hours after Boehler met with a senior Hamas political official, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-hand man Ron Dermer condemned the U.S., making proposals without Israel's consent in an intense call last week, Axios' Barak Ravid scooped. Boehler assured that he was not close to a deal with Hamas after the meetings in Doha, which were largely centered around securing the release of American hostages. Eden Alexander and the bodies of four deceased American hostages, sources told Axios. Canada's ruling Liberal Party elected a new party leader Sunday who will serve as the nation's next prime minister, replacing outgoing premier Justin Trudeau. Liberal Party members' vote for Mark Carney, former governor of the Bank of Canada and England, comes as the Liberal Party is experiencing a polling boost amid widespread opposition to President Trump's policies targeting its northern neighbor.	https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/mar/08/bovid-five-years-right-narrative-outbreak
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U.S. "not an agent of Israel," envoy says amid objections to Hamas talks	International Relations	U.S. hostage envoy Adam Boehler said Sunday that while he understands Israel's concerns over direct talks with Hamas, the U.S. is "not an agent of Israel." Hours after Boehler met with a senior Hamas political official, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-hand man Ron Dermer condemned the U.S., making proposals without Israel's consent in an intense call last week, Axios' Barak Ravid scooped. Boehler assured that he was not close to a deal with Hamas after the meetings in Doha, which were largely centered around securing the release of American hostages. Eden Alexander and the bodies of four deceased American hostages, sources told Axios. Canada's ruling Liberal Party elected a new party leader Sunday who will serve as the nation's next prime minister, replacing outgoing premier Justin Trudeau. Liberal Party members' vote for Mark Carney, former governor of the Bank of Canada and England, comes as the Liberal Party is experiencing a polling boost amid widespread opposition to President Trump's policies targeting its northern neighbor.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/03/adam-boehler-hamas-israel-talks
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More than 1,300 Syrians killed in 72 hours amid clashes and acts of revenge	International-Syria	More than 1,300 people in Syria have been killed — many believed to be civilians — in the span of three days amid intense fighting between forces associated with Syria's new government and those loyal to the deposed dictator Bashar al-Assad, according to a human rights group. The conflict is considered the country's worst violence since insurgents toppled the Assad regime back in December. It's also the bloodiest test for Syria's new government since it has assumed power.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/09/m-a-1-5372458/syria-revenge-killing-alawites-isis				
Marco Rubio: one-time Russia hawk makes stunning U-turn under Trump	Political Cesspool	Marco Rubio, the US secretary of state, looked on as Donald Trump demanded more gratitude from the Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and accused the embattled leader of "gambling with world war three". "You right now are not in a very good position," Trump chided Zelenskyy during their confrontation in the Oval Office last week.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/09/marco-rubio-russia-putin-trump				
Out of the lab and into the streets, researchers and doctors rally for science against Trump cuts	Protest	Throughout the heated exchange, Rubio, who previously ran for president as a staunch Russia hawk, sat silently on a yellow sofa. The image of a sullen Rubio quickly went viral online, with one social media user dubbing him "the corpse on the couch". One user wondered whether Rubio was "recognizing in real time that he is on the wrong side of history", while another suggested he was "hesitating he sold his soul to the dumbest people on the planet". Clung a new meaning to the phrase mad scientists, angry researchers, doctors, their patients and supporters ventured out of labs, hospitals and offices Friday to fight against what they call a bite on life-saving science by the Trump administration. In the nation's capital, a couple thousand gathered at the Stand Up for Science rally. Organizers said similar rallies were planned in more than 30 U.S. cities.	https://apnews.com/article/science-doctors-cuts-budget-trump-health-climate-ceae07f42a686b3dc2fe6b129493d454				
Trump DOJ's limits on FACE Act enforcement fuel concern from abortion providers	Reproductive rights	The Justice Department's new leaders say past enforcement of the FACE Act is "the prototypical example" of what they say is the weaponization of law enforcement against conservatives. Instead, the Justice Department now says it will no longer enforce violations of the statute, except in extraordinary circumstances — such as cases involving death or serious property damage.	https://www.npr.org/2025/03/09/a-1-5381248/doj-faces-act-access-enforcement				
Air Force intercepts 2 aircraft in restricted airspace near Mar-A-Lago	Threats	U.S. Air Force fighter jets intercepted an aircraft that flew over President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida in violation of a temporary flight restriction on Sunday, NORAD said. It was the second time in 48 hours F-16s from the Continental U.S. NORAD region had responded to such aircraft violations over Palm Beach, Fla., per a statement from the North American Aerospace Defense Command.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/09/trump-mar-a-lago-airspace-f-16-fighter-jets				
Secret Service shoots armed man near White House	Threats	The U.S. Secret Service shot an armed man near the White House around midnight on Sunday, the agency said in a statement. The pandemic pushed voters — from young men to suburban parents — to the right, leaving Trump's decisive victory and raising questions about Democrats' ability to hold onto once-reliable blocs.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/09/secret-service-shoots-man-white-house				
The pandemic upended politics — twice	Trump Bulshit	President Trump signed an executive order to end Public Service Loan Forgiveness for those he deems "anti-American activists," the White House announced in a fact sheet on Friday. The nonprofit Student Debt Crisis Center opposed the order in a news release Friday deeming it "a clear attack on free speech" that "harms organizations that do not align with the president's politics."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/09/pslfr-covid-five-years-trump-young-voters				
Trump administration targets student loan forgiveness for those dubbed 'anti-American'	Trump Bulshit	"Public service workers are the backbone of this country," Sabrina Calazans, SDOC executive director, said in the release. "They're often overlooked and underpaid, and they still choose to serve others. Eliminating PSLF access for anyone is a slap in the face to so many hard-working Americans."	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/09/public-service-loan-forgiveness-trump-order				
Trump sees "period of transition" as recession fears rise	Trump Economy	The U.S. economy may experience a "period of transition" as new trade and other policies take effect, President Trump said Sunday, though he hesitated to predict a full-blown recession. While the president may not be forecasting it, markets suggest a recession is at least more possible now than it was even a few weeks ago.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/09/trump-recession-likelihood-2025-tariffs				
Trump brushes off CEOs' calls for clarity on tariffs	Trump Economy	Corporate CEOs have "plenty of clarity" on U.S. tariff policy, despite all the on-off changes of recent weeks, President Trump said Sunday. Trump, in an interview with Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures," was asked if CEOs will get clarity on tariffs in coming weeks, especially with an April 2 reciprocal tariff deadline looming. "You'll have a lot, but we may go up with some tariffs, it depends, we may go up — I don't think we'll go down, but we may go up," he said. "They have plenty of clarity, they just use that, that's like almost a soundbite, they always say that, 'we want clarity.'"	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/09/trump-tariffs-cepz				
Trump's economic shock therapy	Trump Economy	President Trump believes it's worth risking pain to achieve his medium-term goal of rewriting the U. S. economy. He is attempting a form of economic shock therapy, while accepting there could be collateral damage. That willingness to shrug off risks of inflation or recession is now rattling financial markets and confidence — and has itself emerged as the biggest near-term economic risk. The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that National Fire Academy (NFA) courses had been canceled amid a "process of evaluating agency programs and spending to ensure alignment with Administration priorities", according to a notice sent to instructors, students and fire departments. Instructors were told to cancel all future travel until further notice. Firefighters, emergency medical service providers and other first responders from across the country travel to the NFA's Maryland campus for the federally funded institution's free training programs.	https://www.axios.com/2025/03/09/trump-economic-shock-inflation-recession-markets				
Trump administration cancels classes at National Fire Academy amid funding freeze	Trump Policy	Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell reiterated the central bank's view the economy was steady. However, he did acknowledge there was a higher sense of uncertainty among businesses and consumers because of the Trump administration's latest policies. The Fed, he added, doesn't intend to cut rates until it can assess the effect those policies will have on the economy. Decades later, Tennessee is again at the center of a civil rights fight. Organizers and lawmakers warn that Tennessee is becoming a "testing ground for voter suppression" and that policies there could spread across the country.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/09/trump-administration-national-fire-academy				
Jerome Powell says the 'net effect' of the Trump administration's policies on trade, immigration, fiscal policy, and regulation will determine interest rates in the future	Trump's economy	This year, there is a looming fear of a rollback on voting and civil rights. Civil rights leaders say the march should act as a renewed call to action.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/jerome-powell-says-net-effect-11000112.html				
Tennessee again targeted for voter suppression, local leaders warn	Voting fuckery	The Department of Homeland Security has begun performing polygraph tests on employees to determine who might be leaking information to the media about immigration operations, according to four sources familiar with the practice.	https://www.axios.com/local/tennessee/2025/03/07/tennessee-again-targeted-voter-suppression-local-leaders-warn				
DHS has begun performing polygraph tests on employees to find leakers	WTF?	The bill would expand Trump's 2017 tax cuts, raise the debt ceiling and include significant new spending on border security and the military. What began as a nationalist reaction to America's perceived decline has evolved into a global ideological crusade. Now at the apex of its domestic power, MAGA is rallying behind candidates who share its views on immigration, globalization and the fight for "Western Civilization."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dhs-began-performing-polygraph-tests-224601467.html				
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All the news	Everything	Summary					
Trump's "big, beautiful bill" has Republicans squabbling over math	Government Spending	President Trump's "big, beautiful bill" will either spur unprecedented economic growth or blow up the national debt by trillions depending on which congressional Republican you asked Sunday. The bill is projected to add \$3 trillion to 5 trillion to deficits over the next 10 years, dwarfing DOGE's cuts. But the White House argues that tax cut extensions shouldn't count as new costs in the CBO analysis. The bill would expand Trump's 2017 tax cuts, raise the debt ceiling and include significant new spending on border security and the military. What began as a nationalist reaction to America's perceived decline has evolved into a global ideological crusade. Now at the apex of its domestic power, MAGA is rallying behind candidates who share its views on immigration, globalization and the fight for "Western Civilization."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/01/mike-johnson-big-beautiful-bill-trump	2025/06/02			
MAGA's world tour exports Trumpism beyond U.S. borders	Political Cesspool	"We believe the fight for freedom and conservative values doesn't stop at America's borders." Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) chair Matt Schlapp told Axios. "That's why we've taken CPAC overseas — to stand united with courageous leaders and citizens who are resisting the globalist dangerous threat of authoritarianism, open borders, and Mar Marxism." President Trump late Saturday announced he would yank his nominee to lead NASA, citing "a thorough review of prior associations." Isaacman donated to Democrats as recently as 2024, records from nonprofit campaign finance tracker OpenSecrets show.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/01/world-election-maga-bannon-euro	2025/06/02			
Trump pulls Musk associate's nomination for NASA administrator	Political Cesspool	The billoneaire said during his confirmation hearing that he has been "relatively apolitical," CNN reported. House Democrats are convinced that President Trump's tariffs will help them plough a path to the majority through the Com Belt. The trade war, at least with China, looks like it's back on. Party strategists are banking farmers will start to turn on Trump if that trade war closes off international markets when they harvest crops this fall.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/01/trump-nasa-administrator-jared-isa	2025/06/02			
House Dems think Trump's tariffs can win them back the Com Belt	Economy-Politics	The Food and Drug Administration approved Moderna's next-generation COVID-19 vaccine for adults 65 and older and those 12 to 64 years old with at least one underlying condition that could put them at risk of severe infection, the company said Saturday. Moderna CEO Stéphane Bancel said in a news release "COVID-19 remains a serious public health threat, with more than 47,000 Americans dying from the virus last year alone." No modern president has done more in his first 130 days than President Trump — only to have much of it undone, at least temporarily, by the courts. Trump is testing the limits of presidential power at every turn, and the courts are just about the only thing standing in his way. The inevitable showdowns between Trump and the judiciary are only going to get more intense.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/31/house-democrats-trump-tariffs-com	2025/06/02			
FDA approves new Moderna COVID-19 vaccine	Health- Covid	Kash Patel and Dan Bongino spent years torching the American security state for concealing nefarious secrets about Jeffrey Epstein, Jan. 6, the "Russia hoax" and the assassination attempts against President Trump. 1. Some followers and fellow MAGA media figures who revered Patel and Bongino for pillorying the "Deep State" were aghast by their recent conspiracy-quashing comments, particularly that Epstein really killed himself. 2. The FBI's 38,000-strong workforce was never going to immediately embrace the idea of a couple of its biggest antagonists calling the shots, but it's been a tumultuous few months. 3. While Trump has been publicly supportive, he did say it was "a little bit hard to believe" assertions from Patel and other senior law enforcement figures that there was no wider conspiracy behind the assassination attempts against him.	https://www.axios.com/2025/05/31/patel-bongino-fbi-interviews-epstein	2025/06/02			Political cesspool
Patel and Bongino's choppy transition from reeasing the FBI to running it	Government-FBI	More than 10,000 homes were damaged or destroyed in North Carolina, some 500 miles inland from where it came ashore in Florida. Dozens of people drowned in Helene's floodwaters. Phan's husband was one of several men who were first told that they would be sent to South Africa instead of their home countries — which also included Mexico, Burma, Cuba and Laos. Then they were told instead their destination would be South Sudan, a politically unstable country in Africa and one of the poorest in the world. The administration argues that the men's home countries won't take them — and people with criminal records shouldn't be allowed to stay in the U.S.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/01/m-a-1-5372918/hurricane-helene-north	2025/06/02			
North Carolina had a housing crisis before Hurricane Helene, now it's even worse	Economy-Housing	President Trump has long called for escalating the U.S. drug war against Mexican cartels and wants tougher penalties for dealers selling fentanyl and other street drugs in American communities. "I am ready for it, the death penalty, if you deal drugs," Trump said during a meeting with state governors in February, where he said dealers are too often treated with "a slap on the wrist." Already during the early months of his second term, Trump has granted clemency to at least eight individuals convicted on federal drug charges. Some, including Hoover, have extensive criminal records involving violence and gun charges.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/01/p-a-1-5415938/trump-pardons-drug-kin	2025/06/02			
The White House is deporting people to countries they're not from. Why?	Borders and immigration	"There's a lot of mixed messages and mixed signals [from the White House] which creates sort of chaos and uncertainty," said Jeffrey Singer, a drug policy analyst at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think-tank. "On the one hand you're threatening even tougher penalties on people who deal in drugs, while on the other hand you're releasing drug dealers from prisons."	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/01/p-a-1-5415938/trump-pardons-drug-kin	2025/06/02			
Trump pardons drug kingpins even as he escalates U.S. drug war rhetoric	Trump Bulshit						

		A Ukrainian drone attack has destroyed more than 40 Russian planes deep in Russia's territory, a Ukrainian security official told The Associated Press on Sunday, while Russia pounded Ukraine with missiles and drones a day before the two sides meet for a new round of direct talks in Istanbul. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to disclose operational details, said the attack took over 1 1/2-year to execute and was personally supervised by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.			
Ukraine destroys more than 40 military aircraft in a drone attack deep inside Russia	International-Russia	The operation saw drones transported in containers carried by trucks deep into Russian territory, he said. The drones hit airfields including the Belaya Air base in Russia's Khutsk region, more than 4,000 kilometers (2,500 miles) from Ukraine. It is the first time that a Ukrainian drone has been seen in the region, local Gov. Igor Kobzeva said, stressing that it did not present a threat to civilians. The loss of USDA staff has also left Massachusetts farmers without essential resources that have long been an important part of their success, Randie wrote, pointing to diminished staffing at the local Farm Service Agency office, which helps with loans, insurance and disaster relief. As part of the overhaul, USDA allowed more than 15,000 employees — close to 15% of its workforce — to resign with pay and benefits through September. Those departures have led to new concerns for Randie, including whether the federal government will be able to respond quickly in a crisis. She's been told that many of USDA's Area Veterinarians in Charge, who get the first call whenever a pest or disease is detected on a farm, have resigned, including the one assigned to New England. With avian flu likely to return with the fall bird migration, and other diseases including New World screwworm and African swine fever creeping ever closer to the U.S., Randie knows U.S. farmers and ranchers, along with the U.S. food supply, could be at risk. "You want that director of the Bureau of Land Management to be out here, because he or she will have firsthand knowledge of what's going on," he said, sitting on a bench on Grand Junction's pleasant Main Street, lined by trees and sculptures. ...	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/01/ua-st-54185903/ukraine-destroys-military-aircraft	2025/06/02	
Exodus of USDA veterinarians and others drives fears that U.S. farms are at risk	Government-USA	Dozens of former BLM officials disagreed, however, and signed a letter protesting the move. They insisted the agency needs leaders in DC to advocate for public lands in front of lawmakers and the president. Others saw an ulterior motive: to get longtime agency employees in Washington to quit, to either make the agency smaller, or to replace them with people more ideologically aligned with President Trump. There are a lot of geese at the Blue Lake Regional Park along the Columbia River in Fairview. So rangers weren't surprised when they found a nesting Canada goose — large, with a black beak and black and white face — near some picnic benches early in the season. But there was something strange about the other goose guarding the nest. It was small, grayish brown, with a yellow beak and white face. McDonald contacted wildlife specialists at Metro, the regional government agency that manages this park. It turned out the other goose was a greater white-fronted goose, a different species than the nesting Canada goose it was defending.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/20/ua-st-5418608/usa-april-agriculture	2025/06/02	
Could Colorado be home to the BLM's national headquarters — again?	Government-BLM	There are a lot of geese at the Blue Lake Regional Park along the Columbia River in Fairview. So rangers weren't surprised when they found a nesting Canada goose — large, with a black beak and black and white face — near some picnic benches early in the season. But there was something strange about the other goose guarding the nest. It was small, grayish brown, with a yellow beak and white face. McDonald contacted wildlife specialists at Metro, the regional government agency that manages this park. It turned out the other goose was a greater white-fronted goose, a different species than the nesting Canada goose it was defending.	https://www.cnr.org/2025/05/28/trump-blm-headquarters-grand-junction	2025/06/02	
An unusual pairing of geese draws a gaggle of Portland area birders	Weird world	These are two totally different species of geese. But for some reason, they paired up — and they even produced eggs. For back-to-back nights, more than 45,000 fans packed the Big A to see the Savannah Bananas — a team born from a small-time collegiate summer team that became a tour de force that has forever changed baseball. It was one stop during the Bananas' most audacious barnstorming effort since their baseball traveling show hit the road just a few years ago. These tickets were only available through a lottery — reserved months in advance. And when they went on sale, all were gone in an instant. The only way it was through the resale market, where just hours before first pitch on Friday, the lowest price (fees and taxes included) for a pair of tickets was \$209.52.	https://www.opb.org/article/2025/05/28/portland-oregon-park-two-species-geese/	2025/06/02	
Going bananas. Why Savannah Bananas tickets cost more than a Dodgers-Yankees rematch	Weird world	Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., on Sunday defended cuts to Medicaid in the budget bill House Republicans passed last month, saying that "4.8 million people will not lose their Medicaid unless they choose to do so." Johnson told NBC News "Meet the Press" that the bill imposes "commonsense" work requirements for some Medicaid recipients and added that he's "not buying" the argument that the work requirements, which would require able-bodied Medicaid recipients to work, participate in job training programs or volunteer for 80 hours a month, are too "cumbersome."	https://sports.yahoo.com/article/going-bananas-why-savannah-bananas	2025/06/02	
Speaker Mike Johnson says some Medicaid recipients will 'choose' whether to lose health care under House spending bill	Government-Medicaid	Just Wednesday, a judge granted Harvard an extension on an injunction that blocked the administration's attempt last week to stop the Ivy League school from enrolling foreign-born students. An estimated 4,700 or more foreign-born students have been impacted since the Trump administration began revoking visas and terminating legal statuses in March. A few have also been detained in high-profile cases. Some of the most powerful artificial intelligence models today have exhibited behaviors that mimic a will to survive.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/speaker-mike-johnson-says-medicaid-14	2025/06/02	
Trump administration continues to target international students. What to know and what could be next	Borders and immigration	"It's great that we're seeing warning signs before the systems become so powerful we can't control them," he said. "That is exactly the time to raise the alarm: before the fire has gotten out of control." Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was contradicted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an agency that he overrules, just days after he announced a new national COVID-19 vaccine policy. However, on Friday, the CDC issued an update that kept COVID immunizations on the schedule for children between the ages of six months and 17 years old. The New York Times reported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-own-cdc-contradicts-2236454611	2025/06/02	
How far will AI go to defend its own survival?	Technology	The head of the United States Institute of Peace says its Washington, D.C. headquarters near the Lincoln Memorial was left to rot after billionaire Eliot Musk's Department of Government Efficiency took it over in March, resulting in water damage, graffiti — and, worse yet, an infestation of roaches and rats. Vance, who previously delivered a speech framing universities as "the enemy" in American society, went on to suggest that U.S. colleges may not be producing "good science" because, according to him, many schools discriminate against white and Asian people. This was an especially ironic claim given it's his administration that is currently threatening to pull student visas from thousands of Chinese students. But let's sit with his "why can't Americans do this" question for a moment, shall we? Because it sounds patriotic — but it's fundamentally idiotic. For one, Vance's comments were surprisingly dismissive of contributions from the more than 1,500 German scientists, some of them Nazis, brought to the United States as part of an operation known as "Project Paperbird" (the vice president isn't exactly known for giving accurate lessons on American history), but to be clear: There's an illustrious history of immigrant scientists coming to the United States and making tremendous contributions to the American way of life. But aside from that, Trump's crackdown on science is also causing American scientists and aspiring scientists — like one Vance claims to care about — to reconsider their career path.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-own-cdc-contradicts-2236454611	2025/06/02	
RFK Jr.'s Own CDC Contradicts Him Days After Vaccine Quackery	RFK JR.BS	Nayib Bukele, the self-declared "world's coolest dictator," will mark six years as El Salvador's president on Sunday, a period defined by contentious reforms, which critics say have brought peace to the streets at an incredibly high price. His iron-fisted crackdown on crime in the country, that was once the most violent nation in the western hemisphere, led to the arrest and detention of around 87,000 people, often with little due process. "I feel it will be so easy to lose your coverage if you do the reporting the wrong way and you can't fix it," said Platter, who has applied for full-time jobs over the past 18 months but said she hasn't received responses. The provision would help achieve Republicans' longstanding goal of introducing work requirements into Medicaid. It's part of an unprecedented set of cuts the House GOP would make to the nation's safety net program.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-own-cdc-contradicts-2236454611	2025/06/02	
Musk's DOGE took control of the U.S. Institute of Peace. It brought roaches and rats to D.C. headquarters, court docs say	Fuck that department	Some 38% of adult enrollees had full-time jobs in 2023, most of them for the full year, according to KFF, a nonpartisan health policy research group that looked at folks ages 19 to 64 without dependent children who did not receive disability benefits or have Medicare coverage, which insures people with disabilities. Just over 20% worked just less than 35 hours a week. The Trump administration has admitted that it improperly deported another immigrant in violation of a court order — the fourth known case in which the administration deported someone erroneously or in breach of specific legal requirements. ... In court papers this week, officials blamed a "confluence of administrative errors," including missed emails and an inaccurate roster of passengers on the May 7 deportation flight. The Justice Department declined to comment, and the Department of Homeland Security did not respond to requests for comment. Over 130 former state and federal judges are urging the government to drop its charges against Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Hannah Dugan, dubbing her indictment an "egregious overreach" by the executive branch. The Wisconsin judge was indicted in April after being accused of helping an undocumented migrant flee arrest at her courthouse last month. She faces federal charges of obstructing or impeding a proceeding and concealing an individual to prevent his discovery and arrest — charges that carry a maximum penalty of six years in prison and a \$350,000 fine. She has pleaded not guilty. Florida will feel significant impacts from the Supreme Court's ruling allowing the Trump administration to end another form of legal status for more than 400,000 immigrants from Cuba, Haiti, Venezuela and Nicaragua living in the state, rendering them undocumented and at risk of deportation. Humanitarian parole, a program different from Temporary Protected Status, covered 530,000 people from those Latin American nations across the country, all of whom had a U.S. sponsor. About 60% of them live in Florida. Many hold jobs in crucial South Florida industries facing labor shortages that include health care, education, hospitality and construction.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-doge-takeover-institute-peace-212	2025/06/02	
JD Vance botches defense of the MAGA 'brain drain' Trump has caused in academia	Political Cesspool	Sen. Josh Ernst (R-Iowa) has doubled down on her dismissive response to worries about GOP legislation that includes huge Medicaid and food assistance cuts. On Friday, Ernst faced angry constituents at a town hall in Parkersburg, Iowa, with one woman in the crowd yelling, "People will die." Ernst replied, "People are not — well, we all are going to die. So, for heaven's sakes, folks." ... "And I made an incorrect assumption that everyone in the auditorium understood that, yes, we are all going to perish from this earth," Ernst said. "So I apologize. And I'm really, really glad that I did not have to bring up the subject of the tooth fairy as well." But as passed by the House, the tax bill also has many ugly provisions. Some are related to taxes, like the abolition of taxes on gun silencers, or ending tax incentives for clean energy and cars. Others are just completely extraneous, like language prohibiting state- and local regulation of artificial intelligence for 10 years. 1) Undermining the Rule of Law 2) Rewarding Rich Homeowners 3) A Boondoggle for Private Schools 4) Leave No Her Behind 5) Shortchange Kids of Immigrants 6) No Insurance for You! 7) Work for Your Super	https://www.yahoo.com/news/jd-vance-botches-defense-maga-047048	2025/06/02	
'We are under a dictatorship.' Six years into his rule, El Salvador's Nayib Bukele tightens his grip	International-El Salvador	Florida will feel significant impacts from the Supreme Court's ruling allowing the Trump administration to end another form of legal status for more than 400,000 immigrants from Cuba, Haiti, Venezuela and Nicaragua living in the state, rendering them undocumented and at risk of deportation. Humanitarian parole, a program different from Temporary Protected Status, covered 530,000 people from those Latin American nations across the country, all of whom had a U.S. sponsor. About 60% of them live in Florida. Many hold jobs in crucial South Florida industries facing labor shortages that include health care, education, hospitality and construction.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/under-dictatorship-six-years-rule-040103	2025/06/02	
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Florida to feel brunt of new Supreme Court ruling, ending protection for 530,000 immigrants	Borders and immigration	Sen. Josh Ernst (R-Iowa) has doubled down on her dismissive response to worries about GOP legislation that includes huge Medicaid and food assistance cuts. On Friday, Ernst faced angry constituents at a town hall in Parkersburg, Iowa, with one woman in the crowd yelling, "People will die." Ernst replied, "People are not — well, we all are going to die. So, for heaven's sakes, folks." ... "And I made an incorrect assumption that everyone in the auditorium understood that, yes, we are all going to perish from this earth," Ernst said. "So I apologize. And I'm really, really glad that I did not have to bring up the subject of the tooth fairy as well." But as passed by the House, the tax bill also has many ugly provisions. Some are related to taxes, like the abolition of taxes on gun silencers, or ending tax incentives for clean energy and cars. Others are just completely extraneous, like language prohibiting state- and local regulation of artificial intelligence for 10 years. 1) Undermining the Rule of Law 2) Rewarding Rich Homeowners 3) A Boondoggle for Private Schools 4) Leave No Her Behind 5) Shortchange Kids of Immigrants 6) No Insurance for You! 7) Work for Your Super	https://www.yahoo.com/news/florida-feel-brunt-supreme-court-2227063	2025/06/02	
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Donald Trump shares false social media post saying Joe Biden was 'executed in 2020'	Trump Bullshit	Australia's defence minister Richard Marles has called on China to explain why it needs to have "such an extraordinary military build-up". He said Beijing needs to provide greater transparency and reassurance as it is the "fundamental issue" for the region. Meanwhile, the Philippines defence minister Gilberto Teodoro Jr has called China "absolutely irresponsible and reckless" in its actions in the South China Sea.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-shares-false-social-media-post-saying-joe-biden-was-executed-in-2020	2025/06/02	
Australia asks China to explain 'extraordinary' military build-up	International-China	June 1 marks the first day of meteorological summer, the knockoff of the three months that typically feel the hottest (although the calendar will technically say it's spring until June 20). According to multiple outlooks, summer 2025 will be a scorcher. The summer forecast calls for hotter-than-normal temperatures from coast-to-coast, according to NOAA's Climate Prediction Center and other private forecasters. No part of the U.S. is forecast to see a cooler-than-average summer.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-asks-china-explain-extraordinary	2025/06/02	
Summer 2025 forecast calls for 'overwhelmingly above normal' heat starting in June	Environment-Heat	No part of the U.S. is forecast to see a cooler-than-average summer.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/summer-2025-forecast-calls-overwhelming	2025/06/02	

		Children will be able to get the vaccines after consulting with a health care provider — what's known as "shared decision-making." For pregnant women, there's less guidance, sores advising that group on the Adult and Child Immunization Schedules are now shaded gray for Covid-19 vaccines "to reflect no guidance/recommendation," according to an email sent by the CDC on Friday. But the changes — posted two days after Kennedy's surprise 59-second social media announcement that the vaccines would be dropped from the CDC's recommended immunization schedules — have created more confusion as doctors, parents and vaccine experts try to parse the new language.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/covid-19-shots-health-children-2046272	2025/06/02
Covid-19 shots for kids remain on CDC vaccine schedule with slightly different designation	Health- Covid			
		China has warned the United States against "playing with fire" over Taiwan in response to US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth calling the Asian power a "threat to the region" at a high-profile summit in Singapore. Speaking at the Shangri-La Dialogue on Saturday, Hegseth said China was "credibly preparing" for military action to shift Asia's power balance, accusing Beijing of rehearsing a potential invasion of Taiwan.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/china-warms-us-not-play-02743031.html	2025/06/02
China warns US not to 'play with fire' over Taiwan	International Relations			
		More than a dozen National Weather Service (NWS) forecast offices along the hurricane-prone Gulf of Mexico coast are understaffed as the US plunges into an expected active season for ruinous storms, data seen by the Guardian shows. There is a lack of meteorologists in 15 of the regional weather service offices along the coastline from Texas to Florida, as well as in Puerto Rico — an area that takes the brunt of almost all hurricanes that hit the US. Several offices, including in Miami, Jacksonville, Puerto Rico and Houston, lack at least a third of all the meteorologists required to be fully staffed.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/02/hump-national-weather	2025/06/02
Key US weather monitoring offices understaffed as hurricane season starts	Government- NWS			
		China has accused the US of "seriously violating" the fragile US-China detente that has been in place for less than a month since the two countries agreed to pause the trade war that risked upending the global economy. China and the US agreed on 12 May to pause for 90 days the skyrocketing "reciprocal" tariffs that both countries had placed on the others goods in a frenzied trade war that started a few weeks earlier. Tariffs had reached 125% on each side, which officials feared amounted to virtual embargo on the world's two biggest economies.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/02/china-us-trade-war-truce	2025/06/02
China accuses US of 'seriously violating' trade truce	International Relations			
		Less than 12 months ago, the US supreme court was in serious dispute among liberals following a series of ethics scandals and a spate of highly contentious, conservative-leaning rulings. It culminated in a ruling last July vastly expanding a president's immunity from prosecution, virtually guaranteeing that Donald Trump would escape criminal censure for the 6 January 2021 insurrection and retaining classified documents. So far had the court's stock with Democrats fallen, that Joe Biden called for radical reforms on how the court was run and a constitutional amendment asserting that no president was above the law or immune for crimes committed in office.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/01/us-supreme-court-d	2025/06/02
Stakes are high for US democracy as conservative supreme court hears raft of cases	Trump Bullyh			
		Now, with a re-elected and vengeful Trump having run rampant over democratic norms by issuing a raft of often illegal and unconstitutional executive orders, the same court — with the same nine justices on the bench — is being cast in the unlikely role of potential saviour of American democracy. At least 80 shots were fired in a North Carolina neighborhood, killing one person and wounding 11 others, authorities said on Sunday.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/01/mass-shooting-north	2025/06/02
One dead and 11 injured after 80 shots fired at North Carolina house party	Guns- Mass shooting			
		Significant flooding affected Nigeria last week, with more than 100 deaths reported so far. Heavy rain struck the north of the country on Wednesday night and continued into Thursday, leading to flooding along the Niger River, displacing thousands and destroying hundreds of homes. The district head said it was the region's worst flood in 60 years.	https://www.theguardian.com/environmen/2025/jun/02/weather-tracker	2025/06/02
Weather tracker: Nigeria hit by deadly flooding, described as 'worst in 60 years'	Weather- Flooding			
		More than 25,000 residents in three provinces have been evacuated as dozens of wildfires remain active and affect air quality in parts of Canada and the US, according to officials. Most of the evacuated residents were from Manitoba, which declared a state of emergency last week. About 17,000 people there were evacuated by Saturday, along with 1,300 in Alberta. About 8,000 people in Saskatchewan had been relocated as leaders there said the number could climb.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/01/thousands-evacuated-i	2025/06/02
Thousands evacuated in three Canadian provinces as wildfires continue	Environment- Wildfire			
		The race to train what animals are saying is heating up, with not just as a place in history at stake. The Jeremy Collier Foundation has promised \$10m to whichever researchers can crack the code. This is a race fuelled by generative AI: large language models can sort through millions of recorded animal vocalisations to find their hidden grammars. Most projects focus on cetaceans because, like us, they learn through vocal imitation and, also like us, they communicate via complex arrangements of sound that appear to have structure and hierarchy.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/01/ivere-dance-to-translate	2025/06/02
We're close to translating animal languages – what happens then?	Weird world			
		A man with a makeshift flamethrower yelled "Free Palestine" and hurled an incendiary device into a group that had assembled to raise attention for Israeli hostages in Gaza, law enforcement officials said. Eight people were injured, some burns.	https://apnews.com/article/boulder-terror-attack-colorado-8a11173d3	2025/06/02
FBI says 8 injured in Colorado attack by men with makeshift flamethrower who yelled 'Free Palestine'	Terrorism			
		President Donald Trump's doubling of tariffs on foreign steel and aluminum could hit Americans in an unexpected place: grocery aisles. The announcement Friday of a staggering 50% levy on those imports stoked fear that big-ticket purchases from cars to washing machines to houses could see major price increases. But those metals are so ubiquitous in packaging, they're likely to pack a punch across consumer products from soap to nuts.	https://apnews.com/article/steel-aluminum-tariffs-trump-groceries-0f0b	2025/06/02
Spikes in steel tariffs could imperil Trump promise of lower grocery prices	Economy- Tariffs			
		Guidance issued by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth states that transgender service members have to voluntarily depart from active duty by June 6. After that date, the military is set to start involuntary separations for active duty trans service members.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/military	2025/06/02
New army documents outline the plan for throwing transgender troops out of US military	Rainbow threats			
		ICE immigrant detention center detainees have been left without access to basic necessities after a third-party service software outage, according to a new report. Access Corrections is one of several private vendors used by ICE. The company provides payment processing systems and communications to ICE's detention facilities, and its software allows detainees to buy commissary items like food, hygiene supplies, and medicine.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ice-det	2025/06/02
Some ICE detainees unable to buy food after payment system goes down	Borders and immigration			
		But things have gone from bad to worse for the individuals ICE has whisked off the street to face an uncertain fate: Access Corrections' services have apparently been a problem for some time, according to SFGATE.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ice-det	2025/06/02
Trump's birthday military parade could cause \$16 million of damage to DC's streets	Trump Bullyh			
		Donald Trump's birthday military parade could cause as much as \$16 million worth of damage to the streets of Washington, D.C., officials estimate. During Biden's presidency, the court's conservative majority ruled that federal agencies can't decide sweeping political and economic matters without clear congressional authorization. That blocked the Environmental Protection Agency from setting deep limits on power-plant pollution and the Education Department from slashing student loans for 40 million people.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ice-det	2025/06/02
Trump tariffs face threat at Supreme Court — over rulings that blocked Biden	Supreme Court			
		The concept — known as the "major questions doctrine" — is now playing a central role in the case against Trump's unilateral imposition of worldwide import taxes. With Supreme Court review all but inevitable, the justices' willingness to employ the doctrine against Trump may determine the fate of his signature economic initiative. Industry groups have questioned the decades-old science behind cool roofs, downplayed the benefits and warned of reduced choice and unintended consequences. "A one-size-fits-all approach doesn't consider climate variation across different regions," wrote Ellen Thorp, the executive director of the EPDM Roofing Association, a DC-based national group that represents an industry built primarily on dark materials.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trump-tariffs-face-threat-supreme-1706	2025/06/02
		But the weight of the scientific evidence is clear: on hot days, light-colored roofs can stay more than 50 degrees cooler than dark ones, helping cut energy use, curb greenhouse gas emissions and reduce heat-related illnesses and deaths. One recent study found that reflective roofs could have saved the lives of more than 240 people who died in London's 2018 heatwave. A study by the US Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory found that a cool roof on a home in central California saved 20% in annual energy costs.	https://www.theguardian.com/environmen/2025/jun/01/dark-roof-bobby	2025/06/02
How the little-known 'dark roof' lobby may be making US cities hotter	Environment- Heat			
		For a while now, a roster of religious believers and leaders, grateful for the political victories Trump has bestowed in exchange for their votes, have suggested and sometimes outright said that Trump is "Chosen," or "anointed," or a "savior," or "the second coming" or "the Christ for this age." Now, though, Trump does it, too. And that matters. It matters, some say, because it highlights how his well-documented narcissism and grandiosity has metastasized into notions of omnipotence, invincibility and infallibility. And it matters maybe most immediately because it offers a window into how he is approaching his second term — even more emboldened, even more unilaterally oriented, even more apparently uncheckable and untouchable than the first. "I run the country and the world," he said last month. "I'd like to be pope," he said — kind of joking, but... kind of not? — before he and the White House posted on social media an AI image of himself adorned in archetypal papal attire.	https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2025/05/30/trump-odd-meas	2025/06/02
Does Trump Actually Think He's God?	Trump Bullyh			
		The White House's intelligence chief is said to be considering turning Donald Trump's routine briefings into a Fox News-style broadcast, with animations of exploding bombs, to make it easier for him to follow. Tariq Gabbani is looking to revive the president's daily brief to 30 minors a television broadcast because "he doesn't read", NBC News reported, having spoken to five people with direct knowledge of the discussion.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-may-jazz-trump-192427036	2025/06/02
White House may 'jazz up' Trump's briefings as he 'doesn't like reading'	Trump Bullyh			
		President Trump claimed Monday that the U.S. won't allow Iran to enrich uranium under a potential nuclear deal. Trump's claim contradicts the proposal his envoy Steve Witkoff made to Iran on Saturday, the details of which were reported by Axios on Monday. The question is whether Trump will stick to that red line or show more flexibility to secure a deal than his statement suggests.	https://www.axios.com/2025-06/02/iran-nuclear-deal-plan-uranium-enr	2025/06/03
Trump claims U.S. won't let Iran enrich uranium under nuclear deal	International Relations			
		MAGA influencers warned of dark forces at play — and the risk of dangerous escalation — as Ukraine celebrated a historic drone operation targeting Russia's bombing fleet. While Trump seeks to present himself as a neutral mediator trying to bring broker peace, large swathes of his base see Ukraine — not Russia — as the enemy.	https://www.axios.com/2025-06/02/ukraine-drone-operation-mag	2025/06/03
Trump silent on Ukraine drone attacks as MAGA blames 'Deep State'	International- Russia			
		Hundreds of times a year, the U.S. Treasury auctions off debt securities — bills, bonds, and notes. This is how Uncle Sam borrows the billions needed to finance the government's deficits. Top financial and business leaders, including some who served at high levels in President Trump's first term, are increasingly worried that something could go awry. The fear is that not enough buyers will show up one day, resulting in a damaging loss of confidence and a spike in all Americans' borrowing costs. If that were to happen, leaders warn, it could cause lasting damage by shifting the entire U.S. economy into a new, higher interest-rate equilibrium.	https://www.axios.com/2025-06/02/us-treasury-auction-debt-interest-ra	2025/06/03
Finance leaders fear destructive U.S. debt scenario	Economy- Debt			
		The FBI on Monday requested tips from the public on hospitals, clinics or practitioners performing gender-affirming surgeries to youth. "Health care for trans youth is just that — it's health care," Laurel Powell, a Human Rights Campaign spokesperson, said in a statement.	https://www.axios.com/2025-06/02/the-fbi-gender-affirming-care-trans	2025/06/03
FBI seeks tips on gender-affirming surgeries for children	Rainbow threats			
		The suspect, 45-year-old Mohamed Sabry Soliman, entered the U.S. in August 2022 on a B2 visa that expired in February 2023, according to Homeland Security spokesperson Troia McLaughlin. He fled for asylum in September 2022.	https://www.axios.com/2025-06/02/trump-biden-boulder-colorado-attack	2025/06/03
Trump blames Biden's border policies for Boulder, attack	Borders and immigration			
		Some six months after South Korea was cast into a constitutional crisis by a stunning declaration of martial law, the nation will head to the polls Tuesday. The election in many ways will be a referendum on impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol and his party, as whoever wins will be tasked with mending a divided South Korea after months of turbulence. Polls will open Tuesday morning, and a winner could be declared by Wednesday, CNN reported, bringing the ongoing leadership vacuum to an end.	https://www.axios.com/2025-06/02/south-korea-election-what-to-know	2025/06/03
What to know about South Korea's snap election	International- South Korea			
		The president's words matter, whether he's moving markets with tariff threats or spreading unfounded conspiracies about his political rivals, and the White House has mimicked Trump's bellicose online persona. Emboldened in his second term, Trump has surrounded himself with conspiracy theorists and posts without restraint.	https://www.axios.com/2025-06/02/trump-bull-posts-conspiracies-biden	2025/06/03
Trump's Truth posts mix wild conspiracies with market-moving policies	Trump Bullyh			
		Celebrations of Juneteenth, the new federal holiday that honors the emancipation of enslaved people in Texas, are growing amid a general backlash on civil rights and discussions on racism. Like Pride, companies are pulling back on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives around race, and the Trump administration reinterprets Civil Rights-era laws to focus on "anti-white racism."	https://www.axios.com/2025-06/02/juneteenth-celebration-civil-rights-b	2025/06/03
Juneteenth celebration expands despite civil rights backlash	Racism			

Baidu and revenge tips: Inside ICE's Puerto Rico deportation operation	Borders and immigration	No one knows exactly how many immigrants are living without legal status in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico. Rebecca Gonzalez-Ramirez, ICE's top investigator on the island, estimates it's about 20,000, and since January it's been her job to track down and deport every last one of them. "Our mandate," she said, "is 100 percent. So everybody that's in the United States, and in this case in Puerto Rico, without an immigration status, needs to be removed or deported."	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/02/mx-st-54195888/finding-every-deportable/	2025/06/03		
Trump's \$6 million Gold Card offers the rich a fast lane to residency	Borders and immigration	Lawyer's phones are ringing with wealthy foreigners wanting to know more about how to score a "Gold Card" — a glorified green card that would allow them to live and work in the U.S. without going through the usual hassle or red tape. Apparently, the card's \$5 million price tag is not scaring off the jet-setters looking to make the U.S. home. Or at least one of their homes.				
		Shah says the security — and the status — of being able to flash that "Gold Card" to get waved into the U. S. is also a big draw, as well as what Trump has described as "privileges - plus." The president hasn't elaborated on what that means, but Shah says clients are imagining VIP perks that range from easy loans to a special fast-track lane through Customs at U.S. airports.				
Trump's \$6 million Gold Card offers the rich a fast lane to residency	Borders and immigration	"They seem to believe that this is going to be some kind of separating first class from economy class, and that this is some kind of red carpet visa and they will be treated like a VIP everywhere," says Shah.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/02/mx-st-54151517/trump-gold-card-visa-ir/	2025/06/03		
		Tens of millions of dollars will go toward repairing harms from the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre. That's according to Mayor Moten Nichols. Tulsa's first Black mayor said Sunday the city is opening a \$105 million charitable trust aimed at things like housing, scholarships, land acquisition and economic development for north Tulsans. The trust will be comprised of private money that will be raised over the next 12 months, Nichols said.				
\$105 million trust to be built for 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre reparations, city says	Racism	As many as 300 people were killed and dozens of homes and businesses leveled in the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, when a white mob razed the city's prosperous Black neighborhood of Greenwood in north Tulsa. Today, north Tulsa is hampered by blight, poverty and racial inequality.	https://www.publicradiotulsa.org/about/regional/2025-06-01/105-million-1	2025/06/03		
		As the Senate prepares to put its imprint on President Donald Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act this week, Republicans are grappling over the potential impact the megabill might have on the national debt, which has ballooned to nearly \$37 trillion.				
		With a 10-year budget bill, deficit hawks in the Senate like Rand Paul and Ron Johnson are drawing a red line — pushing for deeper cuts than those in the bill the House sent to them.				
Trump's funding bill runs into Senate GOP fiscal hawks	Government-Funding	As lawmakers aim to send a bill to Trump by the Fourth of July, those demands could complicate the Senate's calculus for passage — where Republicans can only afford three defections.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-big-beautiful-bill-survive-19322601	2025/06/03		
		A Defense Department official tells others in the Trump administration that a \$12 million biological threat research grant at Harvard shouldn't be terminated because of national security risks, according to the school's latest court filing.				
DOJ official urged Trump administration not to end grant for biological threat research, Harvard tells court	Information-Blockout	The disclosure is part of a trove of internal Trump administration documents reviewed by Harvard lawyers. Harvard says the records show the White House directed the abrupt freezing of more than \$2 billion in federal grants headed to the university's research programs, in violation of federal law.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/harvard-says-internal-trump-administratio	2025/06/03		
		The Trump administration is coming under scrutiny for deporting several U.S. citizen children along with their foreign-born parents.				
		Trump officials have defended the move, saying the minors were not deported, rather the parents have elected to take them along rather than be separated from their children.				
Mass deportation effort sweeps up U.S. citizen children with deported parents	Borders and immigration	But attorneys for the families involved in such cases say their clients were given little notice and forced to make split-second decisions about what to do with children born in the United States.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mass-deportation-effort-sweeps-u-10000	2025/06/03		
		The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted breakthrough device designation to BIVACOR's titanium Total Artificial Heart (TAH), as a potential bridge to transplant for the adult population with severe heart failure, where current treatments are insufficient.				
FDA grants breakthrough device status to BIVACOR's artificial heart	Health-Technology	BIVACOR noted that the TAH utilizes magnetic levitation to suspend a dual-sided rotor, powering both the right and left circulatory systems of the heart and emulating a natural heartbeat without the need for valves or mechanical wear points.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/fda-grants-breakthrough-device-status-	2025/06/03		
		After a months-long freeze on hiring new federal employees and the Elon Musk-led DOGE cuts to the government workforce, the Trump administration is ready to resume civil service hiring — as long as the applicants answer a few essay questions about their level of loyalty to the president and his mission.				
		According to the White House's directive, a copy of which was reviewed by The Independent, anyone applying for a civil service position at entry level or above — including such jobs as nurses, janitors, economists and lawyers, among others — must respond to a series of essay questions before they can even be considered for an interview.				
		One question asks applicants about their "commitment to the Constitution and the founding principles of the United States," while another question asks applicants to state how they would "help advance the President's Executive Orders and policy priorities" and to "identify one or two relevant Executive Orders or policy initiatives" that they find significant to them.				
After DOGE, firings White House asks new job seekers to write Trump loyalty essays, from lawyers to janitors	Trump Bullshit	One of Elon Musk's austerity operatives discovered that the government had far less glut than he'd banked on — and teltlingly, admitting as much publicly got him fired.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-firings-white-house-asks-16274600	2025/06/03		
		Sahl Lovingsia, a tech founder and erstwhile software engineer with Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), revealed in a recent blog post that he had "gotten[] the boot" from the agency after telling Fast Company last month that the federal workforce had turned out to be way more efficient than he anticipated.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-fires-operative-admits-government-1	2025/06/03		
DOGE Fires Operative After He Admits the Government Was Already Pretty Efficient	Fuck that department	White House deputy chief of staff Stephen Miller was enraged to hear that Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers had been focusing on arresting only criminals, The Washington Examiner reported Monday.				
		The official told the conservative outlet that Miller didn't want ICE to narrow its field to just undocumented immigrants with criminal records. "Stephen Miller wants everybody arrested. Why aren't you at Home Depot? Why aren't you at 'Eleven'?" the official retorted.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-officials-don-t-know-192934472.html	2025/06/03		
ICE Officials Don't Know Who to Arrest, Thanks to Stephen Miller	Borders and immigration	"Tomatoes distributed in three southern states are now the subject of a possibly deadly recall, according to the Food and Drug Administration.				
		The recall, first announced by the FDA on May 2 for potential salmonella contamination, has now been upgraded to the most severe warning the federal agency issues.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tomatoes-sold-3-states-now-181538524.html	2025/06/03		
Tomatoes sold in 3 states now labeled deadly by FDA	Health-Recall	Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem incorrectly defined habeas corpus during a recent congressional hearing, augmenting serious doubts that top White House administration officials understand and are willing to respect the rule of law and legal rights of civilians on U.S. soil.				
		Indeed, Noem overrules the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which has been "forcibly disappearing" undocumented immigrants, international students and permanent residents off the streets. ICE officers frequently wear masks, which could help them avoid accountability for tactics like warrantless arrests, "knock and arrests" and smashing car windows.				
		In practice, ICE operates with relatively little oversight, but in principle, it is accountable to the federal government and has been subject to extensive civil litigation in the courts.				
		Over the past few months, Erik Prince, former head of the private military company Blackwater (now known by the name Constellis), has pitched multiple proposals to the White House to help with mass deportations. Prince has argued that achieving President Trump's aggressive deportation goals will require the government to "supplement" ICE's capabilities. According to one of his proposals, a new Prince company, 2USV, would train and deploy an army of as many as 100,000 armed and deputized citizens.				
		This is because scholarly research on the type of group Prince would mobilize suggests three key patterns. First, these groups are often tasked with committing human rights violations in pursuit of the government's political goals. Second, the current domestic political environment in the U.S. is conducive to their formation. Lastly, employing groups like this would allow federal government officials — including the president — to evade accountability for illegal or inhumane tactics.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-think-trump-deportations-bad-15/	2025/06/03		
Opinion - Think Trump's deportations have been bad? Wait until his civilian army gets started.	Political Censorship	An obscure ideology most people have never heard of is dominating almost every aspect of American life. Nearly every important Supreme Court ruling by the conservative majority — from abortion to voting rights, from gun control to environmental protection — virtually the whole far-right agenda — has been based on the notion using this ideology as its justification. "Originalism" is not a household word. Yet is in an extremely important word — the key to the political movement that has transformed the country over the last forty years and culminated in the regime of Donald Trump.				
		Originalism's influence, once confined to the nation's law schools, is now vast, reaching far beyond the Supreme Court majority's politicized rulings. First and foremost, originalism — yes, they call themselves that — provide the intellectual underpinning for Trump's "emergencies," his lawless assault on law firms, universities, the Smithsonian, the Library of Congress, the Voice of America, indeed, the entire civil service. The grand alibi comes in the form of what the originalists present as the doctrine of "unitary executive," a contrived theory of their own making that they pass off as something the Framers inscribed in the Constitution.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/adapt-ideology-infected-supreme-court-1	2025/06/03		
How a Radical Ideology Infected the Supreme Court and Poisoned the Country	Supreme Court	The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Monday it will hire for "mission-critical field positions" amid expert warnings that the National Weather Service has been cut too sharply just as hurricane season arrives.				
		An agency spokesperson said in a statement the positions will be advertised under a temporary reprieve from the federal government's widespread hiring pause "to further stabilize frontline operations." NOAA also said they are filling some field office openings by reassigning staff, including some temporary hires.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/waste-deep-cuts-noaa-says-225130098.html	2025/06/03		
In wake of deep cuts, NOAA says it will hire for 'mission-critical' weather service positions	Government-NOAA	The rhetoric was absurd, but familiar. A few days before Johnson's "Meet the Press" interview, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt told reporters, in reference to the GOP's far-right legislation, "There will be no increase to the deficit." It was a declaration she's made several times before.				
		Broadly speaking, there are three foundational problems with this. The first is that the Republican claim is demonstrably silly. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office concluded that the GOP legislation would add \$3.8 trillion to upcoming budget deficits, and a variety of other assessments have come to similar conclusions. The idea that the reconciliation package wouldn't add a penny to the deficit, and would actually reduce the deficit, is absurd.				
		The second problem is that the lies about the bill's fiscal impact aren't persuading those who need to be convinced. Several Republican senators, including Wisconsin's Ron Johnson and Kentucky's Rand Paul, have said they're not comfortable voting for legislation that would add trillions of dollars to the national debt, and the more GOP officials pretend that arithmetic has no meaning, the more these senators push back.				
		Finally, there's the bond market to consider. The Washington Post reported over the weekend: Wall Street bankers and executives are privately warning the Trump administration that the tax bill moving through Congress could stoke investor anxiety about rising deficits, push up U.S. borrowing costs and damage the broader economy, according to more than a dozen people familiar with the matter. ... [R]ecently, a growing number of figures from the financial world have expressed private concerns that such an expensive bill could rattle the U.S. bond market, a cornerstone of the global financial system and the national economy.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/madmax-blog-reality-gays-way-15162100	2025/06/03		
Reality gets in the way of Republican claims about the GOP megabill and the deficit	Government-Funding	The GEO Court agreed Monday to hear an appeal from a private prison company facing a lawsuit claiming immigration detainees were forced to work and paid a \$1 a day in Colorado.				
		The GEO group appealed to the high court after a judge refused to toss out the 2014 lawsuit saying the detainees had to perform both unpaid janitorial work and other jobs for little pay to supplement meager meals.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-hear-private-prison-19533	2025/06/03		
Supreme Court to hear private prison company appeal in suit over immigration detainees \$1-a-day wages	Borders and immigration	The company says the lawsuits are really a back door way to push back against federal immigration policy, and its pay rates are in line with Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations.				
		A closely divided Supreme Court refused Monday to hear a 2nd Amendment challenge to the bans on semiautomatic rifles in Maryland, California and eight other blue states.				
Supreme Court turns away a 2nd Amendment challenge to blue-state bans on assault weapons	Guns-Laws	For more than a decade, the justices have turned away gun-rights appeals that challenged local or state bans on assault weapons.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-turns-away-2nd-1432906	2025/06/03		
Fox News Host Slams Musk for Dodging Drug Use Question	Fuck that guy	She said that even if Musk was actually taking drugs, his potential "recreational drug use" didn't impact "everyday Americans."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fox-news-host-slams-musk-193649659.html	2025/06/03		

		Americans are planning to spend less money this summer due to the impact of Donald Trump's trade tariffs, according to surveys, polling, and media reports.			
		A survey of 1,516 U.S. consumers by the accounting giant KPMG in April found that 50 per cent were cutting back spending due to tariffs and more than 70 per cent expect a recession within the next 12 months.			
Half of Americans say they are already cutting back because of tariffs — and that includes summer vacation plans	Economy-Tariffs	The next month, 56 per cent of respondents told pollsters commissioned by Bloomberg News that their household finances would be better off without Trump's tariffs, with 69 per cent saying they expected higher prices.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/half-americans-already-cutting-back-2/	2025/06/03	
After talks with Zelenskyy and Macron, US senators warn: Putin is preparing for more war	International-Russia	Russian President Vladimir Putin is stalling at the peace table while preparing a new military offensive in Ukraine, two senior U.S. senators warned Sunday, arguing that the next two weeks could shape the future of a war that has already smashed cities, displaced millions and redrawn Europe's security map.			
		In Paris for talks with French President Emmanuel Macron — who they say is "100% aligned" with them on the war — the senators warned the window to prevent a renewed assault is closing.			
		"What I learned on this trip was he's preparing for more war," Graham said of Putin.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/talks-zelenskyy-macron-us-senators-213/	2025/06/03	
		Israel has killed at least 32 Palestinians waiting to get food at two aid distribution sites in Gaza, leaving more than 200 others injured.			
		Israeli tanks opened fire on thousands of civilians gathered at a distribution site in southern Gaza's Rafah on Sunday morning, killing at least 31 people, according to Gaza's Government Media Office.			
Israel kills 32 Palestinians waiting for food at U.S.-backed Gaza aid sites	International-Israel	"Aid distribution has become a death trap," the head of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, Philippe Lazzarini, said in a statement on Sunday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/israel-kills-32-palestinians-waiting-10465/	2025/06/03	
		The Trump administration on Monday asked a U.S. appeals court to pause a second court ruling that found the president had exceeded his authority by imposing sweeping tariffs on imports, saying the decision jeopardizes trade negotiations with other nations.			
		The Trump administration has already won a temporary pause of the first court loss, allowing it to reinstate tariffs during the early stages of the appeal. The court is expected to rule on the Trump administration's request for a longer-term pause later this month.			
		The second ruling, from U.S. District Judge Rudolph Contreras had less immediate impact than the Court of International Trade ruling, because it only stopped the Trump administration from collecting tariffs from two small businesses that had sued whereas the trade court ruling blocked the tariffs that had been challenged broadly.			
Trump administration seeks pause of second tariff case after loss	Trump Bulfith	But it contained a more direct finding that IEPPA simply does not authorize tariffs, going further than the more nuanced ruling in the Court of International Trade.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-seeks-pause-second-tariff-case-20250603/	2025/06/03	
		Bats eat insect pests, such as moths and beetles. And as they decline, farmers need to spray more pesticides. Scientists have linked the loss of bats in the US to an increase in insecticide use on farmland and, remarkably, to a rise in infant deaths. Insecticide chemicals are known to harm the health of newborns.			
		The only reason we know any of this is because of a somewhat obscure government program in the US Geological Survey (USGS), an agency nested within the Interior Department. That program, known as the Ecosystems Mission Area (EMA), is the biological research division of Interior. Among other functions, it monitors environmental contaminants, the spread of invasive species, and the health of the nation's wildlife, including bees, birds, and bats.			
		The Ecosystems Mission Area, which has around 1,200 employees, produces the premier science revealing how animals and ecosystems that Americans rely on are changing and what we can do to keep them intact — or risk our own health and economy.			
Trump officials plan to destroy a critical government program they probably know nothing about	Government-USGS	The Trump administration is sending three Cabinet members to Alaska this week as it pursues oil drilling in the pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and reinvigorating a natural gas project that's languished for years.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-officials-plan-destroy-critical-11300/	2025/06/03	US Geological Survey, Interior Department, Ecosystems Mission Area, EMA, biological research, bees, bats, birds, animals, ecosystems, https://the.bry.us/59c3ue2
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Trump officials are visiting Alaska to discuss a gas pipeline and oil drilling	Environment-Fossil fuels	The visit by Department of Interior Secretary Doug Burgum, Energy Secretary Chris Wright and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin comes after Trump signed an executive order earlier this year aimed at boosting oil and gas drilling, mining and logging in Alaska. It also comes as tariff talks with Asian countries that are seen as possible leverage for the administration to secure investments in the proposed Alaska liquefied natural gas project.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-officials-visiting-alaska-discuss-oil/	2025/06/03	
Exclusive:FEMA staff confused after head said he was unaware of US hurricane season, sources say	Government-FEMA	Staff of the Federal Emergency Management Agency were left baffled on Monday after the head of the U.S. disaster agency said he had not been aware the country has a hurricane season, according to four sources familiar with the situation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/exclusive-fema-staff-confused-head-206/	2025/06/03	
		In the United States, the president is both the head of state and head of government. The head of government works with legislators and meets with other world leaders to negotiate agreements and navigate conflicts, among other responsibilities.			
		As a political scientist who studies American presidents, I see that President Donald Trump loves the power and prestige that comes with being head of state, but does not seem to particularly enjoy the responsibility of being head of government.			
		Trump's preference for serving as head of state and not head of government was on full display during his now infamous Feb. 28, 2025, White House meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.			
		Trump was demanding deference from Zelenskyy to show his inferior and submissive position as a recipient of U.S. aid and military support. These are manifestations of absolute kings, not elected officials.			
		Trump has enacted policy changes almost exclusively through executive orders, instead of working with Congress on legislation.			
Trump is not a king — but that doesn't stop him from reveling in his job's most ceremonial and exciting parts	Trump Bulfith	Trump's staff launched, stopped and then relaunchd a themed infrastructure week seven times in 2019. This happened after Trump repeatedly derided infrastructure events to focus on a more interesting event or topic, ranging from defending his comments that seemed to suggest support for white supremacists to discussing the rebut of Roseanne Barr's sitcom.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-not-king-doesn-14064186.html	2025/06/03	
		Within hours of Donald Trump and his White House team unveiling "The MAHA Report: Making Our Children Healthy Again" two weeks ago, problems emerged. The Washington Post reported, for example, that some of the report's suggestions "stretched the limits of science," and offered "misleading representations" of scientific research.			
		A week later, a devastating report published by NOTUS advanced the underlying story considerably, highlighting the unambiguous fact that the MAHA document "misinterprets some studies and cites others that don't exist, according to the listed authors." Soon after, The New York Times identified "additional faulty references" in the report, including instances in which the document's authors pointed to "fictitious studies."			
		It seemed hard to believe this debacle could get worse, but it did. NOTUS reported in a follow-up article that several of the errors from the original report have been edited or removed, but in the process, administration officials have added new errors, including updated citations that "misinterpreted scientific studies."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/masktop-blog-rfk-jr-team-124267294.htm	2025/06/03	
RFK Jr.'s team adds new errors to its 'MAHA' report, making the farce worse	RFK, JR BS	Workers at 19 agencies revealed how sweeping changes brought in by DOGE —Elon Musk's team that pledged to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse—have instead resulted in delays for the most basic transactions and projects put on hold for months. The Washington Post reports, "People are so demoralized, anxious and sleep deprived," a NASA employee told the outlet. "Nobody is working at top efficiency."			
		An employee at the Federal Aviation Authority said that the new process for payment systems means that staff must now write statements justifying all expenditures, from bigger expenses to ordering pens and pencils. It has slowed down the process of getting windows cleaned at air traffic control towers, the employee said. Purchase orders that would take 15 to 20 minutes now take up to 2 hours. "These are things that people don't think about, but clean windows are crucial for controllers," the employee told the outlet.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doge-promised-government-more-efficient-20250603/	2025/06/03	
DOGE promised to make government more efficient. Workers say they are wasting more time than ever	Fuck that department	Heidi Berchir, co-founder of the Global Project Against Hate and Extremism, told the Guardian it was "another example of the far right moving to directly impact culture, and especially young people, with extremist and anti-democratic beliefs".			
		She added: "These efforts represent another front in the culture wars, one that is pushing America further from democracy and equality and closer to autocratic rule."			
How the far right seeks to spread its ideology through the publishing world	Ceaspool- Far right	A Boston high school student who was detained by immigration agents on Saturday while he was on his way to volleyball practice must be kept in Massachusetts for at least 72 hours, a federal judge said on Monday.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/03/far-right-book-publis	2025/06/03	
Judge orders 72-hour stay for Boston teen arrested by ICE on way to volleyball practice	Borders and immigration	Ice's acting director, Todd Lyons, and Patricia Hyde — who directs the agency's enforcement and removal operations in Boston — acknowledged Gomes was not the target of the immigration investigation that led to his arrest and that authorities instead were seeking his father, who remains at large.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/02/ice-arrest-boston-teen	2025/06/03	
All international travelers should get measles vaccinations, CDC says	Health-Vaccination	U.S. health officials have changed their advice to international travelers about measles, saying that Americans should be vaccinated against the virus no matter where they're going.	https://apnews.com/article/public-health-measles-international-travel-vaccine-58004c	2025/06/03	
Swiss glacier collapse renews focus on risks of climate change as glaciers retreat around the world	Environment-Climate crisis	The landslide that buried most of a Swiss village this week is focusing renewed attention on the role of global warming in glacier collapses around the world and the increasing dangers.	https://apnews.com/article/swiss-glacier-collapse-climate-change-20250603/	2025/06/03	
Deep cuts erode the foundations of US public health system, end progress, threaten worse to come	Government-Healthcare	How glaciers collapse — from the Alps and Andes to the Himalayas and Antarctica — can differ, scientists say. But in almost every instance, climate change is playing a role.			
Trump's trade policy is making China great again — at the US's expense, new global analysis finds	International Relations	State and local health departments responsible for invisible but critical work such as inspecting restaurants, monitoring wastewater for new and harmful germs, responding to outbreaks before they get too big — and a host of other tasks to protect both individuals and communities — are being hollowed out.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-1/	2025/06/03	
How Trump's budget would hit America's poorest families hardest	Trump Bulfith	"Nobody wants to go swim in a community pool and come out of it with a rash or a disease from it. Nobody wants to walk out their door and take a fresh breath of air and start wheezing," said Lori Tennel Freeman, executive director of the National Association of County and City Health Officials.			
A colossal cloud of Sahara dust is smothering the Caribbean en route to the US	Environment-Dust	Since Trump entered office in January, "the overwhelming majority of countries simultaneously exhibit worsening views of the United States and improving views of China," according to the analysis by technology research firm Morning Consult, and first reported by Axios.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-1/	2025/06/03	
		Donald Trump plans to slash billions of dollars in federal spending, including dramatic cuts to vital programs that support millions of Americans, including the nation's poorest families.			
		New details in a massive White House document spanning more than 1,200 pages outline stark cuts to programs that help feed and house millions of children, which critics fear will have dangerous consequences for the nation's most vulnerable households.			
		A massive cloud of dust from the Sahara Desert blanketed most of the Caribbean on Monday in the biggest event of its kind this year as it heads toward the United States.			
		The cloud extended some 2,000 miles (3,200 kilometers) from Jamaica to well past Barbados in the eastern Caribbean, and some 750 miles (1,200 kilometers) from the Turks and Caicos Islands in the northern Caribbean down south to Trinidad and Tobago.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/a-colossal-cloud-sahara-dust-smothering-1/	2025/06/03	
		Kennedy recently announced that COVID-19 vaccines would no longer be recommended for healthy children and pregnant women—a direct contradiction of previous guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).			
		The justification for the move also contained just eight citations, including a 2022 Newsweek opinion piece from Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Mary Makary.			
RFK Jr. Can't Stop Causing Headaches With His Chaotic Health Plans	RFK, JR BS	CDC officials were reportedly blindsided by the switch and only learned of it when Kennedy shared a video announcing it on social media.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-cant-stop-causing-headaches-144644375.html	2025/06/03	
		Al bots are known to sometimes make things up, known as hallucinating. Verify the information you get if you plan to rely on it.			
		Be sure you're comfortable with the information you're sharing with an AI assistant. In some cases, companies may use the data you share to train the models or serve advertising. Paid versions sometimes allow you to limit this. This Axios series, "What AI knows about you," details how the various chatbots train their systems.	https://www.axios.com/2025-06-04/ai-chat-head-challenge-prok-gemini/	2025/06/04	
Behind the Curtain: Your AI survival kit	Technology-AI	The legislation cuts the electric vehicle tax credit that helps car makers like Musk's Tesla.			
		Musk was working at the White House as what's called a "special government employee," and he had discussed trying to stay in that role beyond the 130-day time limit set by statute for the unpaid advisory position. But ultimately, White House officials said he couldn't keep serving in that capacity.			
		Musk also wanted the Federal Aviation Administration to use his Starlink satellite system for national air traffic control, the sources said. But the administration balked at it because of the appearance of a conflict of interest and for technological reasons. "You can't have air traffic control just run off satellites," the second source said.			
		The final straw for Musk appeared to come Saturday night, when Trump abruptly announced he was withdrawing the nomination of Jared Isaacman, a Musk ally, to be NASA administrator.	https://www.axios.com/2025-06-03/elon-musk-trump-white-house-relati	2025/06/04	
Scoop: Four reasons Musk attacked Trump's 'big beautiful bill'	Fuck that guy				

		American manufacturers are having pandemic flashbacks: some say tariff disruptions are starting to stack up to the COVID era, with nearly as much difficulty securing critical inputs. Tariffs were supposed to spur a manufacturing renaissance, not bring the manufacturing economy grinding to a halt. Factories are reporting increasingly longer delivery times for supplies. Material prices are rising at a faster rate. Automakers are warning of supply disruptions shutting down assembly lines, with at least one carmaker pausing production.			
Pandemic flashback: Manufacturers can't get supplies	Economy-Supply chain	This time there is no deadly virus, though trade wars and tariffs are still sending shockwaves through global supply chains, which could leave consumers with fewer options on shelves. AI makers could do more to limit chatbots' penchant for "hallucinating," or making stuff up—but they're prioritizing speed and scale instead.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/04/tariffs-trump-manufacturers-covid-su	2025/06/04	
Why AI is still making things up	Technology-AI	President Trump formally asked Congress on Tuesday to rescind \$9.4 billion in already approved funding for foreign aid and the Corporation of Public Broadcasting (CPB), which funds NPR and PBS.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/04/ai-flying-ai-hallucinations	2025/06/04	
Trump asks Congress to pull \$9B in funding for NPR, PBS, foreign aid	Information-Blackout	PBS CEO Paula Kerger in an emailed statement Tuesday said the proposed cuts "would have a devastating impact" on the broadcaster's member stations and "the essential role they play in communities, particularly smaller and rural stations that rely on federal funding for a larger portion" of their budgets.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/04/trump-congress-npr-pbs-funding-pu	2025/06/04	Trump Bulshit
Ukraine's "Solderweb" drone assault is a wake-up call for all	Warfare	The coordinated "Solderweb" attack—about a year and a half in the making, employing 117 drones across multiple time zones—has global implications. Among them: The cost curve cannot be ignored. Priced, nuclear-capable bombers doomed by tools that can be slapped together in a trench or garage? Do the math.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/04/ukraine-solderweb-drone-attack-shj	2025/06/04	international, technology, war,
Colorado expands paid leave for NICU parents	Economy-Health	A lack of air defenses and hardened shelters is foolish at best, negligent at worst. Tom Karako, an expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank, described the moment as "a new missile age" in which "everybody has to look up."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/04/colorado-paid-leave-nicu-parents	2025/06/04	parenting
Annual cost of insuring a family tops \$35,000	Economy-Health	Almost everything is in range. If Ukrainian operatives can go undetected for months and sneak so close to Russian perimeters while loaded and loaded, so too can China. Fears a few years ago over land grabs near American installations now feels present.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/04/annual-cost-insurance-family-incog	2025/06/04	
U.S. air quality hit as 205 wildfires burn across Canada	Environment-Wildfire	Shipping container subterfuge is the real deal. The Gravehawk, developed by the U.K. and Denmark, amounts to overhauled protections in a box. Meanwhile, the 2024 China Military Power Report warned Beijing may be building a "launcher that can fit inside a standard commercial shipping container for covert employment of" YJ-18 missiles aboard merchant ships.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/02/canada-fire-smoke-us-air-quality-e	2025/06/04	
Trump administration strips federal protections for emergency abortion providers	Reproductive Rights	Colorado became the first state to offer extended paid family leave to parents with infants in the neonatal intensive care units after Gov. Jared Polis (D) signed the policy into law on Friday. Parents will be able to take up to 12 extra weeks while their infants are in the NICU, where parental engagement has been linked to better developmental outcomes.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/04/trump-emergency-abortion-guidance	2025/06/04	
With steel tariffs doubling today, a North Carolina manufacturer wonders how to compete	Economy-Tariffs	The cost of covering a family of four through workplace insurance now exceeds \$35,000—nearly triple what it cost 20 years ago as annual growth in health costs have far outpaced wages.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/04/us-1-5422448/trump-steel-aluminum-f	2025/06/04	
How DOGE's push to amass data could hurt the reliability of future U.S. statistics	Information-Blackout	The 20-year cumulative gain of 188% outpaced the 84% growth in wages over the same time.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/04/us-1-5392191/us-census-bureau-labo	2025/06/04	
Word of the Week: This four-letter word doesn't mean what I used to. That's nice	Weird world	The higher tariffs likely will provide a boost for domestic companies that produce steel and aluminum. But for every steelworker in America, there are about 80 people working for companies that use steel. And their costs are about to go up.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/04/us-1-7023203/ice-word-elymology-trump	2025/06/04	
WorldPride is in D.C. this year—which may be why attendance and sponsorship are down	Rainbow threats	It's a system that runs on trust, and the trust, I would say, has been declining, the current field representative says. "It makes me sad as an American that distrust is at that level. But I do understand it. I fear for the data I'm collecting. Is it going to be misused? And the privacy guarantees that I describe to people—are those going to be respected?"	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/04/us-1-5407497/worldpride-dc	2025/06/04	
Private prisons and local jails are ramping up as ICE detention exceeds capacity	Borders and immigration	Federal law prohibits the bureau from releasing information that would identify a person or business to anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement. But a report Bates helped prepare during the first Trump administration found 28% of people surveyed in 2018 said they were very or extremely concerned the bureau would not protect an informant's confidentiality.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/04/us-1-5417880/private-prisons-and-ice	2025/06/04	ACAB
Trump voters call president's pardon of corrupt Virginia sheriff 'a terrific mistake'	Trump Bulshit	When Donald Trump pardoned former Culpeper County Sheriff Scott Jenkins last week, the president called him a "victim" who had been "persecuted by the Radical Left 'monsters' and 'let for dead.'"	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/02/us-1-5424099/the-fallout-in-a-virginia	2025/06/04	ACAB
USDA says demand for sensitive food stamp data from states is on hold	Government-USDA	"That's a terrific mistake," said Ken Green, a retired entrepreneur and three-time Trump voter, as he ate breakfast at the counter at Frost Cafe in downtown Culpeper. "It's a failure of our justice system. He was guilty as could be. He needed to go to jail, and he didn't. So what kind of signal does that send?"	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/03/science/cockatoos-water-fountain	2025/06/04	Food stamps, privacy, poverty, families, food insecurity
Family of Boulder attack suspect are being taken into ICE custody	Borders and immigration	The Department of Agriculture's unprecedented demand that states and payment processors turn over sensitive data about people who receive federal food assistance is on hold—for now.	https://www.cpr.org/2025/06/03/ice-detains-family-of-boulder-attack-su	2025/06/04	
Exclusive: CDC expert resigns from COVID vaccines, advisory role, sources say	Government-CDC	NPR reporting revealed that before the department's May letter, USDA's office of the inspector general had asked four states for SNAP data, and asked at least one state for detailed personal information on everyone who received SNAP over the last year, including citizenship status, according to emails reviewed by NPR. But other data that is typically used to verify financial eligibility for the program wasn't requested.	https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/cdc-exp	2025/06/04	Health, vaccines, covid
Clever Cockatoos Have Figured Out How to Drink From Water Fountains	Weird world	The family of Mohamed Sabry Soliman is being detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement today following his arrest in connection with the firebomb attack that injured 12 people on Boulder's Pearl Street Mall Sunday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cadets-met-air-force-academy-graduation-22560119	2025/06/04	political cesspool
How to lower your energy costs as summer temperatures rise	Economy-Utilities	"Today the Department of Homeland Security and ICE are taking the family of suspected Boulder, Colorado terrorist, and illegal alien Soliman into ICE custody," Neem said. "Mohamed's despicable actions will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, but we're also investigating to what extent his family knew about this horrific attack if they had any knowledge of it or provided any support to it."		2025/06/04	
FEUDALISM IS OUR FUTURE	Trump Bulshit	Federal and state authorities were continuing to investigate but had said Monday that Soliman's wife and children were cooperative during a search of his home, and no criminal charges are pending against anyone other than Mohamed Soliman. His wife voluntarily turned in a mobile phone Soliman had left behind on Sunday, containing messages for his family. Soliman told police his family was not involved in his actions.		2025/06/04	
Cadets who met at Air Force Academy graduation standards denied commissions because they're transgender	Rainbow threats	Pediatric infectious disease expert Dr. Lakshmi Paragiotakopoulos of the U.S. CDC resigned on Tuesday as co-leader of a working group that advises outside experts on COVID-19 vaccines and is leaving the agency, two sources familiar with the move told Reuters.		2025/06/04	
		In the city's western suburbs, some of the birds have figured out how to use public drinking fountains. The cockatoos go to the effort of using drinking fountains when there are plenty of accessible water sources nearby. They don't seem to use them more often during hot weather.		2025/06/04	
		It's unclear why the cockatoos go to the effort of using drinking fountains when there are plenty of accessible water sources nearby. They don't seem to use them more often during hot weather.		2025/06/04	
		A political scientist might use the phrase externalization of state functions to capture much of what MacMullen was looking at. A more familiar term would be privatization, the word MacMullen himself used. By the early 2000s, after two decades of deregulation and denationalization, the term had gained wide currency in a different context: to describe the path taken by governments in the West, notably the United States and Great Britain, as ever larger chunks of public responsibility—for security, finances, education, infrastructure, data—were tossed off and put into private hands. Independent fiefdoms were coming to life everywhere.		2025/06/04	
		More and more public functions are now likely to be outsourced. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has been pushing for years to privatize health care for veterans. Another administration official, Mehmet Ciz, has argued for privatizing Medicare—a program he now oversees. The administration has shown interest in taking apart the National Weather Service and spinning off some of its functions. It is looking into fully privatizing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which underpin the nation's mortgage industry.		2025/06/04	
		Home electricity bills are expected to reach their highest average rate in 12 years, at \$784 for the summer period, according to a recent analysis from the National Energy Assistance Directors Association (NEADA). The elevated cost comes as a one-two punch for families already financially strapped after this winter season's higher-than-average heating costs.		2025/06/04	
		The stakes for keeping cool are high. Heat is the leading weather-related killer in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year, according to the National Weather Service. Higher temperatures can lead to heat stroke and heat exhaustion.		2025/06/04	
		They are the first out transgender cadets to graduate from the Academy. And under a newly reinstated Trump administration ban, they will not be allowed to serve.		2025/06/04	
		One of them, Hunter Marquez, had spent years preparing to become a combat systems officer. He earned dual degrees in aeronautical engineering and applied mathematics. He passed the Air Force's fitness standards for men. And he did so as himself, having transitioned while enrolled at the Academy. "I really want to stay in for as long as possible, fight this out," Marquez told The Colorado Springs Gazette.		2025/06/04	
		Marquez, along with the two other graduates, was placed on administrative absence, barred from taking the oath, and warned he might need to repay the cost of his education if he refused to leave voluntarily, the paper reports. That education—funded by taxpayers—is valued in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. According to The Gazette, Marquez was later told by Air Force officials that if he is involuntarily separated, he won't be billed. But the message was clear: his government does not want him in uniform.		2025/06/04	

		The US Department of Education said it's pausing plans to garnish Social Security benefits from people with student loans in default.			
Education Department halts plans to garnish Social Security benefits for defaulted student loans	Economy-Student Loans	"The Department has not offset any Social Security benefits since restarting collections on May 5, and has put a pause on any future Social Security offsets," Ellen Keast, a Department of Education spokeswoman, told Yahoo Finance in an email on Tuesday. The White House has sent its long-awaited spending cuts request to Congress as it seeks to formalize a slew of DOGE slashes to federal funding. The \$9.4 billion package – known as "rescissions" on Capitol Hill – would clear back previously appropriated government funding. The move to cancel the funding through Congress would insulate the administration from legal challenges related to its cuts to federal funding.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/education-department-halts-plans-to-g-22550604	2025/06/04	
White House formally sends its DOGE spending cuts request to Congress	Fuck that department	Even far-right influencers are creeped out by President Donald Trump's reported plan to work with MAGA-friendly tech company Palantir on merging data on Americans from different agencies into a single location — a development that could lead to the federal government having unprecedented power to spy on, and harass, Americans. Newsweek highlighted worried responses from Nick Fuentes, the Hodgsonkins and other influencers who are sounding the alarm.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-formally-sends-cuts-21183f-22550604	2025/06/04	
Even Trump supporters are pushing back on his plans to merge Americans' data	Privacy-Government-FEMA	video	https://www.yahoo.com/news/even-trump-supporters-creeped-plans-22550604	2025/06/04	
FEMA scrambles to face hurricane season amid DOGE cuts	Political-Ceepool	Vice President Vance slammed Democrats on Tuesday over a taco truck they deployed to mock President Trump with free food outside the GOP headquarters on Capitol Hill. Kingsley Wilson, formerly a deputy press secretary at the Department of Defense, was appointed as the Pentagon's chief press secretary on May 23, just months after reports exposed her extremist online views. That includes endorsing the "great replacement" theory—which falsely claims white Americans are being intentionally replaced as the dominant race in the U.S for political gain—as a "reality." She also pushed the long-debunked claim that Leo Frank, a Jewish man lynched in Georgia in 1915 after a wrongful conviction, was actually guilty. Frank was posthumously pardoned in 1986 by the state of Georgia.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fema-scrambles-face-hurricane-season-1-22550604	2025/06/04	
Vance knocks Democrats over taco truck outside GOP building	Political-Ceepool	Federal immigration officials have faced severe criticism from members of the Trump administration, displaced with the number of immigration arrests and deportations, according to the Washington Examiner. Late last month, a heated discussion arose between White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller and several senior officials from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).	https://www.yahoo.com/news/vance-knocks-democrats-over-taco-1734-22550604	2025/06/04	
Pete Hegseth's New Press Secretary Poated Deranged Claims About Lynching	Political-Ceepool	An ERO official said during the meeting that the Department of Homeland Security and the White House had argued publicly that they were going after criminal illegal immigrants and that ICE was targeting them, not illegal immigrants in general. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon was given a math lesson during a Senate hearing on Tuesday when Senator Jack Reed pointed out that \$1.5 multiplied by 10 is not "over a trillion dollars" but actually \$15 billion. Sitting before the appropriations subcommittee that focuses on education, McMahon nodded her head along as Senator John Kennedy of Louisiana mistakenly claimed that the U.S. spends "\$1,580,000" on federal grant programs, known as TRIO and GEAR UP, per year and that after 10 years, that adds up to be "over a trillion dollars."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pete-hegseth-press-secretary-poated-18-22550604	2025/06/04	
Stephen Miller has set his sights on new targets to find undocumented migrants, Home Depot and T-Eleven	Political-Ceepool	The U.S. actually spends \$1.58 billion per year on the programs, which does not add up to more than a trillion after 10 years. But, McMahon did not correct Kennedy's math error. The Trump administration has reportedly been discreetly working with Palantir Technologies Inc. (NASDAQ:PLTR) to gather personal data of American citizens from various federal agencies, sparking concerns over privacy and potential misuse of personal data.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/stephen-miller-set-sights-targets-18035f-22550604	2025/06/04	
Education Secretary Linda McMahon struggles with basic math when trying to add up proposed budget cuts	Government-DOE	Foundry's capabilities in data organization and analysis could potentially enable the merging of information from various agencies, thereby creating detailed profiles of American citizens. The Trump administration has attempted to access extensive citizen data from government databases, including bank details, student debt, medical claims, and disability status. Palantir's selection as a primary vendor for the project was reportedly influenced by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), which was being overseen by Tesla Inc. (NASDAQ:TSLA) CEO, Elon Musk.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/education-secretary-linda-mcmahon-strug-22550604	2025/06/04	
Trump Administration Silently Employs Palantir To Gather Personal Data Of Each American, Raising Privacy, Data Abuse Concerns, Report	Privacy	It's nerve-wracking to hear that a new variant is making the rounds, but infectious disease specialists say there are no glaring differences between the symptoms of NB.1 & 1 and those caused by other versions of SARS-CoV-2.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-silently-employs-22550604	2025/06/04	
A New COVID Variant Is Spreading Quickly — These Are The Symptoms Doctors Are Warning About	Health-Covid	DDO civilians can now travel to support DHS with the Trump administration's immigration enforcement, though it is unclear whether they would volunteer for such roles or be assigned to DHS activities. The memo did not specify what types of jobs they would be doing. But Hegseth made clear that some individuals might not be paid for their work, noting that assignments "may be reimbursable or non-reimbursable."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/covid-variant-spreading-quickly-symptom-22550604	2025/06/04	
DDO civilians can now aid DHS with 'internal immigration enforcement,' per memo	Borders and immigration	Centrals of severe thunderstorms packing high winds and damaging hail will focus mainly on the central United States into the weekend. AccuWeather meteorologists say: Severe storms are also forecast to erupt in the East near the end of the week. The risk of severe weather will ramp up over the Plains and Mississippi Valley into midweek, from just inland from the Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes. As warm, humid air from the Gulf clashes with a mass of cool air from the Rockies combined with a strong jet stream overhead, thunderstorms will erupt and are likely to become locally violent.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ddo-civilians-now-aid-dhs-211641681-18-22550604	2025/06/04	
Severe storms to hammer central US on daily basis through Saturday	Weather-Storms	There is a 30% of risky weather conditions in the forecast for the Los Angeles area starting Tuesday — thunderstorms, dry lightning and rip currents. A low pressure system will skim the Southern California coast Tuesday through Wednesday, bringing an up-to-30% chance of thunderstorms across the region, with the San Gabriel Mountains, the Antelope Valley and the interior mountains of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties at greatest risk of being hit, according to the National Weather Service. The most likely window for storms is 2 through 10 a.m. Tuesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/severe-storms-hammer-central-us-18451-22550604	2025/06/04	
Forecasters say triple threat heading for SoCal: Thunderstorms, dry lightning, rip currents	Weather-Storms	Counties throughout the Western Hemisphere and Africa are finding ways to take advantage of President Donald Trump's eagerness to thwart migration. But it's not working for Cuba. Even as Cuba continues to accept its citizens deported from the U.S., the island nation finds itself increasingly at odds with the Trump administration, a senior Cuban official told POLITICO.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/forecasters-triple-threat-heading-socal-1c-22550604	2025/06/04	
Cuba tried to improve its relations with the US by cooperating with Trump's deportation flights. It didn't work.	International Relations	The deterioration in relations between Havana and Washington comes as Trump administration officials and members of the Cuban exile community have pushed for a tougher line on Cuban leadership, arguing that the communist government represents a major national security threat. The U.S. is also facing a wave of migration from Cuba that has seen hundreds of thousands of Cubans enter the country since the Covid-19 pandemic. "The Government asks this Court to accept a shocking proposition: that federal officers may snatch residents of this country and deposit them in foreign prisons in admitted violation of federal law, while no court in the United States has jurisdiction to do anything about it," Alberto Garcia's lawyers wrote Monday in their opposition to the government's motion to dismiss.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cuba-tried-improve-relations-us-2240580-22550604	2025/06/04	borders and immigration
Abrego Garcia lawyers blast 'shocking proposition' behind Trump admin residence	Constitutional Crisis	Senior US immigration officials over the weekend instructed rank-and-file officers to "turn the creative knob up to 11" when it comes to enforcement, including by interviewing and potentially arresting people they called "collaterals", according to internal agency emails viewed by the Guardian. Officers were also urged to increase apprehensions and think up tactics to "push the envelope" one email said, with staff encouraged to come up with new ways of increasing arrests and suggesting them to superiors.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/abrego-garcia-lawyers-blast-shocking-14-22550604	2025/06/04	
US immigration officials push for increased detentions, including collateral arrests	Borders and immigration	After officials in Charlottesville, Virginia, reportedly ignored his pleas to implement a pedestrian crosswalk at a dangerous intersection, traffic safety activist Kevin Cox drew a crossing with chalk. Authorities responded by covering Cox's handwork with black paint and charging him with vandalism in a case that evidently demonstrates how acrimonious relations can sometimes get between local government bureaucrats in the US and those who say they are trying to hold them to account.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/04/immigration-officials-22550604	2025/06/04	
Virginia activist charged with vandalism after drawing crosswalk at intersection	Weird world	Two Chinese scientists have been charged with smuggling a toxic fungus into the United States that they planned to research at an American university, the justice department has said.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/04/virginia-crosswalk-v-22550604	2025/06/04	
Potential 'agroterrorism' weapon: fungus smuggled into US by Chinese scientists, FBI alleges	Watch this	The justice department said the pair conspired to smuggle a fungus called Fusarium graminearum into the United States that causes "heat death," a disease of wheat, barley, maize, and rice. Republican firebrand Marjorie Taylor Greene has drawn widespread criticism from Democratic colleagues for admitting that not only did she not read Donald Trump's law and spending bill before voting for it, but she would have voted against it had she read thoroughly. "You have one job. To Read. The. Fucking. Bill." Representative Eric Swalwell wrote in response.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/03/marjorie-taylor-gre-22550604	2025/06/04	
Marjorie Taylor Greene criticized for not reading Trump's law, lawmakers' bill	Political-Ceepool	Bricks, squirrels, rabbits, frogs, insects and other wildlife are critically affected by human made noise. They're outdoors right in the middle of what must seem to them a war zone — with no escape. And the background noises that surround them aren't merely nuisances; they disrupt the basic instincts the animals' lives depend on.	https://nprnews.com/video/stephant-hill-a-taste-for-crime-rifles-the-sh-22550604	2025/06/04	
Elephant with a taste for crime rifles the shelves of a grocery shop near Thailand's national park	Weird world	While the president publicly turns to the conservative-heavy court for help in implementing some of his most controversial agenda items, in private, he's complained about some of the justices he's nominated, with an emphasis on Barrett, CNN reported. Barrett, the last justice to be nominated and appointed by Trump, has shown herself to be less of a hardline conservative than other justices such as Clarence Thomas or Samuel Alito.	https://nprnews.com/article/gardening-noise-leaf-blowers-246770ff61d-22550604	2025/06/04	
How to turn down the volume and protect wildlife in your yard and garden	Personal Interest	The Trump administration isn't celebrating Pride Month, but rather walking back initiatives to recognize LGBTQ+ communities. It's a part of a larger repeal of diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts by the administration, which have contributed to an increasingly hostile climate for LGBTQ+ people in the U.S., particularly for transgender individuals.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-c-22550604	2025/06/04	
Trump privately grips that his own Supreme Court judge picks aren't standing behind his agenda, report	Trump Bulshit	Video	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/tennessee-escape-22550604	2025/06/04	
Watch: Escaped extra spotted running around Tennessee	Weird world	Video	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/tennessee-escape-22550604	2025/06/04	
'You guys are hilarious.' Homeowner unimpressed with cops' attempt to get bucked out of her house with laser pointer	Weird world	WinCo founding partner Jeffrey Katzenberg warned that the impact of kids' unsupervised access to technology is "destroying a generation" during Axiom's annual AI+NY Summit Wednesday. By 11, over half of children have a smartphone — but research has found screen time has played a key role in the youth mental health crisis. Businesses say they're raising prices on goods unaffected by tariffs, according to surveys and anecdotes released by the Federal Reserve on Wednesday. This could be a sign that price hikes might be more widespread than expected, with concerns that some companies might use tariffs as cover to unnecessarily raise costs.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/bobcat-palace-jesse-painter-ken-22550604	2025/06/04	
Destroying a generation: Katzenberg raises alarm on teens and tech	Technology-Tems	The Trump administration isn't celebrating Pride Month, but rather walking back initiatives to recognize LGBTQ+ communities. It's a part of a larger repeal of diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts by the administration, which have contributed to an increasingly hostile climate for LGBTQ+ people in the U.S., particularly for transgender individuals.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/04/tennes-axiom-social-media-jeffrey-katzenbe-22550605	2025/06/05	
Businesses are raising prices after tariffs — even on unaffected goods	Economy-Tariffs	President Trump said Wednesday that Russian President Vladimir Putin told him he "have to respond" to the massive Ukrainian drone attack on Russia's strategic air bases. Ukrainian officials have mocked Russia's characterization of its secret "Spidersweb" operation as a "terrorist attack," given Russia has been bombarding Ukrainian cities for three years, not just striking military targets as Ukraine did.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/04/trump-pride-month-lgbt-rights-22550605	2025/06/05	
Trump admin rolls back LGBTQ+ gains during Pride Month	Rainbow threats	Ukraine has agreed to Trump's initial proposal for an unconditional ceasefire, but its leaders sound just as pessimistic as Putin about the chances of a full peace deal any time soon. Ukrainian Republicans are expanding their investigation into President Biden's health with a new tranche of requests to interview top White House aides, including former Chief of Staff Ron Klain and senior adviser Anita Dunn.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/04/ruener-investigation-biden-health-3c-22550605	2025/06/05	
Putin tells Trump he'll hit Ukraine back for surprise drone attack	International-Russia	The top Democrat on the House Oversight Committee is demanding answers from Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick about why employees fired from his department were denied health care coverage they had already paid for. The letter, sent to Lutnick on Wednesday, follows reporting by NPR that Commerce Department employees who were fired, reinstated by court order, and fired again had had their health care coverage prematurely cut off. They were left uninsured — despite the fact that they'd been paying their health care premiums through paycheck deductions, and despite the federal government's policy to provide 31 days of free health care coverage after an employee is terminated.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/04/putin-trump-call- ceasefire-drone-att-22550605	2025/06/05	
House GOP expands its investigation of Biden's health	Political-Ceepool	Vietnam has scrapped a policy that limited couples to have up to two children, as it addresses a declining birth rate and a shrinking working-age population. The two-child policy, in place since 2009 to prevent overpopulation, restricted families to one or two children. While enforcement was relaxed for ordinary citizens, the policy was strictly applied to government officials and members of the ruling Communist Party.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/04ip-s1-70426/vietnam-ends-2-child-policy-22550605	2025/06/05	
Some federal workers lost health coverage they had paid for. A Democrat wants answers	Government-Jobs				
Vietnam ends its longstanding 2-child policy	International-Vietnam				

		Now, some doctors and scientists say it is time to take the extraordinary step of unleashing gene editing to suppress mosquitoes and avoid human suffering from malaria, dengue, West Nile virus and other serious diseases. "There are so many lives at stake with malaria that we want to make sure that this technology could be used in the near future," said Akeia Simoni, a molecular biologist with Target Malaria, a project aiming to target vector mosquitoes in sub-Saharan Africa.			
We finally may be able to rid the world of mosquitoes. But should we?	Environment- Bugs	Yet the development of this technology also raises a profound ethical question: When, if ever, is it okay to intentionally drive a species out of existence? The Trump administration on Wednesday officially raised tariffs on aluminum and steel to 50%, a move experts say could increase costs on everything from homes and cars to household items and office supplies. While the U.S. has carved out its own niche in domestic metals manufacturing, it also relies on imports from abroad to fill in the gaps: America imported 26.3 million metric tons of steel and 5.4 million metric tons of aluminum from abroad last year, according to the International Trade Administration. Canada serves as the biggest foreign source for both metals. The White House has been aggressively trying to jare back on America's reliance on foreign nations, imposing 25% tariffs on steel and aluminum in February, citing national security concerns. President Trump, during a visit to U.S. Steel mill in Pittsburgh on May 30, announced he was doubling down on that rate, raising the 25% levies to 50%. The higher tariffs went into effect Wednesday at 12:01 a.m. EST.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/finally-may-ride-rid-world-222633126148r	2025/06/05	
Steel and aluminum tariffs expected to raise costs on cars, homes, more	Economy- Tariffs	President Donald Trump's big bill in Congress would unleash trillions in tax cuts and slash spending, but also spike deficits by \$2.4 trillion over the decade and leave some 10.5 million more people without health insurance, raising the political stakes for the GOP's signature domestic priority. The analysis comes at a crucial moment as Trump is pushing Congress, where Republicans have majority control, to send the final product to his desk to become law by the Fourth of July. The House passed the bill last month by a single vote, but it's now slogging through the Senate, where Republicans want a number of significant changes. Next week, panels writing the thickest and most substantial parts — including the Senate Finance Committee — will release text. Trump will meet with other Republican members of the tax-writing panel at the White House Wednesday and "lay out kind of what he wants to see," Thune said. Now five months into his longtime dream job, Thune is tasked with shepherding his party's biggest legislative priority to fruition with little margin for error. Republicans need to figure out how to corral nearly all their members while bridging internal divides on thorny issues such as the size of spending cuts, the future of social safety net programs and the architecture of major tax policies. Thune has at least one guaranteed "no" vote in Sen. Rand Paul, with the Kentucky Republican vowing to oppose the bill as long as an increase in the debt ceiling is included. Thune noted that he's spoken extensively with Sen. Ron Johnson, a deficit hawk whom leadership views as the second-most-likely opponent. Meeting the Wisconsin Republican's public demands of trillions of dollars in additional spending cuts will be a tall order. Thune acknowledged. A U.S. appeals court appeared likely on Wednesday to conclude that President Donald Trump's executive order curtailing automatic birthright citizenship is unconstitutional, though it may wait for the Supreme Court to first decide whether to narrow judicial orders that have prevented it from taking effect.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/steel-aluminum-tariffs-expected-raise-15r	2025/06/05	
Trump tax bill will add \$2.4 trillion to the deficit and leave 10.8 million more uninsured, CBO says	Trump Buftail		https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trumps-big-bill-out-taxes-141750324r	2025/06/05	
A ton of tradeoffs: Thune acts fast to cut deals and move Trump's message	Government Spending		https://www.yahoo.com/news/wh-thune-tradeoffs-thune-acts-fast-084500626r	2025/06/05	
US appellate judges skeptical of Trump birthright citizenship order	Borders and immigration	More than 150,000 newborns would be denied citizenship annually if Trump's order takes effect nationally, according to the plaintiffs. A Texas hospital that repeatedly sent a woman who was bleeding and in pain home without ending her nonviable, life-threatening pregnancy violated the law, according to a newly released federal investigation. The government's findings, which have not been previously reported, were a small victory for 36-year-old Kyleigh Thurman, who ultimately lost part of her reproductive system after being discharged without any help from her hometown emergency room for her dangerous ectopic pregnancy. But a new policy the Trump administration announced on Tuesday has thrown into doubt the federal government's oversight of hospitals that deny women emergency abortions, even when they are at risk for serious infection, organ loss or sepsis, her attorneys say. "The Democratic Party is missing that we're not going to be able to message our way out of these deep problems men are facing, starting with the fact that they know the Democratic Party doesn't really like or respect them," said Ross Morales Ruedette, a Democratic strategist who's also focused on researching men but isn't involved in the project. "It's really easy for Republicans to play off the politics of grievance."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-birthright-citizenship-order-face-1r	2025/06/05	
Texas hospital that discharged woman with doomed pregnancy violated the law, a federal inquiry finds	Reproductive Rights		https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-hospital-discharged-woman-doomed-pregnancy-084500626r	2025/06/05	
Democrats set out to study young men. Here are their findings.	Politics- Men		https://www.yahoo.com/news/democrats-set-study-young-men-095500r	2025/06/05	
ICE operation calls for 5,000 federal agents and 21,000 National Guard troops to make deportation arrests	Borders and immigration	Immigration and Customs Enforcement has launched the Trump administration's largest deportation crackdown yet, calling for more than 5,000 federal agents and 21,000 National Guard troops to join the arrest effort, according to a report. "Operation at Large" calls for 3,000 ICE agents, 2,000 Justice Department employees, including from the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Agency, 500 Customs and Border Protection staff, and 250 from the IRS, NBC News reports. A Florida weatherman stopped his show mid-air to sound the alarm about a looming national disaster—one that's entirely manmade. As the country prepares for the next hurricane season, Miami newscaster John Morales issued an ominous warning about how the sleep federal government cuts are impacting meteorologists' ability to predict and track threats. "As you've grown accustomed to my presentations over my 34 years in South Florida newscast, confidently, I went on TV and told you, 'It's going to turn. You don't need to worry,'" he started. But then he dropped a bombshell.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-operation-calls-5-000-175315380r	2025/06/05	
Weatherman Interrupts Broadcast to Issue Dire Warning	Government- NOAA	"I'm here to tell you I'm not sure I can do this year," he said. "Because of the cuts—the gutting, the sledgehammer attack on science in general."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/weatherman-interrupts-broadcast-issue-d	2025/06/05	
Education Secretary Linda McMahon refuses to say if teaching kids that Trump lost in 2020 is 'illegal DEI'	Political Censorship	Donald Trump's education secretary has refused to say if the believes school curricula that correctly state Joe Biden won the 2020 election amount to "illegal DEI." Secretary Linda McMahon instead repeatedly told House lawmakers on Wednesday that social studies "should be taught accurately" and that "we should hear all sides." "You're saying Harvard can have its funding and its international students back if and when it teaches what the Trump administration demands," said California Representative Mark Takano, citing an April 11 letter from the DoEd which effectively ransomed the university's federal funding until Harvard abolished "all criteria, preferences, and practices ... that function as ideological litmus tests." "Does refusing to hire a Holocaust denier as a member of Harvard's history department faculty count as an ideological litmus test?" asked Takano. "I believe that there should be diversity of viewpoints relative to teachings and opinions on campuses," McMahon said. "But what about this situation... Would being a Holocaust denier count as that?" Takano continued. But McMahon deflected answering the question directly, pointing instead to Harvard's decision to fire the leaders of its center for Middle Eastern studies.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/education-secretary-linda-mcmahon-refu	2025/06/05	Government, DOE, Department of Education
Education Sec Says Holocaust Denialism Counts as Viewpoint Diversity	Political Censorship	Maria Rojas, a Houston-area midwife, was arrested in March for allegedly violating Texas' near-total abortion ban. She was held for 10 days in the same jail where Sandra Bland died after a routine traffic stop in 2015. Rojas was able to post the exorbitant \$1.4 million bail, but her phone was seized and her license was stripped — and with it her ability to make an income. She was court-ordered to wear a tracking device. It's standard practice for a criminal complaint to be filed shortly after someone is arrested. But in an unusual move, Rojas was held on an arrest warrant. Without a formal indictment or any criminal discovery from the state, Rojas can't begin preparing her defense.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/education-secretary-defends-hiring-holoc	2025/06/05	
The 'Highly Unusual' Case Of The Midwife Arrested For Violating Texas Abortion Law	Reproductive Rights		https://www.yahoo.com/news/highly-unusual-case-midwife-arrested-20r	2025/06/05	
Trump bans citizens of 12 countries from entering the U.S.	International Relations	The Trump administration signed a proclamation Wednesday suspending travel to the U.S. for citizens from 12 countries: Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. The proclamation also partially restricted entrance for nationals of seven other countries: Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela. The Department of Health and Human Services' budget for 2026, released Friday, proposed \$14 billion in discretionary funding for programs that aim to reverse the chronic disease epidemic, but it would also abolish the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.	https://www.cnn.com/2025/06/05/trump-bans-citizens-of-12-countries/	2025/06/05	Trump buftail, borders and immigration
Dismissing CDC's chronic disease center 'looks pretty devastating' to public health experts	Government- CDC	Officials with the federal Environmental Protection Agency have admonished their workers not to interfere with arrests by immigration officers in a downtown Manhattan building where the agency has offices, underscoring tension among federal employees as President Trump escalates his crackdown on immigrants. ... Suzi Englot, president of Local 3211 of the American Federation of Government Employees and an E.P.A. staff member who works in the building on Broadway, said that many workers have been unsettled by the detention activities they have witnessed in the past two weeks. Ms. Englot said that some workers have been concerned about the welfare of the migrants, while others have been worried that agents might confuse them for the people they are there to arrest. "Several members of our union have witnessed people being detained as they exit elevators, put in handcuffs, taken away somewhere," Ms. Englot said. "Generally, people have started to feel unsafe."	https://www.altnews.com/2025/06/04/cdc-chronic-disease-center-fold	2025/06/05	
E.P.A. Workers Are Unsettled as ICE Makes Arrests in Their Building	Borders and immigration		https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/04/nyc-region-epa-workers-immigration/	2025/06/05	
Democrats need to embrace economic populism to win back young voters, says advocacy group leader	Voters	NeoGen recently commissioned Tulane Research to conduct six online focus groups with swing voters aged 18 to 26 in battleground states. The focus groups found the young voters were anxious about their financial future and the rising cost of housing, food and education. Many felt the system was rigged, with billionaires riding high and working people short of opportunities. "What our focus group showed was that economic populism is still resonating with young people and their messaging was not. If you go to the grocery store and you're now paying \$6 or \$7 for a gallon of milk and you were paying \$4, you're now having to stretch your dollars further, and those little incremental increases all add up. The house that you're trying to save for, or trying to pay for college, has a domino effect. The virus's ability to conceal itself inside certain white blood cells has been one of the main challenges for scientists looking for a cure. It means there is a reservoir of the HIV in the body, capable of reactivation, that neither the immune system nor drugs can tackle. Now new research from the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity in Melbourne, have demonstrated a way to make the virus visible, paving the way to fully culy it from the body. Women using weight-loss drugs have been urged to use effective contraception after dozens have reported becoming pregnant while taking the medication. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued its first alert to the UK public regarding contraception and weight-loss medications after it received 40 reports relating to pregnancies while using drugs such as Ozempic, Wegovy and Mounario. A Guatemalan man who said he was deported to Mexico despite fearing he would be persecuted there was flown back to the US on Wednesday after a judge ordered the Trump administration to facilitate his return, his lawyer said. Brian Murphy, a US district judge in Boston, Massachusetts, had ordered the man's return after the US Department of Justice notified him that its claim that the man had expressly stated he was not afraid of being sent to Mexico was based on erroneous information.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/05/democrats-young-v	2025/06/05	
Breakthrough in search for HIV cure leaves researchers 'overwhelmed'	Health- Technology		https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/jun/05/breakthr	2025/06/05	
Contraception warning over weight-loss drugs after dozens of pregnancies	Reproductive Rights		https://www.theguardian.com/health/2025/jun/05/contraception-warni	2025/06/05	
Guatemalan man deported to Mexico flown back to US after judge's orders	Borders and immigration		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/04/guatemalan-man-de	2025/06/05	
Weatherwatch: How 60 species are just one cyclone away from extinction	Environment- Animals	Consulting the red list of most threatened species they report in the journal Biological Conservation there are 60 storm-threatened species that are present in a single location on a single island. Upping the conservation effort for these species is essential if we do not want the next severe tropical cyclone to be their last.	https://www.theguardian.com/news/2025/jun/04/weatherwatch-how-60r	2025/06/05	hurricane, disaster, threats, biodiversity

Collapse of Dutch government leaves uncertainty on streets of Amsterdam	International-Netherlands	On Tuesday, far-right populist Geert Wilders collapsed his first government after failing to break open the coalition agreement to add 10 new policies on asylum – including deporting Syrians with temporary residency within six months, forcibly if necessary. Eleven months into a four-party coalition described by Dutch media as an “unhappy marriage”, Wilders walked out, resigning all of his ministers with immediate effect. His former coalition partners reacted with fury, saying there was no disagreement about reducing asylum and labelling Wilders a “political foot soldier falling a foul”	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/05/collapse-of-dutch-govt	2025/06/05		
Kremlin and Trump aides raise nuclear war fears after Ukraine drone strike	International-Russia	As Vladimir Putin pledges to retaliate against Ukraine for last weekend's unprecedented drone attack, Kremlin advisers and figures around Donald Trump have told the US president that the risk of a nuclear confrontation is growing, in an attempt to pressure him to further reduce US support for Ukraine. Kiril Dmitriev, the head of Russia's sovereign wealth fund and an important intermediary between the Kremlin and Trump's envoy Steve Witkoff, called the Ukrainian drone strike an attack on “Russian nuclear assets”, and echoed remarks from Maga-friendly figures warning of the potential for a third world war.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/04/ukraine-russia-nuclear	2025/06/05		
Suspect in UnitedHealthcare CEO killing said he ‘had it coming,’ according to prosecutors	Eat the rich	Six weeks before UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson was gunned down outside a Manhattan hotel in December, suspect Luigi Mangione mused about rebelling against “the deadly, greed fueled health insurance cartel” and said killing the executive “conveys a greedy bastard that had it coming,” prosecutors revealed Wednesday.	https://nbcnews.com/articles/unitedhealthcare-ceo-killing-luigi-mangione-j-123456789	2025/06/05		
Crews clean up 2,000-gallon fuel spill in Baltimore's harbor	Environment-Pollution	Fire crews were working Thursday morning to contain and clean up a 2,000-gallon (7.570-liter) diesel fuel spill in Baltimore's harbor, according to state and city officials. Initially, Johns Hopkins Hospital reported a contained 200-gallon diesel fuel spill at its East Baltimore facility on Wednesday morning, but a few hours later the fire department responded to a 911 call for a spill at a marina in Harbor East more than a mile away, officials said. The state, city and U.S. Coast Guard began coordinating a response to the spill. In an update around 7 p.m., Hopkins reported that 2,000 gallons had spilled, officials said.	https://nbcnews.com/articles/baltimore-harbor-fuel-spill-0811chd12u276	2025/06/05		
Pamperers maker Procter & Gamble to cut up to 7,000 jobs under tariff, consumer uncertainty pressures	Government-Spending	Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer gave the new name on Wednesday (June 4) saying “The more you look at the bit, at the House bill, the worse it gets.”	https://www.indy100.com/politics/democrats-rebrand-trumps-big-beautiful-idea	2025/06/05		
Electricity costs are already jolting Americans - Trump's bill could hike them another \$400 a year	Economy-Jobs	Procter & Gamble will cut up to 7,000 jobs, or approximately 6% of its global workforce, over the next two years as the maker of Tide detergent and Pampers diapers wrestles with tariff-related costs and customers who have grown anxious about the economy.	https://nbcnews.com/articles/procter-gamble-jobs-tariff-07f724e3cb824c	2025/06/05		
700-year-old condom etched with erotic art makes museum debut	Economy-Price hike	Amidst a high, and rising, electricity prices, President Donald Trump's broad domestic policy bill, which is up for debate in the Senate, could make the situation even worse. If the legislation passes as it currently stands, it would remove federal tax credits from the Biden presidency for sources of electricity such as solar, wind, batteries and geothermal power. The New York Times noted.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald-trump-bill-electricity-costs-141436	2025/06/05		
One of the nation's largest egg producers has lost 95% of its chickens to bird flu. It could spell price hikes	Weird world	Several studies from this year reveal that the energy bill of the average family could rise as much as \$400 annually.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/archaeology/rikmuseum	2025/06/05		
Harvey Milk was just the start, Navy to rename other ships named for liberal heroes	Health- Bird flu	Arizona's largest egg producer has lost 95 percent of its chickens due to the bird flu, signaling a potential price increase for eggs. On Monday, the Arizona Department of Agriculture announced a third commercial farm had tested positive for bird flu in Maricopa County.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/bird-flu-egg-prices	2025/06/05		
Staff shortage triggers 90-minute Ground Stop at Newark Airport	Political-Cesspool	At the same time, Hickman's Egg Ranch, which is Arizona's largest egg producer and one of the nation's top 20 producers, has had to destroy the chickens at three of its four farms due to the bird flu.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/pete-hr	2025/06/05		
1 dead after severe weather tears through central US, including flooding in Texas and Kansas	Aviation	Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's decision to strip the name of trailblazing LGBT+ activist Harvey Milk from a U.S. Navy vessel will be followed by the renaming of many more ships, according to reports. Documents obtained by CBS News indicate that other vessels could be renamed as part of Hegseth's purge of “woke” ideology from the military in addition to the USNS Harvey Milk, including the USNS Thurgood Marshall, the USNS Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the USNS Harriet Tubman, the USNS Carlos Huerta, the USNS Lucy Stone, the USNS Cesar Chavez, and the USNS Medgar Evers.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/staff-shortage-triggers-90-minute-115343	2025/06/05		
DHS orders officers to focus on overstayed visas	Video	The Trump administration and Democrats are locked in a fierce argument over whether Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents should be allowed to continue wearing masks while conducting operations. National and local Democratic leaders, as well as immigrant advocates, have criticized the practice, comparing the masked immigration agents to figures from repressive fascist and communist regimes of the past.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dhs-orders-officers-focus-overstayed-233	2025/06/05		
Democrats are calling for ICE agents to lose their masks and have identities released. DHS says no way	Meanwhile, Virginia U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine wrote last month to immigration officials, arguing mask use violates Homeland Security regulations and puts “everyone at risk – the targeted individuals, the ICE officers and agents, and bystanders who may misunderstand what is happening and may attempt to intervene.”	The government has insisted such disguises are vital, given what the Department of Homeland Security said on Wednesday was a 413 percent spike in assaults against immigration agents.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/democrats-calling-ice-agents-lose-22093	2025/06/05		
FDA to Review Safety of Abortion Pill After Junk Science Report Paved The Way	Government-ICE	One person has died after severe weather tore through parts of the central U.S., including heavy rain in Dallas, a tornado that touched down in the Kansas City area and flash flooding in Kansas that left dozens of people, including stranded motorists.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/heavy-rains-cause-flash-flooding-141436	2025/06/05		
Trump's Golf Club Has Too Many 'Critical' Health Violations, Test Of Inspector Says	Weather-Storms	The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has ordered the staff of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to go on overstay visas, according to a Wednesday press release from USCIS.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fda-review-safety-abortion-pill-21060568	2025/06/05		
MAGA's mutually assured destruction	Reproductive Rights	Republican Sen. Josh Hawley's quest to legitimize a junk science report undermining the safety of a widely used abortion pill was fully realized this week.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-golf-club-too-many-1152412831b	2025/06/05		
The White House adviser who fueled the Trump-Musk NASA feud	Trump Bullshit	Although Makary does not mention the EPPC report, Hawley's entire argument for reviewing mislabeled relations on the junk science paper. The EPPC report claims it's the “largest-known study of the abortion pill” and that nearly 11% of women “experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging, and another serious adverse event within 45 days following a mislabeled abortion.” But data scientists voiced serious concerns about the validity of the report, pointing out that it's not peer-reviewed and the report's recommendations do not line up with the data they analyzed.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-golf-club-too-many-1152412831b	2025/06/05		
Drug Imports Plummeted in April despite tariff threat	Cesspool-MAGA	President Donald Trump's golf resort in Bedminster, New Jersey, landed in the rough with a 32 out of 100 health inspection score in May, Forbes reported Wednesday. The Trump National Golf Club had the lowest mark in Somerset County, the outlet noted, citing public documents.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dhs-orders-officers-focus-overstayed-233	2025/06/05		
Musk calls for Trump's impeachment	Economy-Tariffs	The club was cited for nine violations that “may result in an unacceptable health risk” among 18 violations overall.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-golf-club-too-many-1152412831b	2025/06/05		
Rubio sanctions 4 ICC judges for ‘targeting’ U.S. and Israel	Fuck that guy	To honor the end of Elon Musk's “incredible” government service, President Trump presented his friend, adviser and billionaire benefactor with a golden key to the White House. Six days later, Musk lit the place on fire. The most powerful civilian ever has effectively declared war on the president of the United States, incinerating their relationship – at least for now – in one of history's most extraordinary political meltdowns.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dhs-orders-officers-focus-overstayed-233	2025/06/05		
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No more floppy disks: Air traffic control overhaul faces some daunting obstacles	Cesspool-MAGA	Senate Republicans also blamed Gor for helping undermine the NASA nomination to settle a score with Musk, who had been critical of Gor's management of the White House personnel office. Gor declined to comment. But one senior White House official called Axios on Gor's behalf to praise his “brilliance, hard work and dedication.”	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dhs-orders-officers-focus-overstayed-233	2025/06/05		
Suspect in Boulder Molotov attack facing 118 charges	Manufacturers	Manufacturers appeared to stop rapidly stockpiling drugs and medical products from Europe in April, even amid the lingering threat of industry-specific tariffs from the Trump administration, according to federal trade data.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dhs-orders-officers-focus-overstayed-233	2025/06/05		
Supreme Court blocks Mexico's lawsuit against U.S. gunmakers	Medication, health	Elon Musk unleashed a fresh round of tweets late Thursday afternoon, calling for President Trump to be impeached and declaring that SpaceX would begin decommissioning a spacecraft essential to NASA's operation – though he later backtracked on this threat.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dhs-orders-officers-focus-overstayed-233	2025/06/05		
How Trump and Musk's relationship exploded in real time over X, Truth Social	Fuck that guy	The Trump administration announced sanctions on four International Criminal Court judges on Thursday over what Secretary of State Marco Rubio called “illegitimate actions” that he said targeted the U.S. and Israel.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dhs-orders-officers-focus-overstayed-233	2025/06/05		
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Young offenders are often denied credit for "dead time," behind bars	ACAB	In about two dozen states, there's no such thing as time credit in juvenile delinquency cases. Unlike for adults, the time kids spend in detention often doesn't count toward any incarceration that they may face at the conclusion of their court case. This adds months to the duration that kids are confined away from their families at enormous expense to the taxpayer and to the detriment of young people. NPR found.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/05/nx-1-5096148/juvenile-detention-dead	2025/06/06	criminal justice
FBI Director Patel, a longtime bureau critic, begins to put his stamp on the agency	Government- FBI	For years, Kash Patel was a fierce critic of the FBI and once even vowed to shut down its headquarters on Day 1 and turn it into a museum of the "deep state." Now, Patel is the director of the very FBI he long criticized. Since taking the helm more than 100 days ago, Patel has yet to shutter the Hoover headquarters building and reopen it as a museum. But he has begun trying to remake the bureau in ways large and small.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/05/g-1-704449/fbi-kash-patel	2025/06/06	
Trump's travel ban includes Afghanistan, where thousands await U.S. resettlement	International Relations	President Trump enacted a travel ban on citizens from a dozen countries Wednesday, including Afghanistan, where U.S. troops were stationed for nearly two decades. Even though the president's travel ban applies to Afghanistan, it does include an exception.			
Supreme Court rules on guns, reverse discrimination, and religious tax exemptions	Supreme Court	Alphons who served with the U.S. during the war can still pursue what's known as a Special Immigrant Visa. Since the chaotic military withdrawal of U.S. troops in August of 2021, around 200,000 Afghans have resettled in the U.S., many under that visa program.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/05/nx-1-5428806/trump-travel-ban-afgha	2025/06/06	
Why some economists are worried about U.S. inflation data	Economy- Inflation	In addition, more than 200,000 Afghans remain outside the U.S. while awaiting various stages of the application process, including many who worked with the Americans.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/05/nx-1-5424454/supreme-court-hollic	2025/06/06	
How self-radicalization and a "cauldron of extremism" fuels antisemitic attacks	Cesspool- Extremism	All of the decisions were unanimous, and in each case, the majority opinion was written by one of the court's liberals, proving that liberals can also rule for religion, for gun manufacturers, and for a woman claiming she was discriminated against on the job for being straight.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/05/nx-1-5424367/inflation-data-cpi-gover	2025/06/06	
In recorded calls, reports of overcrowding and lack of food at ICE detention centers	Government- ICE	The U.S. is in a "perilous time" following three attacks against Jewish people and groups in less than two months around the country, a counterterrorism expert tells NPR.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/04/nx-1-5421194/counterterrorism-expert	2025/06/06	Borders and immigration, human rights
FEMA was starting to fix long-standing problems. Then came the Trump administration	Government- FEMA	The Anti-Defamation League, which has tracked antisemitic attacks for 46 years, counted a record number in 2024. More than 9,000 incidents across the U.S. represented a 344% increase over five years and an 80% increase over the past decade.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/05/nx-1-5411185/fema-equity-disaster-in	2025/06/06	
Bondt accused of 'serious professional misconduct' in Florida Bar complaint	Political Cesspool	There are a lot of sad people here, and they aren't getting medical attention, she said in a phone interview. "They are sleeping on the floor and sometimes don't get meals." Florida has pledged to be a national model for state cooperation with President Trump's immigration crackdown. As detention centers here and across the country fill up, NPR has received an outpouring of messages about severe overcrowding and inhumane conditions in immigration facilities across the state.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bondt-accused-serious-professional-misc	2025/06/06	
Education Secretary Won't Say if She Knows What the Tulsa Race Massacre is	Political Cesspool	More than a dozen detainees, family members and lawyers described similar issues as Maria, including detainees underfed and in ill health. Krome, which is run by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, has been dogged for years by allegations of inhumane conditions and investigated by the Department of Justice in 2000 on accusations of sexual abuse. This year alone, there have been two deaths at the facility. Ukrainian immigrant Maksym Chemayak and Genny Ruiz Guillen of Honduras.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/education-secretary-wont-she-knows-024	2025/06/06	
Trump budget cuts spark new hurricane season fears: 'A bad mix'	Government- NOAA	FEMA has been plagued for decades by accusations that it fails to help the most vulnerable victims of disasters. Poor people, racial minorities and those who live in rural and tribal areas have been chronically ignored or denied crucial help after disasters, with long-term and even deadly consequences for families. NPR investigations have found.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-budget-cuts-spark-hurricane-11250	2025/06/06	
Hawaii authorities act quickly after alarming python discovery	Weird world	Now, some of those efforts have been canceled, while others face an uncertain future. President Trump has repeatedly said that he believed FEMA should not exist in its current form. He has also moved to eliminate so-called equity programs meant to ensure that the federal government serves Americans from all economic, geographic and ethnic groups.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hawaii-authorities-act-quickly-alarming-1	2025/06/06	
ICE agents wear masks when making arrests in Massachusetts due to safety concerns, Acting Director says	Politics- House- Government- ICE	Bondt's record as the head of the Justice Department is being slammed by close to 70 law professors, attorneys and former Florida Supreme Court justices via a Florida Bar ethics complaint filed Thursday, according to the Herald.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/crockett-nobody-elected-ernst-anybody-1	2025/06/06	
Large tornado touches down in northern Texas	Weather- Tornado	In the complaint, the group alleges that Bondt has breached ethical duties in her current role and that "serious professional misconduct that threatens the rule of law and the administration of justice" has been carried out by the attorney general, the Herald reported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-agents-wear-masks-making-2215206	2025/06/06	
MAGA's nightmare: World's richest man erupts on Trump, as alliance disintegrates	Fuck that guy	Education Secretary Linda McMahon defended when asked if she knew what the Tulsa Race Massacre was during a Wednesday congressional hearing, telling lawmakers that she intends to "look into it more."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/image-nightmare-world-richest-man-2341	2025/06/06	
Musk backs call to impeach Trump, replace him with Vance	Fuck that guy	More than 160 people left the service this year through rounds of probationary firings, incentivized departures and retirement offers by the Trump administration. As a result, more than a dozen weather service offices have reduced or eliminated the daily collection of data via weather balloons, while others shut down their overnight shifts and are sharing forecast duties among other offices.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musk-backs-call-impeach-trump-2112069	2025/06/06	
US Health Secretary Kennedy looks to fast-tracking approvals for rare disease drugs	RFK, JR BS	Asked to respond to Morales' plea, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, parent agency of the weather service, including the National Hurricane Center, defended the center and said it's taking steps to fill some of the staffing gaps at weather service offices around the country.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-health-secretary-kennedy-looks-1818	2025/06/06	
One dead in Texas and dozens rescued in the Midwest as severe storms bring dangerous floods	Weather- Severe storms	Hawaii does not have native snake populations, so any report of a snake on the loose is cause for alarm. That certainty was the case Sunday after a Honolulu area homeowner spotted a 3-1/2-foot ball python in his backyard.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/one-dead-several-rescued-1133457	2025/06/06	
5 takeaways from the explosive Trump-Musk divorce	Fuck that guy	Inspectors captured the "doxic" and nonvenomous reptile, believed to have been someone's freed or escaped pet, with a pair of tongs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/5-takeaways-explosive-trump-musk-2227	2025/06/06	
NASA scientists describe 'absolute sh*tshow' at agency as Trump budget seeks to dismantle top US climate lab	Government- NASA	Because snakes are highly invasive in Hawaii, and pose substantial threats to endangered bird species, it's illegal to own or possess the reptiles. Violators can be fined up to \$200,000 and jailed for up to five years.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nasa-scientists-describe-absolute-sh-174	2025/06/06	
How Joni Ernst's 'We're All Going to Die' Is 'New Dem. War Cry'	Political Cesspool	"You like, listen, ain't nobody elect you to be anybody's grave digger. They elected you to do everything that you can to make sure that their lives are flourishing and getting better, and that they were living as long as they could," Crockett said in an interview on MSNBC.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ernst-ernst-going-die-dem-05116063.htm	2025/06/06	
Women in West Virginia who miscarry could face criminal charges, prosecutor says	Reproductive Rights	A news conference was held earlier this week revealing nearly 1,500 people were arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Massachusetts, and why agents are seen wearing masks.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/women-west-virginia-miscarry-could-162	2025/06/06	
Residents Aggravated as Tesla Dumps Dozens of Cybertrucks in Shopping Center	Fuck that guy	Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Massachusetts, and why agents are seen wearing masks.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/residents-aggravated-tesla-dumps-doz	2025/06/06	
Opinion - Trump vs. the courts: A constitutional crisis approaches	Constitutional Crisis	Trump really 'went there' on Trump and Epstein. There are big dangers for Musk too. The political impact will be greatest with the online right. Will Musk's headlines sink the 'big, beautiful bill'?	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-trump-vs-courts-constitutional-13	2025/06/06	
Trump team set to destroy \$12m worth of HIV drugs and contraceptives that were bought before closing USAID	Government- USAID	Is anybody really surprised?	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-team-set-destroy-12m-222032442	2025/06/06	
Missouri's Historic Abortion Victory Is Crumbling, Before Our Eyes	Reproductive Rights	NASA scientists are in a state of anxious limbo after the Trump administration proposed a budget that would eliminate one of the United States' top climate labs - the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, or GISS - as a standalone entity. In its place, it would move some of the lab's functions into a broader environmental modeling effort across the agency.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/missouri-historic-abortion-victory-crumbl	2025/06/06	
Judge Boasberg rules migrants at Salvadoran megaprisn can contest gang accusations	Judicial Pushback	Career specialists are now working remotely, awaiting details and even more unsure about their future at the lab after they were kicked out of their longtime home in New York City last week. Closing the lab for good could jeopardize its value and the country's leadership role in global climate science, sources say.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-boasberg-rules-migrants-salvador	2025/06/06	

			A top House Democrat is needing Republicans who helped pass President Trump's "big, beautiful bill" through the lower chamber last month but have since voiced regrets upon learning of certain provisions they didn't know were included in the 1,037-page package.			
Top Democrat needles Republicans for not reading the 'big, beautiful bill'	Government Funding	But in the weeks since the bill was passed, several Republicans have said they've come to regret their support after learning of specific language in the package.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/top-democrat-needes-republicans-not-16	2025/06/06		
These Nikon Comedy Wildlife Awards photos will get you cackling with laughter	Weird world	Photos	https://www.usatoday.com/picture-gallery/news/nation/2025/06/04/nikon	2025/06/06		
		"I've been disappointed that we haven't had an aggressive director since — February, March, April, May — fighting for the resources that CDC needs," said Dr. Robert Redfield, who served as CDC director under the first Trump administration and supported Kennedy's nomination as the nation's health secretary.				
		Adding to the confusion was an employee-wide email sent last week that thanked "new acting directors who have stepped up to the plate." The email, signed by Monahan, listed her as the acting director. It was sent just days after Kennedy said at a Senate hearing that Monahan had been replaced by Buzzetti.				
Who's in charge? CDC's leadership 'crisis' apparent amid new COVID-19 vaccine guidance	Government-CDC	The lack of a confirmed director will be a problem if a public health emergency such as the COVID-19 pandemic or a rapid uptick in measles cases hits, said Michael Osterholm, an epidemiologist at the University of Minnesota.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-kennedy-cdc-covid19-leadership-ac8f	2025/06/06		
Rapid snowmelt and Trump cuts compound wildfire fears in U.S. west	Environment-Wildfires	"CDC is a crisis, waiting for a crisis to happen," said Osterholm. "At this point, I couldn't tell you for the life of me who was going to put what trigger in a crisis situation."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/05/wildfire-trump-cuts	2025/06/06		
Canada: premature baby with measles dies amid outbreak in Ontario	Health-measles	Usually warm springtime temperatures have contributed to rapid reductions in snowpacks across the western US that rival the fastest rates on record, increasing concerns around wildfire season. The rapid snowmelt, in addition to reduced staffing and budget constraints initiated by the Trump administration, has set the stage for a particularly sanguine season across the west, according to an analysis of publicly available data by the Guardian and interviews with experts in the region.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/05/canada-premature-baby	2025/06/06		
Federal vs. state power at issue in a hearing over Trump's election overhaul executive order	Voiting Fucker	A Canadian infant who was born prematurely and had measles has died, officials said on Thursday without confirming a cause of death, raising heightened concern about the virus's resurgence. Canada has recorded 2,755 measles cases — including 2,429 confirmed and 326 probable — according to federal health data updated on 2 June.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-executive-order-elections-democrats-1	2025/06/06	States rights	
On the huge-mammoth Giant sculpture of marine creature goes missing in Florida	Weird world	Democratic state attorney general on Friday will seek to block President Donald Trump's proposal for a sweeping overhaul of U.S. elections in a case that tests a constitutional bedrock — the separation of powers.	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/giant-nra	2025/06/06		
Republican senators question cost of Army's parade spectacle set for Trump's birthday	Trump Bullshit	Florida police are searching for a town's beloved rainbow manatee sculpture after it was stolen from a park.	https://www.the-independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-4	2025/06/06		
		According to the publication, Wickler heard about the hefty cost from Army Secretary Dan Driscoll in an Army budget hearing. Driscoll said he could not provide an exact price for the parade because the Army will also need to pay for the road damage that its tanks will do, Politico reported.				
		A group of immigration officers are stuck in a small east African country, plagued by smog from burn pits with human waste, at risk of malaria, and taking a dozen medications to battle chronic respiratory illness.				
		Those 11 agents are working 12-hour shifts to guard a handful of detainees who were set to be deported to war-torn South Sudan before a judge stepped in to block their removal, citing due process violations.				
Stick ICE agents are stuck in Djibouti at risk of malaria and rocket attacks. Why won't Trump bring them back?	Government-ICE	But the judge didn't force Donald Trump's administration to offload those immigrants in Djibouti.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/djibouti	2025/06/06		
DOGE finds an unlikely new cut as \$47m plan for nation's largest migrant detention center put on hold	Fuck that department	Lawyers for the government had even requested that they land there. Massachusetts District Judge Brian Murphy granted their request to hold those deportees overseas, in U.S. custody, to give them a chance to receive a "reasonable fear interview" to explain how they would face persecution or torture if they were sent to South Sudan.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/doge-1	2025/06/06		
Democrats' 2024 postmortems keep neglecting the effects of voter suppression	Voting fuckery	The Trump administration has reportedly paused a \$47 million plan to expand an immigration detention center in Georgia because the deal is under review by DOGE. Elon Musk's federal cost-cutting program.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/doge-1	2025/06/06		
		Some of these arguments are very reductive, and some of them are downright ridiculous. Given the premise that Democrats should try to win as many votes as possible, I don't think we have to dismiss all of these theories out of hand. But at the same time, these discussions feel a bit like rearranging deck chairs on the proverbial Titanic, because it's hard for me to foresee a scenario in which Democrats achieve lasting victories in an environment of widespread voter suppression, no matter how many hypermasculine podcasts they visit or rhetorical punches they throw at progressives.	https://www.marcb.com/blog/status/latest/democrats-2024-postmortem	2025/06/06		
"The Intern in Charge": Meet the 22-Year-Old Trump's Team Picked to Lead Terrorism Prevention	Government-DHS	His career blastoff came quickly. A year after graduation, the 22-year-old with no apparent national security expertise is now a Department of Homeland Security official overseeing the government's main hub for terrorism prevention, including an \$18 million grant program intended to help communities combat violent extremism.	https://www.propublica.org/article/trump-dhs-thomas-fugate-cp3-terror	2025/06/06		
U.S. SPY AGENCIES ARE GETTING A ONE-STOP SHOP TO BUY YOUR MOST SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA	Privacy	The White House appointed Fugate, a former Trump campaign worker who interned at the hard-right Heritage Foundation, to a Homeland Security role that was expanded to include the Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships. Known as CP3, the office has led nationwide efforts to prevent hate-fueled attacks, school shootings and other forms of targeted violence.				
World's smallest violin can't be seen without a microscope	Weird world	THE EVER-GROWING MARKET for personal data has been a boon for American spy agencies. The U.S. intelligence community is now buying up vast volumes of sensitive information that would have previously required a court order, essentially bypassing the Fourth Amendment. But the surveillance state has encountered a problem: There's simply too much data on sale from too many corporations and brokers.	https://theintercept.com/2025/05/22/intel-agencies-buying-data-portals/	2025/06/06		
Wisconsin zoo. Escaped otter 'made the decision' to be wild	Weird world	So the government has a plan for a one-stop shop.	https://www.upi.com/On4_News/2025/06/06/loughborough-university-smallest-violin-53174927729/			
Porcupine slows away in wrecked plane transported more than 500 miles	Weird world	The Office of the Director of National Intelligence is working on a system to centralize and "streamline" the use of commercially available information, or CAI, like location data derived from mobile ads, by American spy agencies, according to contract documents reviewed by The Intercept. The data portal will include information deemed by the ODNI as highly sensitive, that which can be "misused to cause substantial harm, embarrassment, and inconvenience to U.S. persons." The documents state spy agencies will use the web portal not just to search through reams of private data, but also run them through artificial intelligence tools for further analysis.	https://www.upi.com/On4_News/2025/06/05/New-Zoo-Green-Bay-escaped-otter-Louis-4361749154103/			
Scientists in Japan Develop Non-Toxic Plastic That Dissolves in Seawater Within Hours	Weird world	A team of physicists from a British university used nanotechnology to create what they dubbed "the world's smallest violin," an instrument that can't be seen without a microscope.	https://www.upi.com/On4_News/2025/06/02/canada-porcupine-wrecked-plane-British-Columbia/1181748883909/			
World's First Diamond Battery Could Power Spacecraft and Pacemakers for Thousands of Years	Weird world	The Loughborough University team said the platinum violin measures 35 microns — a measurement unit equal one-millionth of a meter — long, and 13 microns wide.	https://www.godnewsnetwork.org/worlds-first-diamond-battery-could-power-spacecraft-and-pacemakers-for-thousands-of-years/			
The 27-foot tall plant California residents are trying to see in stock-in-a-lifetime bloom	Weird world	A Wisconsin zoo announced it has called off the search for an otter on the loose since March, explaining the animal "has made the decision to be a wild otter."	https://www.cnn.com/2025/06/01/us/video/escape-once-in-a-lifetime-bloom-divid/			
Sea turtle Dilly Daily released into the ocean with three flippers after undergoing amputation	Weird world	Wildlife rescuers in British Columbia are caring for a porcupine that stowed away in a wrecked plane for a trip via helicopter, boat and trailer.				
"What a girl!" Lost dog returns after swimming to island on 100-mile journey	Weird world	The Interior Wildlife Rehabilitation Society said it is frequently contacted to remove stowaway mammals from cars, but the "porcupine on a plane" situation was unique.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/00/mx-1-543215501ogehard-sea-turtle-dilly-daily-released			
Indonesia's stunning microlibraries draw young readers — in pictures	Weird world	Interior Wildlife said a wreck recovery company transported a wrecked plane from Mackenzie to Kelowna, a distance of about 538 miles, via helicopter, boat and trailer.	https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2025/jun/03/lost-dog-amber-returns-after-swimming-to-island-on-100-mile-journey			
Remains found washed up on Jersey shore identified as missing 19th-century boat captain	Weird world	It was only once the wreckage was being unloaded to the company's flat deck in Kelowna that a porcupine was found hiding underneath the pilot's seat.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/gallery/2025/jun/02/indonesia-micro-libraries-photos			
A look at the 'less lethal' weapons authorities used to crack down on Los Angeles protests	ACAB	Japanese scientists were thrilled to receive significant interest from the packaging industry over their new seawater-degradable plastic.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/look-less-lethal-weapons-authorities-080	2025/06/10		
Tulsi Gabbard's Team Fed The JFK Assassination Files Into AI To Figure Out What To Declassify	AI government	Breaking apart into nontoxic compounds for ocean-borne bacteria in just 2 to 3 hours depending on the size and thickness, the invention could be a major solution to reducing plastic waste in the environment.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tulsi-gabbards-team-fed-jfk-1601074934y	2025/06/12		
London-bound Air India flight with more than 240 aboard crashes in Ahmedabad, India	Aviation	An invention from the UK features diamonds in the first-ever application of the gemstone in battery technology.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/12/mx-1-54314074air-india-crash-ahmeda	2025/06/12		
First crash of Boeing's 787 model comes weeks after \$1.1bn 737 Max payout	Aviation	Promising to last thousands of years, the microwatt power sources are seen as the perfect solution to devices in environments where neither changing batteries nor carrying around wires are options.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jun/12/air-india-first-crash	2025/06/12		
What led the Boeing 787 Dreamliner to crash in India with 242 people aboard?	Aviation	Proving to last thousands of years, the microwatt power sources are seen as the perfect solution to devices in environments where neither changing batteries nor carrying around wires are options.				
Wrongly deported Kilmar Abrego Garcia returning to U.S. to face criminal charges	Borders and immigration	The Interior Wildlife Rehabilitation Society said it is frequently contacted to remove stowaway mammals from cars, but the "porcupine on a plane" situation was unique.	https://www.express.com/2025/06/06/kilmar-abrego-garcia-returns-traffic/	2025/06/09		
You barely see people out: How immigration raids are reshaping daily life in Puerto Rico's Dominican enclave	Borders and immigration	Over the weekend, police used a standard variety of tools to disperse crowds and quell protests that had devolved into violence. Protesters lit self-driving cars on fire. Two motorcycles drove into a skidmark line of officers, injuring two. And LARO Chief Jim McDonnell, condemning the "disgraceful" violence, alleged on Sunday evening a Molotov cocktail had been thrown at officers. Authorities responded with force. So far, CNN has documented the deployment of flash-bangs, tear gas, pepper balls, rubber bullets and bean bag rounds, as well as more traditional gear such as batons.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/07/mx-1-5389393immigration-raids-are-r	2025/06/09		

DHS memo details how National Guard troops will be used for immigration enforcement	Borders and immigration	National Guard troops would be used in immigration-enforcement activities, including in "night operations and oral interdiction," as well as "guard duty and riot control" inside detention facilities, according to a memo from the Department of Homeland Security obtained by NPR. DHS officials requested 20,000 National Guard troops three weeks ago, but this memo details what duties those troops will be asked to perform. The memo, dated May 5, from Andrew Whitaker, the executive secretary at DHS, says the department will need up to 3,500 Guard personnel for its request to "Attempt to Locate — Fugitives." Another 2,500 Guard soldiers would be needed for detention support.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/09/mex-41-5425419/the-national-guard-stay	2025/06/09	constitutional crisis, police state
ICE agents mistakenly detain U.S. marshal in Arizona	Borders and immigration	A U.S. marshal was mistakenly detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in Arizona, officials said Friday. The deputy marshal was briefly detained in the lobby of a federal building in Tucson because he "fit the general description of a subject being sought by ICE," according to a statement from a U.S. Marshall Service spokesperson shared with NBC News on Friday. It is not clear when the incident took place.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-agents-mistakenly-detain-u-16430094	2025/06/09	chaos
Bondi Ducks Tough Questions on Abrego Garcia's Alleged MS-13 Ties	Borders and immigration	Listening to the attorney general's statements, one reporter asked why, if the Maryland dad had been involved in such heinous crimes, is he only facing a limited set of charges for human smuggling now? Bondi responded by dodging the question entirely, instead reminding the reporter of the severity of the charges the Department of Justice has in the end elected to bring against him.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bondi-ducks-tough-questions-abrego-003	2025/06/09	
US State Department orders embassies to resume processing Harvard student visas	Borders and immigration	The US State Department ordered diplomatic posts around the world to "resume processing" of Harvard University student and exchange visitor visas on Friday after a judge halted President Donald Trump's latest attempt to block international students from coming to the institution. As Vadzim Balaly watched his son Aleksandr Balaly get arrested by six plainclothes U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers directly after an immigration court hearing, he had the sinking feeling he'd made a costly mistake. Vadzim Balaly, accompanying his son for his first court appearance in his asylum bid, agreed last month when an ICE prosecutor offered to drop the case against the recent Belarusian migrant, not realizing his son would be swiftly detained as soon as the pair exited the courtroom.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-state-department-orders-embassies-1	2025/06/10	education, information blackout, brain drain
ICE moves to dismiss cases in bid to fast-track deportations after courthouse arrests	Borders and immigration	"I felt like we had fallen into a judicial trap," he said in Russian through an interpreter in an interview with The Hill. They came here at a relatively low level guy, which does not necessarily make it improper — just odd. Perhaps they wanted the last word, which seems childish, said the former official. "Typically, you work up the chain, not down it. That said, at least he gets his due process rights this time around."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-moves-dismiss-cases-bid-21000402	2025/06/10	
The questions raised by the new charges against Kilar Abrego Garcia	Borders and immigration	Jacob and Romero were among dozens of people arrested in immigration enforcement actions in Los Angeles this weekend, raids that sparked a roaring backlash and eventually led to the deployment of the national guard in the city. They were "kidnapped" by agents, Cortes said. "I demand due process for my father and the dozens of other workers."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/questions-emerge-charges-kilar-abrego	2025/06/10	
'Kidnapped': families and lawyers desperate to contact LA workers arrested in ICE raids	Borders and immigration	At least 14 of those detained were members of the Episcopalian Diocese of Los Angeles. "Fourteen members of one of our Episcopal churches couldn't be in church this morning on the Day of Pentecost." Their government ripped them from the arms of their families at home and the body of Christ at church," said Los Angeles bishop John Harvey Taylor.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/09/ice-angels-immigration-raids-detained	2025/06/10	
LAUSD will deploy school police to set up safe zones around campuses, graduations amid ICE raids	Borders and immigration	Loved ones and lawyers are still scrambling to find where all of them were taken. Los Angeles school police will set up a safety perimeter around campuses and school events — including graduations — to keep federal immigration agents away from students, employees and families, school officials said Monday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/laud-deploy-school-police-set-03423526	2025/06/10	
Behind the Curtain: A decades-in-the-making immigration war	Borders and immigration	Now comes a new test, literally 40 years in the making: How comfortable are Americans with deporting millions of immigrants who paid taxes, built families and committed no crimes after coming here illegally? That's the heart of the standoff in LA, as well as the broader Trump effort to expel potentially millions of immigrants who broke the law to get here and then played by U.S. rules.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/trump-illegal-immigration-deportation	2025/06/11	
Republicans warn Trump that some deportations go too far	Borders and immigration	Today's dissent is far from a GOP rebuke of Trump. But the outlines of a serious debate are taking shape. Rep. David Valadao (R-Calif.) is urging Trump officials to "prioritize the removal of known criminals over the hardworking people who have lived peacefully in the Valley for years." Rep. Carlos Gimenez (R Fla.) is worried about deporting people "that have been here for a while. There's some talk of jobs, etc., and also disrupting parts of the economy. We need to work something else out for those," he told us. Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-Texas) told CNN: "I think a big part of that is we all need to focus on convicted criminal, illegal aliens" instead of farm laborers. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Fla.) told us: "I think there are some legitimate folks who have potential legitimate claims that if you send them back to a regime like Cuba or Nicaragua or potentially North Korea ... we might be sending them to a situation where we frankly just don't want to do that."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/republicans-trump-deportations-ice	2025/06/11	
Inside Donald Trump's Mass Deportation Operation	Borders and immigration	"The prospect of the U.S. sending migrants to a foreign prison notorious for alleged human-rights violations would have been unimaginable less than a year ago. But it is only one dramatic component of Trump's unprecedented deportation project. The President has revoked the temporary legal status of hundreds of thousands of people and expanded the power of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to round up and remove millions of others. He is authorizing ICE to direct a network of law-enforcement agencies, from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to the DEA and U.S. Park Police, to assist the effort. He has pressed the Internal Revenue Service and the Postal Service to share information to identify targets. Homeland Security Operations has developed new software technology, called RAVEN, to consolidate data about migrants. Trump has used federal powers to coerce cities and counties to cooperate with the mission and threatened to withdraw federal funding if they don't. Working with sheriffs and local police departments, ICE has raided schools, parks, and restaurants across the U.S., detaining some 82,000 people in a few short months."	https://time.com/721177/trump-deportation-ice-at-savador	2025/06/11	
Trump preparing to send thousands of immigrants, including Europeans to Guantanamo military prisons, reports	Borders and immigration	Donald Trump's administration is reportedly preparing to send thousands of legal immigrants to the military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as soon as this week, marking a rapid escalation of the president's mass deportation agenda which could target hundreds of people from European allied countries. Immigration officials are considering whether to transfer as many as 9,000 foreign nationals, including people from the United Kingdom as well as Ireland, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Lithuania, Poland, Turkey and Ukraine, according to reporting from The Washington Post and Politico.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-1	2025/06/11	
Columbia University alumnus Mahmoud Khalil cannot be detained nor deported from the U.S. based on evidence provided by the Trump administration, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.	Borders and immigration	Aaron Terr, director of public advocacy at the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE), said in a statement that Wednesday's court ruling confirms "Khalil was targeted not for his actions, but for his opinions."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/mahmoud-khalil-detained-release-4	2025/06/12	
Judge says Mahmoud Khalil can't be detained	Borders and immigration	The "idea that a college student's peaceful participation in pro-Palestinian protests could seriously compromise U.S. foreign policy was always far-fetched," said Terr, whose foundation does not represent Khalil but has filed an amicus brief in support of his case.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/mahmoud-khalil-detained-release-4	2025/06/12	
Kristi Noem's Border Patrol Threatens Soccer Fans Coming to U.S. This Summer	Borders and immigration	"Let the games begin!" CBP's post reads. "The first FIFA Club World Cup games start on June 14th in Miami. "CBP will be suited and booted and ready to provide security for the first round games."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kristi-noem-border-patrol-threatens-1922	2025/06/12	
DHS vows immigration raids will continue as resistance mounts	Borders and immigration	In Los Angeles on Thursday, Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem vowed that the Trump administration will not let up in its crackdown on immigrants without legal status or on demonstrators protesting on immigrants' behalf. "We're going to stay here and build our operations until we make sure that we liberate the city of Los Angeles," she said.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/12/gu-s-1-725130/the-immigration-raids-los-a	2025/06/13	
Depounced by GOP lawmakers, blue state governors, defend immigration policies	Borders and immigration	During a combative House committee hearing on immigration policy Thursday, Republicans and Democrats offered competing portraits of a United States under siege. GOP lawmakers described migrants without legal status as a threat to the nation's sovereignty and public safety, made worse by Democratic state laws.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/12/mex-41-5431540/depounced-by-gop-law	2025/06/13	
Day laborers staying away from L.A. area job centers amid immigration raids	Borders and immigration	"Because of Trump, no American city or state is safe as he lays this groundwork to take his militarized playbook nationwide," said Rep. Stephen Lynch, D-Mass. Immigration raids across the L.A. region have had a chilling effect at centers that connect day laborers with jobs, forcing undocumented workers to weigh the risk of earning badly needed income with the potential of being detained by federal agents.	https://laist.com/news/day-laborers-la-area-job-centers-immigration-rai	2025/06/13	
Exclusive: Trump administration tells migrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela their legal status is terminated	Borders and immigration	"We've seen a 90% drop" in people seeking work there, said Martin Pineda, spokesperson for CARECEN, "definitely after Friday when day laborers were picked up by immigration agents at the Home Depot in L.A."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ice-rai	2025/06/13	
US immigration authorities deny entry to player ahead of Club World Cup	Borders and immigration	The Department of Homeland Security on Thursday told hundreds of thousands of migrants that their permission to live and work in the United States had been revoked and they should leave the country, according to a copy of the notice obtained by CNN. The termination notice was addressed to nationals of Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela who came to the United States through a Biden-era parole program. More than half a million people from those four countries benefited from the program, though it's unclear how many have since sought other forms of immigration relief while in the United States. The notice, according to DHS, was sent to email addresses provided by those in the program.	https://sports.yahoo.com/articles/us-immigration-authorities-deny-entry-6	2025/06/13	
DHS sends out provocative new poster: Ramming cars and raising churches. The ways ICE is becoming more aggressive in arresting migrants	Borders and immigration	"Help your country and yourself," reads the poster, which shows Uncle Sam with a hammer nailing a nail to a wall. "Report all foreign invaders," it says, providing a phone number to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dhs-sends-provocative-poster-14343026	2025/06/13	
Proud Boys leaders pardoned by Trump sue over Jan. 6 convictions	Cesspool-MAGA	Ramming cars, sledgehammering windows and raiding churches in pursuit of migrants appears to be the new norm for Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in Trump's America. Five leaders of the Proud Boys sued the federal government on Friday, alleging their constitutional rights were violated when they were prosecuted for their actions on Jan. 6, 2001. The members of the right-wing extremist group, four of whom were convicted for engaging in seditious conspiracy, were among those pardoned in President Trump's unprecedented act of clemency for defendants charged with participating in the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. They're seeking \$102 million in restitution from the government.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/08/proud-boys-leaders-pardoned-by-tr	2025/06/09	Jan. 6 Capitol riot "My boys did it all!" https://tiny.cc/meyarw
MAGA's blue-collar base waits patiently for populist savior	Cesspool-MAGA	President Trump's second term has been a payday for the powerful, exposing a disconnect in his promise to deliver for "the forgotten man" of America's working class. The posited paradox at the heart of MAGA — a movement fueled by economic grievance and championed by a New York billionaire — has never been more pronounced. Trump's blue-collar base remains fiercely loyal, energized by his hardline stances on immigration, trade and culture — and patient that his economic "Golden Age" will materialize. But so far, the clearest financial rewards of Trump's tenure are flowing upward — to wealthy donors, family members, insiders and the president himself.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/08/trump-billionaires-working-class-pa	2025/06/09	
MAGA feasts on red meat as Trump escalates L.A. showdown	Cesspool-MAGA	President Trump's MAGA allies are framing the Los Angeles protests as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rewrite the rules of engagement with "the Resistance" — starting with the use of military force. As National Guardsmen and Marines descend on L.A., the loudest voices in the MAGA media ecosystem are urging Trump to make an example out of anyone who stands in the way of mass deportations. With protests spreading to other cities, the list of demands is growing: Deploy the military. Arrest Democrats. Expel not just undocumented immigrants, but even legal residents who oppose the crackdown.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/maga-trump-protests-deportation-ly	2025/06/11	
'Our Constitution is easy any'. Republican-led states try to shut down liberal ballot initiatives	Civil Rights	Liberal activists in conservative-led states are facing similar challenges around the country. Republican lawmakers are working to cut off ballot measures that enact progressive policies by making it harder for citizen-led measures to qualify for a vote or be enforced. Locked out of power in Washington and in many statehouses, progressive activists have launched citizen initiatives to try to notch wins. Eleven states, for example, have backed abortion rights through citizen-approved initiatives since the Supreme Court's Dobbs ruling in 2022 ending a federally guaranteed right to abortion. "State lawmakers have been using their power to subvert the will of the people," said Chris Melody Fields Figueroa, the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center's executive director. The center tracks and helps promote ballot measures. "They can't win fairly, so they've been rewriting the rules, no matter what the majority wants."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/constitution-easy-any-republican-led-sta	2025/06/09	

Russia is amplifying conspiracy theories about the L.A. protests	Conspiracy theory	Protests against immigration raids in Los Angeles have triggered a flood of falsehoods and conspiracy theories online, and Russia has sought to exploit and amplify them, experts say. ... The episode illustrates how foreign adversaries are taking advantage of genuine divisions among Americans, a tried-and-true strategy in information warfare, analysts say. Right-wing American voices online are pushing the idea that the protests in Los Angeles are not what they appear and that a so-called cabal led to Democratic politicians and the billionaire philanthropist George Soros is orchestrating unrest, experts said. "Your tenure as secretary has been marked by endless chaos," Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., told Hegseth. Others, including Republican leaders, warned that massive spending projects such as President Donald Trump's desire for a \$175 billion Golden Dome missile defense system will get broad congressional scrutiny. ... After persistent questioning about the cost of sending National Guard members and Marines to Los Angeles in response to protests over immigration raids, Hegseth turned to his acting commander, Bryn Woolacott MacDonnell, who said it would cost \$134 million. Hegseth defended Trump's decision to send the troops, saying they are needed to protect federal agents as they do their jobs. ... And he suggested that the use of troops inside the United States will continue to expand. ... There are estimated 1.8 million homes for sale across the country, but only about 1.5 million active homebuyers. That leaves a gap of nearly 500,000 — the largest on record, according to Redfin. ... U.S. home prices were still up 3.9% year over year in February — a slight dip from January's 4.1% gain — but a growing supply of homes and easing mortgage rates are cooling the market, according to the S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Home Price Index. ... Homeless people who reject three offers of shelter will be eligible for arrest on trespassing after the San Jose City Council voted Tuesday for a policy change they hope will encourage unhoused people to trade in their tents on sidewalks for beds indoors. ... The proposal by San Jose Mayor Matt Mahon is eye-opening because it comes from a liberal city headed by a Democrat in the left-leaning San Francisco Bay Area. It is among the stricter anti-homelessness decrees proposed by elected officials since the Supreme Court in 2023 made it easier to ban homeless people from camping on public property. ... California and Texas homeowners are finding out the hard way that what's visible from the sky could result in losing their home insurance. More insurance companies are using aerial images and footage from satellites and drones to decide whether to renew a policy, and it has nothing to do with wildfire zones. ... "California deserve fair and comprehensive treatment from their insurance companies," Lara said in a statement. "No one should be left in uncertainty, forced to fight for what they are owed, or face endless delays that often lead consumers to give up. ... This examination will assess whether State Farm has complied with California's consumer protection and claims handling laws and will help determine if further reforms are needed as natural disasters increasingly disrupt insurance markets across the country," he said. ... And yet, the Trump administration's budget proposal for fiscal year 2026 calls for significant cuts to higher education funding, including reducing the maximum federal Pell Grant award to \$5,710 a year from \$7,395, as well as scaling back the federal work-study program. The proposed cuts would help pay for the landmark tax and spending bill Republicans in the U.S. Congress hope to enact. ... Negotiations usually boil down to leverage — specifically, who has more of it. In the U.S.-China talks underway Monday in London, the question of who has the upper hand boils down to macro-versus-micro-economics. A slew of data out of China shows the massive cost that U.S. tariffs impose on the Chinese economy, reflecting both underlying economic weakness and what the nation stands to lose if no trade peace is reached. ... The U.S., meanwhile, has had a run of perfectly solid macroeconomic data, but has much to lose if China continues throttling supplies of rare earth minerals and other specific goods that U.S. industries desperately need. ... Annualized inflation ticked higher to 2.4% in May up from 2.3% in April, and on a month-to-month basis, the consumer price index rose by 0.1%, down from 0.2% the previous month. ... One of Trump's key campaign promises was to lower grocery costs for consumers who have had to contend with pandemic supply chain issues, rising food prices and inflation in recent years. But his new steel and aluminum tariffs, which took effect on 4 June, threaten to do just the opposite. The new 60% tariff rate could raise food prices in a matter of months, industry trade groups and supply chain experts warn. ... Months of real-time uncertainty are being replaced with longer-term uncertainty, with trade policy living on three-to-six-month cycles that make business planning a nightmare. ... So-called hard economic data — inflation, jobs — remains strong. But the anecdotes, the real-world commentary from businesses, are getting more negative by the month. ... For the makers of the hundreds of products with components that require rare earths, six months of certainty is an improvement — but also the start of an expensive race to stockpile parts before it all turns over again. ... The "Big Beautiful Bill" passed in May by House Republicans and now being considered by the Senate would rapidly phase out key clean-energy tax credits, casting uncertainty over more than 600 gigawatts' worth of solar, battery, and wind projects slated to come online in 2025 or later, according to new analysis from research firm Cleanwire. ... To be fair, the 600-GW figure is based on what's currently in the interconnection queue, and a good number of those projects won't get built regardless of the fate of the tax credits. (Projects often drop out of the queue for all kinds of reasons.) But if the bill keeps even one fraction of what's anticipated, I will have serious consequences for the U.S. energy system. For context, the entirety of the U.S. has a generating capacity of around 1,200 gigawatts at the end of 2023. ... Across the U.S., cities are struggling to balance the need for more housing with the need to preserve and grow trees that help address the impacts of climate change. Trees provide cooling shade that can save lives. They absorb carbon pollution from the air and reduce stormwater runoff and the risk of flooding. Yet many builders perceive them as an obstacle to quickly and efficiently putting up housing. ... The tension between development and tree preservation is at a tipping point in Seattle, where a new state law is requiring more housing density but not more trees. ... A blistering heat wave is sweeping across northern India with temperatures soaring above the normal, disrupting daily life and raising health concerns. The mercury shot up to 47.3 C (117 F) in St. Gangangaraj, a desert city in the northwestern state of Rajasthan on Monday, according to the Indian Meteorological Department. ... Two tropical storms gathered strength off Mexico's Pacific coast Monday, with one forecast to become a hurricane later in the day, forecasters warned. ... The storm may bring total rainfall of 2 to 4 inches (51 to 101 millimeters) to coastal areas of Guerrero, Michoacan, Colima and Jalisco states, with the possibility of localized flooding on Monday. ... Another tropical storm, Cosme, strengthened slightly Monday but remained west of the coast of Mexico, about 650 miles (1,015 kilometers) south-southwest of the tip of Baja California, the NHC said. ... Tropical Storm Barbara has strengthened into a hurricane, the first of the eastern Pacific hurricane season. ... Hurricane Barbara was located about 155 miles (245 kilometers) southwest of Manzanillo, Mexico. Its maximum sustained winds were clocked at 75 mph (120 kph). The storm's center was moving northwest at 10 mph (17 kph). ... President Trump is edging closer than ever to invoking the Insurrection Act, driven by a vision of executive power free from the guardrails, governors and generals who stifled him in 2020. The Insurrection Act of 1807, which allows the deployment of U.S. troops to quell domestic unrest, is among the most extreme emergency powers available to a sitting president. President Trump and his allies have a new message for wobbly Republicans in Congress: Either support this "Big Beautiful Bill" or get bashed for backing the Los Angeles protesters waving Mexican flags in front of burning cars. ... Trump has long backed using force — even the military — to subdue destructive protests. But his advisers say there was no master plan for immigration raids to spark the type of protests and vandalism in L.A. that would lead Trump to call in the National Guard, over Newson and Bass' objections. ... The Los Angeles Police Department raised concerns Monday about the deployment of some 700 Marines to L.A. in response to four days of fiery protests sparked by federal immigration raids. LAPD Chief Jim McDonnell said in response to the announcement that the department had received "no formal notification" about the Marines' arrival in L.A. ... "The possible arrival of federal military forces in Los Angeles — absent clear coordination — presents a significant logistical and operational challenge for those of us charged with safeguarding this city," the police chief said in a statement. ... The conditions that would normally be present, and that should be present, for the president to deploy the military are simply not here, she said. ... Generally, federal troops are prohibited from using military force against civilians in normal law enforcement under the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, according to Goleen. The "extremely rare exception to this rule" is the Insurrection Act, a set of laws that give the president authority to use federal troops to quell civil unrest in a crisis, Goleen said. The Insurrection Act, which predates the development of modern state and local police departments, allows federal troops to engage in law enforcement activities, like searches, seizures and arrests. ... Instead of the Insurrection Act, Trump is relying on "an obscure statute that has never been used in the way that he is using it," Goleen said. ... That little-used provision is "10 U.S.C. 12406," within Title 10 of the U.S. Code on Armed Services. It allows the president to deploy federal troops in instances of "a rebellion or danger of a rebellion" against the U.S. government. ... President Donald Trump's upcoming military parade will see 18 miles of fencing and 175 metal detectors installed in Washington, D.C. ... The massive event, which officials estimated to cost a maximum of \$45 million, will be held on June 14 to honor the 250th birthday of the Army. It also happens to fall on Trump's 76th birthday. ... The Pentagon was scrambling Monday to establish rules to guide U.S. Marines who could be faced with the rare and difficult prospect of using force against citizens on American soil, now that the Trump administration is deploying active duty troops to the immigration raid protests in Los Angeles. ... summary ... Elon Musk's goons at the Department of Government Efficiency transmitted a large amount of data — all of it undetected — using a Starlink Wi-Fi terminal they installed on top of the White House, according to a new report. ... "Starlink doesn't require anything. It allows you to transmit data without any kind of record or tracking," one insider told the Post. "White House IT systems had very strong controls on network access. You had to be on a full-tunnel VPN at all times. If you are not on the VPN, White House-issued devices can't connect to the outside." ... On Thursday afternoon, the number of active users on the X and Truth Social mobile apps both reached 90-day highs, according to preliminary estimates by Sensor Tower, a market intelligence firm. Between 2 and 6 p.m. Eastern time that day, the firm estimates that X usage was up 54 percent compared with the previous seven days, while Truth Social was up more than 400 percent, albeit from a much lower baseline. ...	2025/06/13	
Hegseth faces sharp questions from Congress on deploying troops to LA and Pentagon spending	Constitutional Crisis		2025/06/11	https://thn.liv.es
US housing market now has 500K more sellers than buyers — and it's leading to a shift in the balance of power	Economy-Housing		2025/06/09	
Silicon Valley city makes homeless people eligible for arrest if they refuse 3 offers of shelter	Economy-Housing		2025/06/12	Police state, dystopian
Gov 'Clutter' in Your Backyard Or A Drained Pond? Insurance Companies Are Using Aerial Images To Decide If You'll Keep Your Coverage	Economy-Insurance		2025/06/10	
State regulators launch inquiry into State Farm's handling of fire claims	Economy-Insurance		2025/06/13	
Trump aims to slash Pell Grants, which may limit low-income students' college access	Economy-Student loans		2025/06/10	
The U.S.-China leverage game	Economy-Tariffs		2025/06/10	
US prices continued to rise in May amid Trump tariffs	Economy-Tariffs		2025/06/11	
Tuna, beans, Spam: Trump's tariffs threaten the canned foods millions rely on to survive	Economy-Tariffs		2025/06/12	
The only trade certainty is uncertainty	Economy-Tariffs		2025/06/13	
Chart: Hundreds of gigawatts of clean energy at risk with GOP bill	Environment-Clean energy		2025/06/13	
In Seattle, preserving trees while increasing housing supply is a climate solution	Environment-Climate change		2025/06/13	
Northern India on the boil with heat waves disrupting normal lives and raising health concerns	Environment-Heat		2025/06/10	
Tropical Storm Barbara forecast to become a hurricane Monday as Storm Cosme forms in the Pacific	Environment-Hurricane		2025/06/09	
Tropical Storm Barbara becomes a hurricane	Environment-Hurricane		2025/06/10	
Unrested Trump fights with Insurrection Act as Marines deploy to L.A.	Executive Power grab	executive overreach, authoritarian moves, soft coup.	2025/06/10	
Trump using L.A. unrest to push his big bill in D.C.	Executive Power grab		2025/06/10	
LAPD chief: Police had "no formal notification" of Marines' deployment to LA	Executive Power grab		2025/06/10	
What powers does Trump have to send troops to cities — even if they don't want them	Executive Power grab		2025/06/10	constitutional crisis
Trump's \$45m military parade will see 18 miles of fencing and 175 metal detectors installed in DC	Executive Power grab		2025/06/10	
Pentagon draws up rules on possible use of force by Marines deployed to LA protests	Executive Power grab		2025/06/10	
Fact-check: Trump's speech at Fort Bragg contained lies and conspiracy theories about LA	Fact check		2025/06/11	
Musk's DOGE Goons Surreptitiously Transmitted Names of White House Data	Fuck that department	privacy, national security	2025/06/09	
How the Musk-Trump feud became an online battle like no other	Fuck that guy		2025/06/09	

		President Donald Trump said his former adviser, billionaire Elon Musk, would face "very serious consequences" if he financed candidates to challenge Republicans who support the president's legislative package for tax cuts and border security.			
Trump threatens 'very serious consequences' if Elon Musk finances Republican challengers	Fuck that guy	In response, Trump has already threatened to cancel Musk's government subsidies for electric carmaker Tesla and contracts for rocket company SpaceX.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-threatens-very-serious-consequences-20250609	2025/06/09	
Federal agencies were reportedly tracking foreigners, visiting with Musk afraid they were trying to influence the mogul	Fuck that guy	Federal agencies were tracking foreign nationals who visited Elon Musk over concerns that they could influence the tech billionaire, according to a report. Agencies, including the FBI and Department of Homeland Security, were reportedly among the agencies surveilling foreigners who met with Musk at his U.S. properties in 2022 and 2023, according to The Wall Street Journal, citing people familiar with the matter.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-agencies-were-reportedly-tracking-20250611	2025/06/11	
Mike Johnson downplays Musk's influence and says Republicans will pass Trump's tax and budget bill	Government Budget	House Republican Conference Chair Lisa McClain has a stern warning for her Senate colleagues on the House-passed Trump budget bill: "Touch very lightly" and don't force a conference process. Senate Republicans are determined to put their mark on the "one big, beautiful bill." But the changes they're signaling would cross red lines for House GOP holdouts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mike-johnson-downplays-musks-influence-20250609	2025/06/09	
Senate Republican calls July 4 'false deadline' for megabill	Government Budget	Sen. John Curtis (R-Utah), a moderate Republican, called July 4 a "false deadline" for Republicans to pass their megabill and said it's more important for the Senate to get it done "right" than fast.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-republican-calls-july-4-200150816-20250611	2025/06/11	
House GOP to Senate: "Touch very lightly" on Trump budget bill	Government Budget	House Republican Conference Chair Lisa McClain has a stern warning for her Senate colleagues on the House-passed Trump budget bill: "Touch very lightly" and don't force a conference process. Senate Republicans are determined to put their mark on the "one big, beautiful bill." But the changes they're signaling would cross red lines for House GOP holdouts.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/trump-budget-bill-lisa-mcclain-senate-20250612	2025/06/12	
How Trump's 'Big Beautiful Bill' threatens access to Obamacare	Government Budget	Major changes could be in store for the more than 24 million people with health coverage under the Affordable Care Act, including how and when they can enroll, the paperwork required, and, crucially, the premiums they pay.	https://www.rpr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/06/11/ax-1-5429	2025/06/12	
The GOP's massive bill would benefit the rich the most — while hitting the poor	Government Budget	The tax cuts deliver the biggest savings for top earners and more modest gains for those with average incomes, the CBO found. For families making less than about \$55,000 a year, the cutbacks in government benefits typically outweigh any tax savings, leaving them with a net loss.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/12/mx-1-5431638/republican-gop-mega-b-20250613	2025/06/13	
NH employees publish 'Bethesda Declaration' in dissent of Trump administration policies	Government Funding	The research terminations "throw away years of hard work and millions of dollars," the NH staffers wrote. "Ending a \$5 million research study when it is 80% complete does not save \$1 million, it wastes \$4 million."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nh-employees-publish-bethesda-declaration-20250610	2025/06/10	Health, science, waste, research
Officially, 59,000 federal jobs are gone under Trump. There's more to the picture	Government Jobs	At least 75,000 have taken the Trump administration's offer to resign with pay and benefits through September. And thousands more remain in a state of limbo as numerous lawsuits have blocked parts of Trump's agenda.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/04/mx-1-5427477/trump-federal-workers-20250609	2025/06/09	
What's the CBO? Meet the nonpartisan agency under fire from Republicans	Government-CBO	Importantly, CBO cost estimates are only advisory. The agency makes no policy recommendations. It's up to leaders to decide what to do with the information they receive.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/06/gig-1-70918/whats-the-cbo-meet-the-20250609	2025/06/09	
More than 400 CDC staff may be called back to work after being laid off in April	Government-CDC	Federal officials on Wednesday appear to have "revoked" the layoffs of more than 400 employees of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who had been abruptly dismissed months ago, which may reinstate the entire staff of a laboratory that tracks viral hepatitis and most employees in one of the CDC's environmental health divisions.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/12/mx-1-5430893/cdc-employees-layoffs-20250612	2025/06/12	
US Justice Department says Trump can cancel national monuments that protect landscapes	Government-DOJ	Lawyers for President Donald Trump's administration say he has the authority to abolish national monuments meant to protect historical and archaeological sites across broad landscapes, including two in California created by his predecessor at the request of Native American tribes.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-says-authority-cancel-20250611	2025/06/11	
Trump's EPA plans to repeal climate pollution limits on fossil fuel power plants	Government-EPA	The Trump administration announced plans to repeal limits on greenhouse gas emissions and other airborne pollutants from the nation's fossil fuel-fired power plants.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/11/mx-1-5429678/trump-power-plants-epa-20250612	2025/06/12	
FAA Orders Drastic Shakeup of Major Airport Following Safety Issues	Government-FAA	The Federal Aviation Administration has confirmed that flights in and out of Newark Liberty International airport will be cut significantly. From Sept. 1, just 28 flights will be permitted to arrive and depart from the airport every hour on weekends. The airport has been plagued with construction, tech, and staffing issues this year.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fea-orders-draastic-shakeup-major-12142-20250609	2025/06/09	Aviation, ACT,
Trump says FEMA to be wound down after hurricane season	Government-FEMA	President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he planned to start "phasing out" the Federal Emergency Management Agency after the hurricane season and that states would receive less federal aid to respond to natural disasters.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/12/mx-1-5409403/trump-immigration-court-20250612	2025/06/12	
Incensed House Democrats plan ICE funding war	Government-ICE	He said of being denied access to an ICE facility this weekend: "They ask for money, right? And then... I go there and they don't allow us to go and check out the facilities."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/ice-funding-trump-house-democrats-20250612	2025/06/12	
ICE's novel strategy allows for more arrests from inside immigration courts	Government-ICE	He is one of over 100 people who have been arrested at immigration courts across the country as a part of ICE's latest strategy to meet its steep new 3,000-person daily arrest quota.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/12/mx-1-5409403/trump-immigration-court-20250612	2025/06/12	
Trump's border czar says protests are making immigration raids more 'difficult' and 'dangerous'	Government-ICE	White House border czar Tom Homan said Tuesday that protests in Los Angeles are complicating immigration raids, making them more "difficult" and more "dangerous."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-border-czar-says-protests-22200-20250612	2025/06/12	executive overreach, authoritarian moves, soft coup, police state, military, constitutional crisis, abuse of power, unrest, protest
What FIFA said about ICE operations at Club World Cup matches	Government-ICE	According to NBC Miami, the Department of Homeland Security confirmed that ICE agents will be at Hard Rock Stadium for Saturday's opener. Though the department claimed it would be there to provide additional security, ICE did include an ominous reminder "that all non-American citizens need to carry proof of their legal status."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fifa-said-ice-operations-club-102818774-20250612	2025/06/12	tourism
ICE slammed for overspending amid 'egregious' funding mismanagement in House report	Government-ICE	"Actions already taken in fiscal year 2025 are especially egregious—ICE began spending more than its appropriated level shortly after the fiscal year commenced and operations now far exceed available resources," the report states. Fiscal year 2025 began in October.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ohs-ice-20250612	2025/06/12	
NASA, Pentagon push for SpaceX alternatives amid Trump's feud with Musk	Government-NASA	NASA and Pentagon officials moved swiftly this past week to urge competitors to Elon Musk's SpaceX to more quickly develop alternative rockets and spacecraft after President Donald Trump threatened to cancel Space X's contracts and Musk's defiant response.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nasa-pentagon-push-says-alternatives-20250609	2025/06/09	
An Upsurge at the NIH	Government-NIH	The worried reaction within space and national security agencies highlights the risks of the government's heavy dependence on SpaceX for crucial tasks, including classified missions. SpaceX, with billions of dollars in government contracts, flies people and cargo to the ISS, launches satellites for the Pentagon and develops satellites used by intelligence agencies. The concerns are compounded by the fact that its competitors have been slow to catch up, leaving SpaceX's dominance largely unchallenged and the government with few options.	https://www.healthline.com/health/archives/2025/06/nih-bethesda-decl-20250610	2025/06/10	
Guns are the leading cause of death of kids and teens, and state laws matter	Gun Deaths	Over the next 13 years, thousands more children died from firearm violence than earlier trends would have predicted – and all of the increase happened in groups of states that had more permissive gun laws, according to a study published Monday in JAMA Pediatrics.	https://www.rpr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/06/11/ax-1-5429-20250612	2025/06/12	
States that weakened gun laws saw rise in pediatric mortality, study finds	Gun Nuts	Firearms have risen to become the leading cause of death among children and teens in the United States in recent years, but a new study joins a growing set of evidence that gun laws can make a difference.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/states-weakened-gun-laws-saw-1500030-20250610	2025/06/10	
Australians endure shock, horror after gunman kills 10 at school	Guns-Mass murder	A landmark Supreme Court case in 2010 – McDonald v. Chicago – ruled that the Second Amendment applies to local governments, leading to a flurry of new laws and a deeper divide in state policy around firearms, with some states tightening restrictions and others weakening gun-related laws.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-endure-shock-horror-gunman-1-20250611	2025/06/11	

		Almost two million eggs have been recalled in the United States over concerns of salmonella contamination. — The eggs were distributed from February 3 through May 15, with sell-by dates from March 4 to June 4, within California and Nevada. Products were distributed at locations including Save Mart, FoodMaxx, Lucky, Smart & Final, Safeway, Raley's, Food 4 Less, and Ralphs. Eggs were also distributed from February 3 through May 6 with sell-by dates from March 4 to June 10 to Walmart locations in California, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Wyoming, New Mexico, Nebraska, Indiana, and Illinois.			
Egg recall over salmonella warning spans across nine states	Health and Safety	The recalled eggs will have the plant code number P-6562 or CAC530 printed on the carton or package, with Julian Dates between 32 and 126. The recalled retail eggs will be in fiber or plastic cartons, with the above codes printed on one side of the carton.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/egg-recall-over-salmonella-warning-1336	2025/06/09	
Ever-rising height of car bonnets a 'clear threat' to children, report says	Health and Safety	In crashes, high-bonneted SUVs are more likely to strike the vital organs in the core of adults' bodies and the heads of children. Hitting pedestrians above their centre of gravity means they are more likely to be knocked forward and down and then be driven over. In contrast, low bonnets tend to hit pedestrians' legs, giving them a greater chance of falling on to the vehicle and being deflected to the side.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/11/ever-rising-height-car-bonnet	2025/06/11	
Vaccine board purge stokes talk of CDC alternatives	Health- CDC	The distress and lack of organization apparent in health circles on Tuesday was a sign that a new independent body that could act as a "shadow CDC" to truth-squash the Trump administration isn't close to materializing.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/vaccines-public-health-aid-cdc-rk	2025/06/11	
Hitler used a Bogus Crisis of 'Public Order' to Make Himself Dictator	History take 2	Three weeks later, on February 27, the Reichstag fire provided Hitler with the "absolutely necessary" excuse he needed. Hitler claimed that an arson attack on the Reichstag by a lone perpetrator—who was caught in the act—was the start of an attempted Bolshevik revolution, using that false claim to suspend civil liberties and suppress the voting rights of the German Communist Party, thereby enabling his supporters in the Reichstag to pass legislation granting him authoritarian power.	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/06/hitler-public-order/8/	2025/06/11	
How ordinary man became unpaid Taliban enforcers in their own homes	Human rights	Last summer, three years after they swept to power in August 2021, the scale of the Taliban's ambition to erase women from public life was laid bare in their unveiling of an extensive set of "vice and virtue" laws.	https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/interactive/2025/	2025/06/09	
Syria orders women to cover up on beaches with conservative new dress code	Human rights	Syria issued a conservative new dress code Tuesday requiring women to wear burkinis or full-body swimwear on all public beaches, the latest cultural shift since Islamist rebels toppled dictator Bashar al-Assad's regime last December.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/syria-orders-women-cover-beaches-1924	2025/06/11	
Trump officials are vowing to end school desegregation orders. Some parents say they're still needed	Inequality	The orders were always meant to be temporary — school systems can be released if they demonstrate they fully eradicated segregation. Decades later, that goal remains elusive, with stark racial imbalances persisting in many districts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-officials-vowing-end-school-04012/	2025/06/10	
The great poaching: America's brain drain begins	Information Blackout	The Trump administration's spending cuts and restrictions on foreign students are triggering a brain drain — and American scientists are panicking.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/07/us-science-brain-drain	2025/06/09	brain drain
Appeals court allows White House AP ban to continue	Information Blackout	A panel of judges from a U.S. federal appeals court on Friday said parts of the White House's ban on the Associated Press could remain, dealing a devastating blow to the AP.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/06/ap-ban-white-house-appeals-court	2025/06/09	
Major US climate website likely to be shut down after almost all staff fired	Information Blackout	Climate.gov, the primary website for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s Climate Program Office, will imminently no longer publish new content, according to multiple former staff responsible for the site's content whose contracts were recently terminated.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/11/climate-website-shut	2025/06/11	
Public media funding up in the air as House prepares to vote on claw back	Information Blackout	The House of Representatives narrowly approved legislation Thursday to eliminate the next two years of federal funding for public media outlets.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/12np+st1.722223public-media-funding-up-in-the	2025/06/12	
House votes to claw back \$1.1 billion from public media	Information Blackout	It did so at the direct request of President Trump, who has accused NPR and PBS of bias against conservative viewpoints as part of his broader attacks on the mainstream media.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/12np+st1.722223public-media-funding-up-in-the	2025/06/13	
Almost all of the Fulbright board resigns, citing Trump administration interference	Information Blackout	All but one member of the 12-person board that oversees the prestigious Fulbright Program has resigned, citing political interference by the Trump administration.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/12np+st1.54312470fulbright-board-resigns	2025/06/13	education, brain drain
Recovery Failure: Why we struggle to rebuild for the next storm	Infrastructure	Over the past eight months, NPR and the PBS series Frontline investigated how communities are building back from disasters, examining whether the \$50 billion the federal government spends each year on average is helping communities build back safer and more able to survive the next storm.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/08np+st1.5321444helmes-deadly-warning	2025/06/09	
Trump speaks to Netanyahu with Iran talks in the balance	International Relations	President Trump spoke Monday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a Netanyahu aide and a source with direct knowledge said.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/05/trump-netanyahu-call-iran-talks-gaz	2025/06/10	
Trump's travel ban is now in effect. Here's what to know	International Relations	The ban mostly affects countries in Africa and the Middle East. The man charged in the Colorado attack is from Egypt, which is not on the restricted list. Trump says countries can be added or removed over time.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/08np+st1.5427998trump-travel-ban-count	2025/06/10	
Scoop: Gabbard tightens grip on intel assessments after Venezuela clash	International Relations	Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard has imposed a more intensive review process for inter-agency reports, slowing their publication and deepening internal fears about political influence on intelligence, two U.S. officials tell Axios.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/tulsi-gabbard-intelligence-leaks-dec	2025/06/11	national security, spies, putin's griffind.
U.S. evacuating personnel from the Middle East amid growing tensions with Iran	International Relations	The U.S. is evacuating nonessential staff from its Baghdad embassy and family members of military personnel from several bases in the Gulf amid growing concerns about the security situation, per two State Department and Pentagon officials.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/middle-east-evacuating-baghdad-ra	2025/06/12	
Despite ongoing Taliban threats, the U.S. is ending some protections for Afghans	International Relations	The instruction to leave appeared in the inboxes of thousands of Afghans living in the U.S., delivered in a brief email in April from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). "You are currently here because the Department of Homeland Security paroled you into the United States for a limited period," the email stated. "Your parole will terminate 7 days from the date of this notice."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/12np+st1.5408198trump-immigration-afgh	2025/06/12	
Hegseth says the Pentagon has contingency plans to invade Greenland if necessary	International Relations	Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth appeared to acknowledge that the Pentagon has developed plans to take over Greenland and Panama by force if necessary but refused to answer repeated questions a highly combative congressional hearing Thursday about his use of Signal chats to discuss military operations.	https://apnews.com/article/hegseth-greenland-signal-congress-295602	2025/06/13	
Brazil braces for Bolsonaro's day in court as ex-president testifies over 'coup plot'	International- Brazil	Bolsonaro's day in court, which is expected to come on Tuesday, is a milestone moment for a country that escaped from two decades of military dictatorship in 1985 but appears to have come perilously close to a return to authoritarian rule after the veteran leftist Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva beat Bolsonaro in the 2022 presidential election.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/09/brazil-bolsonaro-brazil-ax	2025/06/09	
Chinese aircraft carrier group enters waters near Japan's easternmost island for first time	International- China	A Chinese aircraft carrier group has entered an area of Japan's territorial waters for the first time, prompting concern in Tokyo over China's expanding naval reach.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/02/chinese-aircraft-carrier	2025/06/09	
Colombian Presidential hopeful shot at Bogotá rally	International- Colombia	The Laiooning carrier, accompanied by two missile destroyers and a supply ship, entered Japan's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) on Saturday evening, Japan's defence ministry said, before exiting to conduct military drills.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/08np+st1.5427998trump-immigration-afgh	2025/06/09	
Iran says it will create a new uranium enrichment facility after a vote at the IAEA	International- Iran	The U.N. nuclear watchdog's board of governors on Thursday formally found that Iran isn't complying with its nuclear obligations for the first time in 20 years, a move that could lead to further tensions and set in motion an effort to restore United Nations sanctions on Tehran later this year.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/12np+st1.5431395iran-nuclear-enrichment	2025/06/12	
Israeli forces seize Gaza-bound aid boat and detain Greta Thunberg and other activists	International- Israel	The Israeli forces seized a Gaza-bound aid boat and detained Greta Thunberg and other activists who were on board early Monday, enforcing a longstanding blockade of the Palestinian territory that has been tightened during the war with Hamas.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gaza-bound-aid-boat-carrying-01205830/	2025/06/09	Protest, famine, Freedom Fliotlla

		A Gaza-bound aid ship carrying Greta Thunberg and other activists, as well as food meant for the enclave, was intercepted early Monday by Israeli forces.			
What to know about the intercepted Gaza-bound Freedom Flotilla Coalition	International-Israel	The Mavi Marmara is the second Freedom Flotilla Coalition ship targeted by Israel in just over a month. The Concordance was drone-bombed off the coast of Malta in early May. Though no injuries were reported, the FFCC's efforts to bring food and other aid to Gaza come as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blocked deliveries of food, water and medicine to the enclave in March, deepening the crisis for millions of Palestinians in Gaza. Israel's stunning and spreading operation overnight targeting Iran's nuclear facilities, missile sites, scientists and generals followed eight months of intensive clandestine preparations. The operation launched a new war in the Middle East that could draw in the U.S., demolished any hopes of a nuclear deal, and dealt arguably the biggest single blow to the Iranian regime since the 1979 revolution. And it is only just beginning.	https://www.aviva.com/2025/06/08/freedom-flotilla-coalition-palestine-a	2025/06/10	
Israel's strike on Iran was 1 month in the making	International-Israel	Israel attacked Iran's capital early Friday in strikes that targeted the country's nuclear program and killed at least two top military officers, raising the potential for an all-out war between the two bitter Middle East adversaries. It appeared to be the most significant attack Iran has faced since its 1980s war with Iraq.	https://www.aviva.com/2025/06/13/how-israel-expedited-strike-iran-nuc	2025/06/13	
Israel attacks Iran's nuclear and missile sites, prompting Iranian drone-strike retaliation	International-Israel	Smoldering tensions over Iran's rapidly advancing nuclear program boiled over and Iran quickly retaliated, sending a swarm of drones at Israel as Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned of "severe punishment."	https://apnews.com/article/iran-explosions-israel-tehran-0234a06a5f2	2025/06/13	
Israel strikes Iran's nuclear sites, kills military chiefs and scientists	International-Israel	Trump told Fox News late Thursday that the U.S. was aware of the strikes ahead of time but was not involved militarily and hopes Iran will return to the negotiating table. He said CENTCOM is on high alert for retaliation against U.S. targets.	https://www.aviva.com/2025/06/13/israel-attacks-iran-trump-nuclear-talks	2025/06/13	
Israel strikes hit more than 100 targets in Iran including nuclear facilities	International-Israel	Israeli strikes have hit more than 100 major targets in Iran, including nuclear facilities and missile sites, and killed senior military commanders and scientists in what Tehran said was a "declaration of war."	https://www.theguardian.com/usnews/2025/jun/13/israel-strikes-iran-nuc	2025/06/13	
Massive Russian drone attack slams Kyiv and hits maternity hospital in Odesa, Ukrainian officials say	International-Russia	As Israeli officials indicated the strikes were the first phase of a larger operation, Donald Trump described the attack as "excellent" and warned further strikes would be more brutal unless Tehran agreed to back down over its nuclear program, contradicting Washington's official stance that the Israel action was unilateral.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/russia-strikes-kyiv-odesa-series-02193z7	2025/06/10	
Torture and treason trials: what's happening in Tanzania?	International-Tanzania	Russia launched 315 drones at Ukraine overnight into Tuesday, in what Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said was "one of the largest" attacks on the capital Kyiv, as officials said a keymanly ward in the southern port city of Odesa had been hit.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/07/tanzania-torture-treason-trials-1a	2025/06/09	
The many ways Ukraine carries out unprecedented drone attacks	International-Ukraine	The Ukrainians are the ones innovating and trying these daring and creative attacks. And then the Russians are left scrambling to figure out how to defend against it, and prevent another one," said Kelly Grieco, who studies the air war at the Stimson Center think tank in Washington.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/11/uk-st-5452306/the-many-ways-ukraine	2025/06/09	Technology, warfare, russia
Rep. McElroy is indicted on federal charges related to tusats at immigration facility	Lawmakers	A federal grand jury has indicted Rep. LaMonica McElroy, D-N.J., on three criminal counts, after the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Jersey alleged that she broke the law when Congress members' visit to an immigration detention facility ended in a physical altercation.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/11/uk-st-5452306/the-many-ways-ukraine	2025/06/12	
Troops deployed to LA will cost \$134M, Pentagon predicts	Military	President Donald Trump's decision to deploy troops to Los Angeles makes mass deportation protests will they cost \$134 million, the Pentagon's budget chief told lawmakers.	https://www.politico.com/news/2025/06/10/troops-deployed-to-la-will-co	2025/06/11	
National Guard can temporarily detain LA protesters, DHS	Military	National Guard troops have the authority to make temporary arrests in certain conditions in Los Angeles, a Trump administration officials said Wednesday.	https://www.aviva.com/2025/06/11/national-guard-la-protesters-cha	2025/06/12	executive overreach, authoritarian moves, soft coup, police state, military, constitutional crisis, abuse of power, unrest, protest
LA braces for Marines as California sues to stop military involvement	Military	Still unclear to city leaders, though, is what role the military will play. President Trump federalized 4,000 National Guard troops over the objection of California Gov. Gavin Newsom, and also sent in 700 Marines.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/11/uk-st-5452306/the-many-ways-ukraine	2025/06/12	executive overreach, authoritarian moves, soft coup, police state, military, constitutional crisis, abuse of power, unrest, protest
DHS spokesperson defends Trump administration's use of military in LA	Military	But experts in the laws governing the use of the military say the federalized National Guard and active-duty military, such as the Marines, can't act as police.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/11/uk-st-5452306/the-many-ways-ukraine	2025/06/12	executive overreach, authoritarian moves, soft coup, police state, military, constitutional crisis, abuse of power, unrest, protest
Hegseth defends military involvement in LA protests as defense secretary faces questions over costs and authority	Military	"For sure, they can't arrest," says William Banks, a Syracuse University professor who's written extensively on the question. He says the Posse Comitatus law of 1878 limits the use of the military inside the U.S.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hegseth-back-spoil/light-senators-capitol-100	2025/06/12	
Pete Hegseth refuses to answer if they'll deploy military troops in LA	Military	"Even when the Guard are federalized by the President, no matter how he puts it, they can protect the federal property and the federal personnel, but they can't enforce the law at all," he says.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pete-hegseth-refuses-answer-theyll-1942	2025/06/12	
Pentagon Rushes to Create New Rules as Trump Sends Marines to L.A.	Military	The Trump administration says it is investigating whether there is a "financial backer" for the anti-immigration enforcement protests in Los Angeles — suggesting it could be a "foreign adversary."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pentagon-rushes-create-rules-trump-140	2025/06/12	
Kristi Noem pressed Pete Hegseth to have the military arrest civilians	Military	McLaughlin: I think that there's major questions right now about who is financially backing these protests. There's some activity on the ground that it seems that is highly coordinated, and that there might be a financial backer that could be even a foreign adversary, and we are having ICE, or, excuse me, the IRS and the FBI, look further into who might be backing these protests.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kristi-noem-pressed-pete-hegseth-20512	2025/06/12	
Troops and marines deeply troubled by LA deployment, 'Words is not arrest'	Military	"How much are these deployments going to cost for both the Marines and the National Guard, and what training or duties are not taking place because of these deployments?" McColium asked the defense secretary. "Where in your limited budget, sir, are you going to find in the remainder of this fiscal year, are you going to put the money to cover these deployments, what holes are being created?"	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/12/los-angeles-nationa	2025/06/12	
Texas governor orders national guard to deploy for protests in San Antonio	Military	Hegseth initially declined to answer the question directly, instead reiterating that he believes Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, "has the right to safely conduct operations in any state and any jurisdiction in the country." He ultimately responded that under the new budget request, the Defense Department will "have the funding to cover down on contingencies, especially ones as important as maintaining law and order in a major American city."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/12/texas-protests-natio	2025/06/12	
Troops can deploy California National Guard to LA after appeals court steps in	Military	The Trump administration's deployment of California's National Guard to Los Angeles over Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids can continue for now, an appeals court ruled late Thursday.	https://www.aviva.com/2025/06/13/trump-la-california-national-guard-d	2025/06/13	
Gov. Abbott deploys thousands of troops across Texas ahead of statewide immigration protests	Military	Gov. Greg Abbott has deployed thousands of Texas National Guard troops and Department of Public Safety troopers across the state ahead of a wave of immigration protests expected this weekend.	https://www.kernews.org/texas-news/2025-06-12/texas-trump-gre-ab	2025/06/13	
Guard Soldiers Deployed in Trump's LA Crackdown Aren't Getting Paid Yet	Military	The 4,000 California National Guard soldiers who President Donald Trump surged into Los Angeles remain unpaid due to delays in issuing official activation orders, leaving compensation and benefits in limbo.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/guard-soldiers-deployed-trumps-la-22345	2025/06/13	
Pentagon investigator admits to faking dozens of Top Secret security clearance background checks	National security	A federal contractor tasked with performing background checks on Department of Defense employees seeking high-level security clearances coped to submitting means of bogus reports when she claimed to have thoroughly vetted candidates who, in fact, had not been properly checked out.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pentagon-investigator-admits-faking-doz	2025/06/12	
The Trump-Musk Feud Revealed Two Massive National Security Concerns	National security	Of 39 allegedly fraudulent investigations Nousehen Qureshi carried out over the course of more than a year for the Defense Counterintelligence Security Agency, at least a half-dozen included fabricated "interviews" with people who later said they had never even heard from her at all according to a plea agreement obtained first by The Independent.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-musk-feud-revealed-two-133211f4	2025/06/13	
National security agencies embrace AI for operations	National security	First, there's the deeply alarming fact that Trump openly threatened to use the power of the presidency to exact personal revenge. We've seen this many times already since he returned to the presidency less than five months ago, but it's an undemocratic, corrupt practice that may be routine in dictatorships but should be unacceptable in solid democracies.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/national-security-agencies-embrace-ai	2025/06/13	
Vance voices loyalty to Trump but says he 'understands' Musk's frustration	Political Cesspool	As president, Trump's duty is to make decisions in the national interest. If the contracts made sense before the falling out, they should still make sense after it.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/07/uk-st-5452618/vance-theo-von-trump-4	2025/06/09	
Kristi Noem: the made-for-TV official executing Trump's mass deportations	Political Cesspool	But the contracts were actually deeply troubling before, and the dispute and threats highlight just how dangerously dependent the U.S., as well as other countries, have become on companies controlled by a single individual, and a volatile one with a troubling ideology at that.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/07/kristi-noem-trumps	2025/06/09	

		FBI Director Kash Patel has been mocked online after responding to anti-ICE protests in Los Angeles, telling demonstrators that if you "h1t a cop, you're going to jail."			
Kash Patel dragged for 'hit a cop, you're going to jail' threat to LA anti-ICE protesters. 'Unless it's for Trump'	Political Cesspool	Patel's tweet on Saturday night prompted some social media users to point out the irony, "Unless you're doing it for Trump," one user responded to Patel's comment, with another adding, "Unless you are trying to overturn an election."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/kash-patel-tweet-anti-ice-protesters-2025-06-09	2025/06/09	
Dr. Oz on Medicaid cuts: People should 'prove that you matter'	Political Cesspool	"Go out there, do entry-level jobs, get into the workforce, prove that you matter. Get agency into your own life," he added. "It's a much more enjoyable experience if you go through life thinking you are in control of your destiny and you will get better insurance at the same time."	https://nphill.com/policy/healthcare/534508-dr-oz-medicaid-cuts-work	2025/06/09	
Florida agent tells newspaper to halt reporting angle on foundation associated with governor's wife	Political Cesspool	Florida's chief welfare agency sent a letter to a Florida newspaper telling it to "cease and desist" its reporting on foster families for a story about a nonprofit associated with Gov. Ron DeSantis while that is the subject of an investigation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/florida-agency-tells-newspaper-halt-1745	2025/06/10	
		Border czar Tom Homan once again admitted with complete confidence that many of the people arrested in recent ICE raids have zero criminal history. "Does everyone that has been arrested by ICE agents have a criminal record like you've described?" an MSNBC host asked Homan on Monday.			
		"Absolutely not," Homan replied.			
ICE Director Admits He's Rounding Up People Without Criminal Records	Political Cesspool	Homan and ICE continue to operate their draconian deportation campaign with impunity, rounding up anyone they can find to get their arrest and deportation numbers up. As of June 1, there were 7,781 people in ICE detention with no criminal record.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-director-admits-rounding-people-1545	2025/06/10	
		Speaker Mike Johnson on Tuesday once again aligned himself with President Donald Trump, saying the president is "absolutely right" to send the National Guard and Marines to Los Angeles as protests over against Immigration and Customs Enforcement continue -- and sided with the president's criticism of California Gov. Gavin Newsom, adding that the California governor should be "harred and feathered."	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/speaker-johnson-backing-trumps-la-act	2025/06/11	
Speaker Johnson, backing Trump's LA actions, says, Newsom should be 'harred and feathered'	Political Cesspool	Chief of staff to the secretary of defense is usually a prestigious and sought-after job, but under Pete Hegseth, the White House is reportedly having trouble filling it. At least three people have turned down top Defense Department jobs—including chief of staff and several senior adviser roles—since Hegseth abruptly fired three of his top aides in April and accused them of leaking information to the press, NBC News reported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/people-keep-refusing-become-pete-1415	2025/06/11	
People Keep Refusing to Become Pete Hegseth's Top Aides	Political Cesspool	Republican Rep. Nancy Mace of South Carolina wants to take "every last federal dollar from cities who choose mob rule over law and order" through a bill she introduced this week in response to protests against immigration enforcement in Los Angeles.			
		Mace's bill, the Lawless Cities Accountability Act, co-introduced this week by Rep. Brandon Gill, R-Texas, would block federal funding—including salaries and grants—for local officials in cities deemed "lawless" due to ongoing unrest or failure to enforce laws. It would also give the federal government, likely the U.S. attorney general, the administration, authority to prosecute federal judges who are considered "lawless."	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/12/m-1-5425555-trumps-defund-lawless-cities	2025/06/13	
As protests spread, GOP Rep. Nancy Mace wants to defund 'lawless' cities	Political Cesspool	"He is not the same person that I dealt with just four years ago, and he's incapable of even a train of thought," Newsom, a potential 2028 presidential contender, told Fox LA. "He's lost it."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/12/gavin-newsom-trump-mental-fitness	2025/06/12	
Heg's last fit: Inside Newsom's attack on Trump's mental fitness	Political in fighting	The jarring scene of Padilla, a Democrat, being forcefully removed from Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem's press conference after interrupting it—and then being dragged to the ground and handcuffed—fell like kryptonite on the nation's political fire.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/13/lives-padilla-trump-democracy	2025/06/13	
Padilla episode triggers five-alarm fire for Democrats	Political in fighting	Twenty-seven states and the District of Columbia on Monday filed a lawsuit in bankruptcy court seeking to block the sale of personal genetic data by 23andMe without customer consent. The lawsuit comes as a biotechnology company seeks the court's approval to buy the struggling firm.	https://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/dozens-states-sue-block	2025/06/11	
Dozens of states sue to block the sale of 23andMe data without customer consent	Privacy	Americans' right data may have been sold to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) without their knowledge, internal CBP documents obtained by 404 Media suggest.			
		"The big airlines—through a shady data broker that they own called ARC—are selling the government bulk access to Americans' sensitive information, revealing where they fly and the credit card they used," Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden said in a statement. "ARC has refused to answer oversight questions from Congress, so I have already contacted the major airlines that own ARC—like Delta, American Airlines, and United—to find out why they gave the green light to let their customers' data to the government."			
Major airlines may have been secretly selling your flight data to DHS, report claims	Privacy	Publicly shared documents show that ARC is owned and operated by at least eight top U.S. airlines.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/major-airlines-may-secretly-selling-1924	2025/06/13	
		Customs and Border Protection is flying surveillance drones over the Los Angeles protests, the agency confirmed in a statement on Thursday. The drones in question are MQ-8 Predators, some models of which are equipped with technology that would enable high-altitude surveillance. In a statement to 404 Media, which first reported the presence of the drones, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) said the drones were deployed to support "our federal law enforcement partners in the Greater Los Angeles area, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement, with aerial support of their operations." ICE conducts raids and arrests, activity that has ramped up under Donald Trump's administration and against which protesters in Los Angeles have been demonstrating.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/up-immigration-agency-flies-drones-1645	2025/06/13	Protest, surveillance state, executive overreach, authoritarian moves, soft coup, police state, military, constitutional crisis, abuse of power, unrest, protest
US Immigration agency flies drones capable of surveillance over LA protests	Privacy	President Trump signed a memorandum deploying 2,000 National Guard soldiers on Saturday following federal immigration sweeps that sparked fiery protests in Los Angeles County.			
		"LA authorities are able to access law enforcement assistance at a moment's notice," Newsom said. "We are in close coordination with the city and county, and there is currently no unmet need." He said in an earlier post: "The federal government is slowing chaos so they can have an excuse to escalate. That is not the way any civilized country behaves."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/08/los-angeles-california-immigration-g	2025/06/09	Constitutional Crisis
Trump deploys National Guard amid fiery LA County protests	Protest	Protesters are taking to the streets and community hubs nationwide on June 14 in what organizers expect will be the largest single-day anti-President Trump rally since the start of the administration. The widespread movement will run counter to Trump's multimillion dollar military parade in D.C.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/07/trump-protest-trump-military-parade	2025/06/09	
What to know about counterprotests to Trump's June 14 parade	Protest	Over the past several days, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents around the country have confronted with angry crowds protesting their actions in cities from Minneapolis to Chicago to Los Angeles. This most recent spate of encounters has become heated.			
		"I got out of control because of the way that they showed up," says San Diego council member Sean Elo-Rivera, referring to ICE agents conducting a raid on a local Italian restaurant. Members of the public surged around the agents, at one point surrounding their cars. The immigration authorities discharged flash-bangs, leading to a chaotic scene.			
		"They wanted to make a show of it, so they did it on Friday night at dinner time. They wanted to make a show of this so they showed up in far more numbers than they needed to," Elo-Rivera says. "And the use of masks I think is incredibly concerning."	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/08/m-1-5425554-ice-raids-grow-tense-as	2025/06/09	
ICE raids grow tense as protesters confront	Protest	Tensions between the Trump administration and California intensified this weekend as President Donald Trump decided to deploy 2,000 National Guard members to the Los Angeles area, a move the state's Democratic leaders cast as an unnecessary escalation amid protests over the administration's immigration policies.			
		In calls that stretched into Friday evening, officials prepared for what one source described as a Portland-type incident, harking back to protests that erupted in that Oregon city in 2020, as protesters surrounded a federal building in Los Angeles. The Department of Homeland Security prepared to surge resources to Los Angeles, including armored vehicles and less-lethal munitions like gas and pepper balls, and to deploy hundreds more personnel from across the department, according to two sources familiar with the calls.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/more-trump-administration-decision-dep	2025/06/09	constitutional crisis, police state
Inside the Trump administration's decision to deploy the National Guard to California	Protest	Swedish campaigner Greta Thunberg was deported from Israel on Tuesday, the Israeli Foreign Ministry said, the day after the Israel navy prevented her and a group of fellow pro-Palestinian activists from sailing to Gaza.			
Greta Thunberg deported from Israel after Gaza boat seized	Protest	Three other people who had been aboard the charity vessel also agreed to immediate repatriation. Eight other crew members are contesting their deportation order, Israeli rights group Adalah, which advised them, said in a statement.	https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/israel-set-deport-greta-thunberg-2025-06-10	2025/06/10	
Over 20 arrested at Trump Tower rally as ICE protests, seized access U.S.	Protest	Police in New York City arrested about two dozen protesters at Trump Tower in Manhattan Monday, as demonstrators against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids spread to more U.S. cities on Monday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/10/ice-protests-la-nationwide-trump-tow	2025/06/10	
28 Surreal, Disturbing Images From The National Guard Clashing With Deportation Protesters That I'm Expecting To See In A History Textbook One Day	Protest	Photos	https://www.yahoo.com/news/donald-trump-deployed-national-guard-2	2025/06/11	
Marines in LA as ICE protests spread to more U.S. cities, in photos	Protest	Demonstrators across the U.S. are protesting the Trump administration's hardline immigration policies. While most rallies were peaceful, there were reports of standoffs between police and protesters in several cities—including in LA during the curfew.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/ice-protests-marines-us-cities-phy	2025/06/11	Protest, executive overreach, military
		Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass imposed a curfew in downtown LA on Tuesday during a fifth straight day of fiery protests against Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids. The curfew that will be in effect from 8pm Tuesday to 6am Wednesday local time comes as Bass moves to address looting and vandalism that have occurred during the protests and as the Trump administration and Democratic leaders are embroiled in a stand-off over a response.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/ice-protests-ice-curfew-marines	2025/06/11	
Mayor imposes curfew in downtown LA	Protest	Trump's extraordinary measures of sending National Guard and Marines to quell protests in Los Angeles has sparked a national debate on the use of military on U.S. soil and pitted the Republican president against California's Democrat governor.			
		"This brazen abuse of power by a sitting president inflamed a combustible situation, putting our people, our officers and even our National Guard at risk. That's when the downward spiral began," California Governor Gavin Newsom said in a video address on Tuesday.			
US cities brace for more protests as parts of Los Angeles placed under curfew	Protest	"He again chose escalation. He chose more force. He chose theatrics over public safety... Democracy is under assault."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-cities-brace-more-protests-071230407	2025/06/11	executive overreach, authoritarian moves, soft coup, police state, military, constitutional crisis, abuse of power, unrest
		"If there's any protester who wants to come out, they will be met with very big force," the president said Tuesday during an impromptu Oval Office press conference. "I haven't even heard about a protest, but there are people that hate our country."			
Trump: Protests in DC will be met with 'very heavy force'	Protest	Trump's threat came as thousands of National Guard troops and about 700 marines are in Los Angeles, clashing with protesters of the president's immigration agenda. Trump claimed Tuesday without evidence the demonstrators were "paid insurgents" and said the city would have experienced "a lot of death and destruction" if he had not sent in the Guard.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-protests-dc-met-very-192214569-1	2025/06/11	
Dozens Of Journalists Targeted, Shot, Detained While Covering LA Protests, Press Org Says	Protest	There have been more than 30 incidents of police violence against journalists as of Tuesday, including 20 injuries, at least five of which required emergency room or urgent care visits, said Adam Rose, the press rights chair with the Los Angeles Press Club, which released a statement Monday urging an end to the targeting of journalists whose work is constitutionally protected.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dozens-journalists-targeted-shot-detainee	2025/06/11	Freedom of the press
		But military experts have raised practical concerns about the unclear parameters of the Marines' objective. They also warn that sending in Marines without a request from a governor—a highly unusual step that has not been made since the civil rights era in 1965—could potentially inflame the situation.			
As Marines arrive in L.A., military experts raise concerns. 'This could spiral out of control'	Protest	U.S. Marines are trained for overseas conflict zones, with deployments in recent decades in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan. But the roles they have played in those nations—including providing artillery support to coalition forces fighting against Islamic State militants and advising and training local security forces—are quite different from what they might face as they confront protesters in Los Angeles.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/marines-streets-bring-peril-230506398-1	2025/06/12	executive overreach, authoritarian moves, soft coup, police state, military, constitutional crisis, abuse of power, unrest
Pam Bondi: LA protesters 'very different' to Jan. 6 rioters, Trump warned	Protest	"Right now, in California, what we're doing is working," Bondi said, after being asked about whether Trump would invoke the 1807 law that allows presidents to deploy U.S. troops to quell domestic unrest.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/12/la-protests-jan-6-riot-trump-bondi	2025/06/12	political cesspool
Immigration enforcement ramps up, tensions persist in big cities	Protest	Meanwhile, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott ordered National Guard troops to San Antonio and Austin ahead of protests expected on Saturday.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/11/m-1-54320914/immigration-enforcement	2025/06/12	
Protests grow across the U.S. as people push against Trump's mass deportation policies	Protest	"They're desperately showing up to rallies because they might get picked up by ICE, so I think we have to stand up, said Arifaz, who asked NPR to not use his last name out of fear for his safety. "And those who are able to stand up have a higher and urgent responsibility to do it today."	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/11/m-1-5432819/protests-grow-across-th	2025/06/12	
		The state's politicians and journalists offer a competing rebuttal that Trump touched off several days of protest and disruption with raids that went far beyond targeting criminals, as he previously promised, then escalated the conflict by taking the highly unusual step of sending the National Guard and Marines to Southern California.			
After images of unrest comes the political spin, distorting the reality on the ground in L.A.	Protest	Reaction to the raids by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents and the subsequent turmoil will have Americans on what have become partisan lines that have become so predictable they are "cathartic," said Lynn Vavreck, a political science professor at UCLA.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/images-unrest-political-spin-distort-20512	2025/06/12	executive overreach, authoritarian moves, soft coup, police state, military, constitutional crisis, abuse of power, unrest, protest
Trump Threatens to Crush Violent Protests in Every State	Protest	Donald Trump has warned that protesters trying to thwart his immigration crackdown in other states will be met with equal or greater force than demonstrators in Los Angeles.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-threatens-crush-violent-protests-2	2025/06/12	
		American history has the receipts. As we approach the 250th anniversary of this nation's birth, it ought to be common knowledge that putting the National Guard into the center of turmoil is not to be taken at lightly. Federalizing the California Guard to quell a supposed insurrection on the streets of greater Los Angeles is a bold move of presidential showmanship and look-tough optimism. It is also rely on many myths.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/contributor-california-long-history-national-guard-extraction-to-peaceful-protesters	2025/06/13	

		Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis gave drivers the green light to strike protesters who take to the streets against President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown.			
DeSantis gives green light for drivers to hit protesters: 'You have a right'	Protest	DeSantis signed a controversial bill promoted as an "anti-riot" measure that ended driver liability for hitting protesters and created new crimes, including aggravated rioting and mob intimidation, that makes it illegal for a group of three or more individuals to confront others and intimidate them into changing their views.	https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/deSantis-gives-green-light-for-2025/06/13	2025/06/13	
Trump proposes 'automatic' year in jail for action protected under 1st Amendment	Protest	"People that burn the American flag should go to jail for one year," the 47th president said during a speech at Fort Bragg, North Carolina on Tuesday. "That's what they should be doing." "I happen to think if you burn an American flag — because they were burning a lot of flags in Los Angeles — I think you go to jail for one year," he said. "Just automatic."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-proposes-automatic-jail-action-101-2025/06/13	2025/06/13	
Millions in US expected to protest against Trump in 'No Kings' demonstrations	Protest	Sending people automatically to jail would violate the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, which reads that no person will be "deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Millions of people are expected to protest against the Trump administration on Saturday at roughly 2,000 sites nationwide in a demonstration dubbed "No Kings", planned for the same day as the president's military parade and birthday. No Kings is not hosting an event in Washington DC, intending to take the focus off the military parade and show the power of the people outside the nation's capital. Philadelphia will host a flagship march instead, and a DC-based organization is hosting a "DC Joy Day" in the district that will "celebrate DC's people, culture, and our connections to one another." "We did not want to give him the excuse to crack down on counter-protesters in DC," Levin said. "We didn't want to give him the narrative device to say we're protesting the military. Instead, we wanted to make him look as small and weak as he is, and protest everywhere else in the country."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/13/no-kings-protests	2025/06/13	
Florida sheriff warns protesters ahead of nationwide rallies: 'We will kill you dead'	Protest	A Florida sheriff issued a stark message to protesters planning to demonstrate this weekend against increasing ICE arrests nationwide. Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey warned in a press conference Thursday that if any protesters "throw a brick, a firebomb, or point a gun," they will be killed. "If you block an intersection or a roadway in Brevard County, you are going to jail. If you flee arrest, you're going to go to jail fired because we are going to run you down and put you in jail," Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey said.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/florida-2025/06/13	2025/06/13	
'We're gonna have troops everywhere', Trump's use of the military to quell protests is a shocking abuse of power, experts warn	Protest	Donald Trump sending in the military to quell protests in Los Angeles and threatening to do the same in other American cities is an "unprecedented" use of presidential power that will have a "chilling" effect on free speech and protest, legal and political experts have warned.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-2025/06/13	2025/06/13	
Anti-ICE protests start forming in New York City, Austin, and Santa Ana	Protest	Now the unrest has reached other locations including New York City, Austin, Texas, and Santa Ana, California.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ice-pro-2025/06/10	2025/06/10	
LA immigration protests live updates: Trump calls on LAPD to request Guard 'now'	Protest- LA	The Trump administration has deployed the California National Guard in response to protests in Los Angeles that began Friday evening over immigration enforcement operations, which resulted in some clashes between demonstrators and authorities, the White House said in a statement. The protest continued through the weekend to Sunday evening, where demonstrators halted traffic on the 101 Freeway as Los Angeles police deemed it an unlawful assembly.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/la-immigration-protests-live-updates-030-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
Gavin Newsom Demands Trump Administration Remove National Guard From L.A. Amid ICE Protests: 'Rescind the Order, Return Control to California'	Protest- LA	Newsom announced the move in an Instagram post Sunday afternoon, sharing his official letter to Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth and writing, "I have formally requested the Trump Administration rescind their unlawful deployment of troops in Los Angeles County and return them to my command. We didn't have a problem until Trump got involved. This is a serious breach of state sovereignty — inflaming tensions while pulling resources from where they're actually needed. Rescind the Order. Return order to California." Word quickly spread on social media. Passersby honked their horns. Soon, protesters arrived. "This is the situation," Solache, the Assemblymember, said, turning the camera to show dozens of uniformed Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents outside the black gates, as people held up cameras to the scene and marquee music blared. The scene began to turn darker as agents formed a line and brought out rifles that shot out tear gas and pushed the crowds back. But near the gates, any time federal agents saw that protesters threw anything toward them or neared the police line, they shot out tear gas or flash-bang rounds. There were about 100 people there. As the crowd grew, sheriff's deputies were deployed to block off a perimeter on the east and west, near the 710 Freeway. Protesters shouted at deputies, asking why they were helping. Then a U.S. Marshall bus pulled up to Alondra from the freeway. The crowd surrounded the bus trying to push it back, kicking at it until tear gas was shot.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gavin-newsom-demands-trump-administrat-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
What really happened outside the Paramount Home Depot? The reality on the ground vs. the rhetoric	Protest- LA	House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) said Sunday that deploying the Marine Corps to Los Angeles to suppress protests, as Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has suggested, would not be "heavy-handed."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/what-really-happened-outside-paramount-hom-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
Johnson: Deploying Marines to Los Angeles protests, would not be 'heavy-handed'	Protest- LA	"You know, one of our core principles is maintaining peace through strength. We do that on foreign affairs and domestic affairs as well. I don't think that's heavy-handed," Johnson responded. Patel lauded Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass (D-Calif.) who shared a post declaring that she wouldn't "stand for the law enforcement efforts that 'deeply angered' her" and other constituents. The FBI chief responded in a quote tweet with the statement, "We will."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/johnson-deploying-marines-los-angeles-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
Bongino, Patel defend ICE amid unrest over Los Angeles raids	Protest- LA	White House deputy chief of staff Stephen Miller also chimed in telling Bass, "You have no say in this at all. Federal law is supreme and federal law will be enforced." Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth said on X that the Guard was being deployed "immediately to support federal law enforcement in Los Angeles. And, if violence continues, active duty Marines at Camp Pendleton will also be mobilized — they are on high alert."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bongino-patel-defend-ice-amid-19235071-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
The National Guard comes to Los Angeles: What's going to happen next?	Protest- LA	California Gov. Gavin Newsom said local law enforcement was already mobilized and that sending in troops was a move that was "purposely inflammatory" and would "only escalate tensions." It was the third day of demonstrations against Trump's immigration crackdown in the region, as the arrival of around 300 federal troops spurred anger and fear among some residents. Sunday's protests in Los Angeles, a city of 4 million people, were centered in several blocks of downtown. Starting in the morning, National Guard troops stood shoulder to shoulder, carrying long guns and riot shields outside the Metropolitan Detention Center in downtown Los Angeles. Protesters shouted "shame" and "go home." After some closely approached the guard members, another set of uniformed officers advanced on the group, shooting smoke-filled canisters into the street. Minutes later, the Los Angeles Police Department fired rounds of crowd-control munitions to disperse the protesters, who they said were assembled unlawfully. Much of the group then moved to block traffic on the 101 freeway until state patrol officers cleared them from the roadway by late afternoon, while southbound lanes remained shut down.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/national-guard-comes-los-angeles-10000-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
Protests intensify in Los Angeles after Trump deploys hundreds of National Guard troops	Protest- LA	Photos	https://www.yahoo.com/news/national-guard-troops-arrive-los-1000097-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
Photos: A fierce pushback on ICE raids in L.A. from protesters, officials	Protest- LA	Photos	https://www.yahoo.com/news/photos-fierce-pushback-ice-raids-164543-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
MAGA Melts Down Over Anti-ICE 'Insurrectionists'	Protest- LA	Doubling down, he responded to footage of protestors attempting to stop an ICE bus with the message, "Depot the invaders, or surrender to insurrection. These are the choices." FBI deputy director Dan Bongino also posted to X on Saturday afternoon, urging a protester who was recorded throwing rocks at law enforcement vehicles to turn themselves in. Miller repeated footage of a different Customs and Border Protection vehicle being pelted with rocks, adding the caption, "This is a violent insurrection."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/maga-melts-down-over-anti-ice-10000662-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
Trump news at a glance: California's Newsom compares Trump to a 'dictator' over national guard deployment	Protest- LA	California's governor, Gavin Newsom, is leading critics of Donald Trump over his decision to send 2,000 national guard troops to Los Angeles, blaming his actions to those of a "dictator". Newsom has demanded Trump rescind the order and accused the president of inciting and provoking violence, creating mass chaos, militarizing cities and arresting opponents. "These are the acts of a dictator, not a President," he wrote in a social media post. He also shared a sharp rebuke signed by all of the country's Democratic governors describing protesters as "an alarming abuse of power".	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-news-glance-california-newsom-01-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
Newsom blasts deployment of National Guard to L.A. as 'purposely inflammatory'	Protest- LA	In a statement, Newsom said Trump was moving to take over the California National Guard and deploy 2,000 soldiers, which the governor said would "only escalate tensions" after protesters confronted immigration agents making raids on local businesses. Trump's move came without Newsom's signature, presumably by invoking Title 10, the legal basis for activating and mobilizing the Guard.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/newsom-blasts-deployment-national-guar-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
Trump Sparks Backlash Ordering National Guard to L.A. Protests	Protest- LA	However, there has been conflict as to what the best course of action should be. In a move that prompted division, Trump ordered the California National Guard to quell the immigration protests, moving to deploy 2,000 soldiers to the Los Angeles area. "These radical left protests, by instigators and often said troublemakers, will not be tolerated. Also, from now on, masks will not be allowed to be worn at protests. What do these people have to hide, and why?" Trump said via Truth Social.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-sparks-backlash-ordering-national-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
Police clash with Los Angeles protesters as opposition to Trump intensifies	Protest- LA	Trump's decision to deploy national guard troops into Los Angeles, against the wishes of state and local officials, has sent shockwaves through American politics. California's governor, Gavin Newsom, and other Democratic governors have sharply criticized the move, describing it as an "alarming abuse of power". Newsom has called on the administration to rescind the "unlawful" deployment.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/09/los-angeles-protests	2025/06/09	
'We're not afraid of you': LA protesters, enraged by Trump, flood the streets	Protest- LA	"This is a serious breach of state sovereignty — inflaming tensions while pulling resources from where they're actually needed. Rescind the order. Return control to California," Newsom said, hundreds of Angelenos enraged by Donald Trump's decision to commandeer their state national guard swamped the downtown streets on Sunday, bringing a major freeway to a standstill. But the national guard, hemmed in by the protesters and by dozens of Los Angeles police cruisers, played almost no role in any of it.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/09/los-angeles-protests	2025/06/09	
Protests intensify in Los Angeles after Trump deploys hundreds of National Guard troops	Protest- LA	Some police patrolled the streets on horseback while others with riot gear lined up behind Guard troops deployed to protect federal facilities including a detention center where some immigrants were taken in recent days. Police declared an unlawful assembly, and by early evening many people had left.	https://apnews.com/article/immigration-protests-raids-los-angeles-78ea-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
Newsom taunts Trump's 'tough guy' border czar to 'come out me' after arrest threat	Protest- LA	California Governor Gavin Newsom has escalated his war of words with Donald Trump's administration over its handling of this weekend's tensions in Los Angeles by challenging the president's border czar Tom Homan to arrest him.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/gavin-n-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
Donald Trump Jr. weighs into L.A. crisis by suggesting protesters should be shot by 'Toohee Koyanah'	Protest- LA	Donald Trump Jr. has attempted to make light of the ongoing tensions in Los Angeles by calling for the city to "Make Rooftop Koreans Great Again!" Donald Trump's eldest son posted a meme on X of a Korean-American business owner inspecting a rifle on a rooftop in reference to the Los Angeles riots of 1992, which erupted in response to the acquittal of four Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers caught on video beating Black motorist Rodney King.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/la-prote-2025/06/09	2025/06/09	
Scop: Cotton urges GOP senators to double down on fiery LA protests	Protest- LA	Senate Republican leadership is urging senators to double down on condemning the chaotic protests that erupted over the weekend in Los Angeles, Axios has learned. Republicans want to specifically target California Governor Gavin Newsom. The Cotton staffer encouraged Senate offices to paint Newsom as "the least desirable of these rob."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/09/los-angeles-protests-republican-sen-2025/06/10	2025/06/10	
National Guard in L.A.: What they can do after Trump called them in to quell protests	Protest- LA	Trump's Saturday memorandum federalizing troops cited 10 U.S.C. 12406, a provision that allows the president to call members of a state's National Guard wherever, among other situations, there is "a rebellion" or "the President is unable with the regular forces to execute the laws of the United States."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/09/national-guard-in-l-a-protests-incurred-2025/06/10	2025/06/10	Constitutional crisis, police state, dystopian
LA protests: What to know as the National Guard mobilizes	Protest- LA	Protesters in LA and nearby cities took to the streets late last week to push back on several immigration enforcement actions in the area. ICE acting director Todd Lyons said in a Saturday statement that more than 1,000 rioters surrounded a federal building in LA, and that it took the LAPD "over two hours" to respond. The LAPD said in a statement it "mobilized and acted as swiftly as conditions safely allowed," noting that "irritants" deployed by federal agents created a "hazardous environment" for officers.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/08/la-protests-national-guard-ice-2025/06/10	2025/06/10	

		President Trump's deployment of the National Guard to break up immigration protests in Los Angeles is a dangerous abuse of power that puts Americans in danger, Hina Shamsi, the ACLU's National Security Project director, told NPR. "It's really recklessly undermining our foundational democratic principle that the military should not be policing civilians," Shamsi said in an interview with Morning Edition after a weekend of clashes between protestors, LA police, federal agents and troops.			
Trump using National Guard in LA is an 'abuse of power,' says national security expert	Protest- LA	1. Protesters clashed with police and troops on Sunday In downtown Los Angeles Sunday, two protests converged near the Metropolitan Detention Center, a federal prison where immigrants were held. The demonstrations grew rowdy and tense. NPR reporters say tear gas was deployed and an "unlawful assembly" was declared from a Los Angeles Police Department helicopter. 2. Trump warned more troops could come On Sunday evening, Trump told reporters that the federal government would ensure there's "law and order." He described the Los Angeles protests as a "riot" and said that justified calling in the National Guard to support ICE agents. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said in a post on X Saturday that active duty Marines at Camp Pendleton also were on high alert and would also be mobilized "if violence continues." Trump said he could also deploy troops to more cities. ICE actions sparked protests in multiple cities across the country, including Minneapolis and Chicago. 3. Local authorities pushed back on Trump — hard "We don't have a problem until Trump got involved," Newsom wrote. "This is a serious breach of state sovereignty — inflaming tensions while pulling resources from where they're actually needed." The Democratic Governors Association issued a statement calling Trump's National Guard deployment "an alarming abuse of power." 4. It sets the stage for more clashes At Camp David, Trump said he plans to meet with people, including generals and admirals. Asked about sending Marines and protests in other cities, Trump left open that possibility. "The bar is what I think it is. I mean, if we see danger to our country and to our citizens, we'll be very strong in terms of law and order. It's about law and order," Trump said.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/09/mx-st-5427168/los-angeles-national-guard	2025/06/10	abuse of power, constitutional crisis, police state, dystopian
4 things to know about the immigration raid protests, just east of LA this weekend	Protest- LA	UPDATED with new Trump comment: Reeling from widespread harsh ICE raids and responding protests and resistance over the past 24 hours, Los Angeles has become a powder keg with Donald Trump deploying 2,000 California National Guard troops over the objection of Governor Gavin Newsom and other SoCal leaders.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/09/mx-st-5427215/what-to-know-los-angeles	2025/06/10	
Trump Deploys 2,000 Troops To L.A. As Backlash & Protests To ICE Raids Surge, POTUS Action, 'Purposefully Inflammatory' - Newsom Warns	Protest- LA	The former chief of the National Guard has denounced President Donald Trump's deployment of troops in Los Angeles as "a bid for all Americans concerned about freedom of speech and states' rights."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/national-guard-general-flames-trump-135	2025/06/10	Constitutional crisis, police state, dystopian
National Guard General Flames Trump for L.A. Deployment Orders	Protest- LA	The Trump administration's deployment of national guard troops to Los Angeles to intervene in civilian protests in the face of opposition from the Californian governor is a major escalation that risks the politicization of the US military, armed service veterans are warning.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/veterans-sound-alarm-trump-deploys-17	2025/06/10	Constitutional crisis, police state, dystopian
Trump LA protest response risks turning US military into political force, veterans warn	Protest- LA	"The Trump administration's 'border czar' warned that immigration enforcement will continue 'every day' in Los Angeles, hinting that even elected officials could face arrest if they interfere with agents on the ground.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-border-czar-threatens-arrest-1706	2025/06/10	Constitutional crisis, police state, dystopian
Trump's border czar threatens arrest for immigration interference, warns Newsom and vows not to cross that line	Protest- LA	Erwin Chemerinsky, one of the nation's leading constitutional law scholars, said "for the federal government to take over the California National Guard, without the request of the governor, to put down protests is truly chilling." "It is using the military domestically to stop dissent," said Chemerinsky, dean of the UC Berkeley School of Law. "It certainly sends a message as to how this administration is going to respond to protesters who are weighing in to see the president's side."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/legal-issues-raised-trump-sending-03191	2025/06/10	Constitutional crisis, police state, dystopian
The legal issues raised by Trump sending the National Guard to L.A.	Protest- LA	"The Secretary of Defense is now threatening to deploy active-duty Marines on American soil against its own citizens," Newsom wrote. "This is deranged behavior."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/shut-dictatorships-trump-admin-threat-15	2025/06/10	Constitutional crisis, police state, dystopian
The stuff of dictatorships': Trump admin threat to deploy military to LA protest met with angry reactions	Protest- LA	Of the ten major U.S. corporations documented by journalist Hunter Schwarz to have adopted a Pride avatar or banner on Twitter in 2023 — including Expedia, Bank of America, and Freddie Mac — just one, the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer, is still flying its rainbow flag on the social network today.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/corporations-flighting-rainbow-flags-cutting	2025/06/10	
Trump is going after LGBTQ rights and big companies have responded by shunning Pride Month	Rainbow threats	Southern Baptists meeting this week in Dallas will be asked to approve resolutions calling for a legal ban on pornography and a reversal of the U.S. Supreme Court's approval of same-sex marriage.	https://apnews.com/article/southern-baptists-pornography-sports-betting	2025/06/10	
Southern Baptists target porn, sports betting, same-sex marriage and willful childlessness	Religion	The proposed resolutions call for laws on gender, marriage and family based on what they say is the biblically stated order of divine creation. They also call for legislators to curtail sports betting and to support policies that promote childbearing.	https://apnews.com/article/southern-baptists-pornography-sports-betting	2025/06/10	
Attorneys get more time to argue over contested copper mine on land sacred to Apaches	Religious rights	A U.S. district judge in Arizona has opened the door for the next round of legal wrangling as environmentalists and some Native Americans seek to stop the federal government from transferring land in Arizona for a massive copper mining project.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/attorneys-more-time-argue-over-2192406	2025/06/10	
How a network of women in Latin America transformed safe, self-managed abortions	Reproductive Rights	Judge Dominic Lanza in a ruling issued Monday denied motions that sought to halt the transfer pending the outcome of the case. However, he did preclude the U.S. Forest Service from proceeding with the land exchange until 60 days after the agency issues a required environmental review.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/09/pw-st-5487236/latin-america-abortion-activists	2025/06/09	history
Democrats introduce bill that aims to protect reproductive health data	Reproductive Rights	Advocates connected the dots: If women could get their hands on misoprostol, they could end their pregnancies despite the severe legal restrictions on abortion most Latin American countries had. With this new pill, they wouldn't have to wait for the law to change.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/11/democrats-my-body-right-now	2025/06/11	
US Health Secretary Kennedy guts vaccine advisory committee	RFK JR BS	Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has fired all 17 members of a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention panel of vaccine experts and is in the process of replacing them, his department said on Monday, drawing protest from many vaccine scientists.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/members-vaccine-advisory-panel-fired-1	2025/06/10	
Former, current CDC employees call on RFK Jr. to resign	RFK JR BS	The move is the most far-reaching in a series of actions by Kennedy, a long-time vaccine skeptic, to reshape U.S. regulation of vaccines, food and medicines. Scientists and experts said the changes to the vaccine panel, which recommends how vaccines are used and by whom, would undermine public confidence in health agencies.	https://www.axios.com/what-if-thats-2025/06/10/cdc-workers-protest-ax	2025/06/11	
Top RFK Jr. aide attacks US health system while running company that promotes wellness alternatives	RFK JR BS	Current and former employees of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are calling on Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to resign, warning that job cuts and proposed funding reductions will hurt the agency's ability to protect the public from future health threats.	https://apnews.com/article/callely-means-rk-maha-wellness-ethics-9270	2025/06/11	
RFK Jr. breaks promise to senators, guts CDC vaccine panel of independent experts	RFK JR BS	The Atlanta-based CDC has long been the unbiased hub Americans turn to for facts about health topics, including sexually transmitted infections, maternal and infant health and respiratory infections.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/maydow-blog-rfk-jr-breaks-134556816.html	2025/06/11	executive overreach, authoritarian moves, soft coup, police state, military, constitutional crisis, abuse of power, unrest
RFK Jr. names 8 new members of vac. advisory panel	RFK JR BS	Means, however, has his own financial stake in the sprawling health system. He's the co-founder of an online platform, Truemed, that offers dietary supplements, herbal remedies and other wellness products. Some of the vendors featured on Truemed's website are supporters of Kennedy's MAHA movement, which downplays the benefits of prescription drugs, vaccines and other rigorously tested medical products.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/rfk-new-members-vaccine-board/	2025/06/12	
RFK Jr. blows up America's vaccine policy	RFK JR BS	"If confirmed, [Kennedy] will maintain the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — without changes," Cassidy declared with confidence, pointing to assurances he'd received directly from RFK Jr.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/13/rfk-covid-vaccine-policy-cdc/	2025/06/13	
RFK Jr. sent Congress 'medical disinformation' to defend COVID vaccine schedule change	RFK JR BS	Four months later, as NBC News reported, Cassidy had been proven wrong.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/13/mx-st-5431935/rfk-hhs-covid-vaccine-a	2025/06/13	
Under RFK Jr., Vaccine Approval is Getting More Politicized, Not Less	RFK JR BS	Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy on Wednesday named eight new members to serve on an influential federal vaccine advisory panel after firing all 17 of the committee's members.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/under-rfk-jr-vaccine-approval-230018197	2025/06/13	
Five Supreme Court Justices recused from the same case, showing both progress and work still to be done	Supreme Court	While Kennedy posted on X that the new appointees are committed to evidence-based medicine, several have a history of expressing anti-vaccine sentiment or voicing concerns about COVID-19 or mRNA vaccines.	https://www.citizensforethics.org/news/analysis-five-supreme-court-justi	2025/06/11	
Unanimous Supreme Court makes it easier to sue schools in disability cases	Supreme Court	Some were also signers of the Great Barrington Declaration, a petition authored by a group of scientists including current NIH director Jay Bhattacharya that advocated for allowing COVID to spread among young, healthy people to reach herd immunity faster. The approach drew fierce criticism from many experts.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/12/mx-st-5431521/supreme-court-disability	2025/06/13	
Behind the Curtain: The scariest AI reality	Technology- AI	In the last several weeks, Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has upended long-standing norms, introducing uncertainty into a once-reliable system.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/12/mx-st-5431521/supreme-court-disability	2025/06/12	
Ohio university says all students will be required to train and be fluent in AI	Technology- AI	Leigh Haldean, a pregnant woman in Seattle, was recently turned away when going to get a COVID booster shot, as recommended by her doctor, CNN reports.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/09/ai-film-hallucination-reason	2025/06/10	
Behind the Curtain: ChatGPT juggernaut	Technology- ai	Cases like hers could become more common. While most doctors and pharmacies will likely still be able to recommend and administer the vaccine, access might start to erode.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/09/ai-film-hallucination-reason	2025/06/10	
		Insurers are likely to start denying coverage of the COVID vaccine to groups who aren't deemed eligible by the government, putting the vaccine out of reach for people who don't have the time to seek out a willing provider or the money to pay out of pocket for the shot.			
		A document the Department of Health and Human Services sent to lawmakers to support Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s decision to change U.S. policy on COVID vaccines cites scientific studies that are unpublished or under dispute and mechanizes others.			
		One health expert called the document "willful medical disinformation" about the safety of COVID vaccines for children and pregnant women.			
		Vaccines have become a divisive issue in American politics, asserted Health and Human Services Secretary (HHS) Robert F. Kennedy Jr. in his June 9 Wall Street Journal op-ed. "Public confidence is waning." This is true. But the HHS secretary bears responsibility for much of that division and waning confidence. And he's just made it worse.			
		The U.S. Supreme Court recently demonstrated the critical importance of ethics standards at the nation's highest court when it summarily affirmed a lower court's judgment after five justices recused themselves from hearing the case, suggesting that there was at least an appearance of, if not actual, conflicts of interest. Without six justices to participate, the remainder of the Court could not proceed with hearing the case under a law that prevents cases from being decided by just a few justices. The recusals marked a rare yet welcome illustration of the need for transparency and accountability as the Court decides its most consequential cases.			
		The Supreme Court on Thursday made it easier for students with disabilities to sue to enforce their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act and other laws enacted to ensure that disabled children get appropriate schooling.			
		"We hold today," he said, "that those challenges do not include having to satisfy a more stringent standard of proof than other plaintiffs" in discrimination cases.			
		The widest, scariest, indisputable truth about AI's large language models is that the companies building them don't know exactly why or how they work.			
		Si with that for a moment. The most powerful companies, racing to build the most powerful superhuman intelligence capabilities — ones they readily admit occasionally go rogue to make things up, or even threaten their users — don't know why their machines do what they do.			
		The House, despite knowing to title about AI, tucked language into President Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" that would prohibit states and localities from any AI regulations for 10 years. The Senate is considering limitations on the provision.			
		Neither the AI companies nor Congress understands the power of AI a year from now, much less a decade from now.			
		Ohio State University has announced that all of its students will be using artificial intelligence later this year, requiring them to become fluent in combining conventional learning with AI.			
		"Through AI Fluency, Ohio State students will be 'bilingual' — fluent in both their major field of study and the application of AI in that area," he said.			
		This fight is about winning two interested wars at once — AI and search dominance. OpenAI and others see Google as the most lethal rival because of its awesome access to data, and research talent, and current dominance in traditional search.			
		This is probably the most expensive business war ever. Google, OpenAI, Apple, Amazon, Anthropic, Meta and others are pouring hundreds of billions of investment into AI large language models (LLMs).			
		It's not winner-take-all. But it's seen as winner-take-control of the most powerful and potentially lucrative new technology on the scene.			
			https://www.axios.com/2025/06/12/chatgpt-openai-google-search-battle	2025/06/12	

The FDA Wants AI To Speed Up Health Care Decisions — Here's Why Experts Are Concerned	Technology: AI	"The FDA's move to explore AI for accelerating drug and device approvals and for food ingredient oversight marks a critical inflection point in regulatory innovation, but it also introduces a series of legal, ethical and structural tensions that can't be glossed over," Stacey B. Lee, a professor of law and ethics at Johns Hopkins Carey Business School and Bloomberg School of Public Health, told HuffPost via email.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fda-wants-ai-speed-health-1100126711.html	2025/06/13	
U.S. Army can't "continue to buy VCRs" amid global security shift	Technology: Army	"The risk is in not changing," Chief of Staff Gen. Randy George told Axios during an interview in his Pentagon office. "We've got to get better by 2026," he said, shrugging off longer-term ambitions like the Army of 2030 or 2040. "I think we have to be improving on a day-by-day, week-by-week basis."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/army-transformation-george-discol	2025/06/11	national security
Tensions erupt in Congress over vote to condemn Boulder attack	Terrorism	What would otherwise be an uncontroversial congressional vote to denounce the Boulder attack is devolving into a contentious partisan feud, Axios has learned. Language praising ICE and labeling "Tree Palestine" an "antisemitic slogan" are sparking fury from some Democrats, who see the provisions as a GOP maneuver to force them into a difficult vote.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/08/congress-boulder-free-palestine-and	2025/06/09	
Owner of Dominican club whose roof collapsed and killed 236 is arrested	Tragic	The owner of an iconic nightclub in the Dominican Republic whose roof collapsed in April and killed 236 people was arrested Thursday along with his sister. "Both defendants displayed immense irresponsibility and negligence by failing to physically intervene to prevent the club's roof from collapsing, as it ultimately did, causing 236 deaths and more than 180 injuries," The Dominican Republic's Attorney General's Office said in a statement.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/13/mx-st154324422dominican-club-roof-co	2025/06/13	
Trump might be the most accessible president ever — for sales or scammers	Trump Bullshit	President Trump reportedly picks up when his cell rings even if he doesn't know who's calling. Senior members of his team also love chatting on their personal devices. That makes the administration uniquely vulnerable to basic scams like spoofed calls and impersonation attempts.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/08/donald-trump-cell-phone-security-ha	2025/06/09	"Trump, accessible to anyone who Trump's cybersecurity strategy -> Mr. President, someone named G
Trump Calls on Qatar to Fund Kennedy Center's MAGA Makeover	Trump Bullshit	President Donald Trump is aiming to give the Kennedy Center a MAGA makeover, and he has reportedly called on the country that gifted him his "palace in the sky" to do it. To fix this, The Wall Street Journal reported that Trump has put out calls to the Middle East to bankroll a renovation or two—which could include rehabbing its VIP suites and even building a marina next to the venue so the radical elite can put up and enjoy the center's programming from the water.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-calls-qatar-fund-kennedy-2328029	2025/06/09	
Trump travel ban barring citizens from 12 countries goes into effect	Trump Bullshit	Reportedly on the call list was Qatar, which gifted Trump his \$400 million "palace in sky" Boeing jet, which he plans to use as his Air Force One until he pockets the aircraft for personal use at the end of his presidential term. Donald Trump's new ban on travel to the US by citizens of a dozen countries, mainly in Africa and the Middle East, went into effect at 12am ET on Monday, more than eight years after Trump's first travel ban sparked chaos, confusion, and months of legal battles. The new proclamation, which Trump signed last week, "fully" restricts the nationals of Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen from entering the US. The entry of nationals of Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela will be partially restricted.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/09/trump-travel-ban	2025/06/09	
From friends to foes: how Trump turned on the Federalist Society	Trump Bullshit	The word was "leakage," which Trump deployed as part of a lengthy broadside on Truth Social, his social media platform. The targets of his wrath were the Federalist Society, an influential conservative legal organization, and Leonard Leo, a lawyer associated with the group who has, in recent years, branched out to become one of the most powerful rightwing kingmakers in the US. In his post, Trump said that during his first term "I was suggested that I use The Federalist Society as a recommending source on Judges. I did so, openly and freely, but then realized that they were under the thumb of a real 'leakage' named Leonard Leo, a bad person who, in his own way, probably hates America, and obviously has his own separate ambitions. He openly brags how he controls Judges, and even Justices of the United States Supreme Court - I hope that is not so, and not I believe it is!" Now that Donald Trump's tariffs have been halted, his big, beautiful bill has been stymied, and his multi-billion tech biz has turned on him, how does he demonstrate his power? On Friday morning, federal agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) conducted raids across Los Angeles – including at two Home Depots and a clothing wholesaler – in search of workers who they suspected of being undocumented immigrants. On Saturday, Trump escalated the confrontations, ordering at least 2,000 national guard troops to be deployed in Los Angeles county to help quell the protests. He said that any demonstration that got in the way of immigration officials would be considered a "form of rebellion." Stephen Miller, the White House deputy chief of staff, called the protests an "insurrection". On Saturday evening, the defense secretary, Pete Hegseth, threatened to deploy active-duty marines, saying: "The violent mob assaults on ICE and Federal Law Enforcement are designed to prevent the removal of Criminal Illegal Aliens from our soil. A dangerous invasion facilitated by criminal cartels (aka Foreign Terrorist Organizations) and a huge NATIONAL SECURITY RISK. Under President Trump, violence and destruction against federal agents and federal facilities will NOT be tolerated."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/08/trump-federalist-soc	2025/06/09	
We are witnessing the first stages of a Trump police state	Trump Bullshit	We are witnessing the first stages of a Trump police state. Despite insisting that the United States is rebounding from calamity under his watch, President Donald Trump is harnessing emergency powers unlike any of his predecessors. Whether it's levelling punishing tariffs, deploying troops to the border or sidelining environmental regulations, Trump has relied on rules and laws intended only for use in extraordinary circumstances like war and invasion. An analysis by The Associated Press shows that 30 of Trump's 150 executive orders have cited some kind of emergency power or authority, a rate that far outpaces his recent predecessors. Challenges to Trump's emergency orders have yet to reach the Supreme Court, but legal experts worry the use of them could lead to an upending of the constitutional balance of power if the Supreme Court sides with the administration, essentially giving the president free rein to do more without congressional approval.	https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/jun/09/trump-police-state	2025/06/09	Police state, constitutional crisis, dystopian,
The \$11 unaidedness: Trump flexes emergency powers in his second term	Trump Bullshit	"These Republican left protests by agitators and often paid troublemakers, will NOT BE TOLERATED," he wrote on Truth Social early Sunday morning. "Also, from now on, MASKS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to be worn at protests. What do these people have to hide, and why???" If and when these 75,000 uniformed personnel feel overmatched by the agitators, California can request federal help of its own volition. But if the Trump-Hegseth threats have little purpose as low enforcement, they signify great purpose as political strategy. Since Trump's reelection, close observers of his presidency have feared a specific sequence of events that could play out ahead of midterm voting in 2026: Step 1: Use federal powers in ways to provoke some kind of made-for-TV disturbance—flames, smoke, loud noises, waving of foreign flags. Step 2: Invoke the disturbance to declare a state of emergency and deploy federal troops. Step 3: Seize control of local operations of government—policing in June 2025, voting in November 2026.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-emergency-powers-tariffs-immigration	2025/06/09	
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For Trump, This is a Dress Rehearsal	Trump Bullshit	The Steady State, a non-partisan coalition of more than 280 former national security professionals, has issued a warning over these events. "The use of federal military force in the absence of local or state requests, paired with contradictory mandates targeting protestors, is a hallmark of authoritarian drift," the statement reads. "Our members – many of whom have served in fragile democracies abroad – have seen this pattern before. What begins as provocative posturing can metastasize into something far more dangerous." Donald Trump unveiled a federal program Monday providing \$1,000 government-funded investment accounts for American babies, getting backing from top business leaders who said they plan to contribute billions more to an initiative tied to the big beautiful bill. Troops deployed to Los Angeles. Paratroopers dropping from the sky before a partisan speech to troops at Fort Bragg. A military parade in D.C. that will coincide with the president's birthday. Call it President Trump's Strongman Week. Trump is making a point of showing executive force at a level he only dreamed about during his first term.	https://www.theatlantic.com/dea/archive/2025/06/los-angeles-dress-r	2025/06/10	Constitutional crisis, police state, dystopian
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Trump's broad definition of 'insurrection' looms over Los Angeles	Trump Bullshit	Trump noted there was one way he could do that – by invoking the Insurrection Act – but added that "there's no reason to ever do that, even in a Portland case." Insurrectionists beat cops with flag poles, crushed them with riot shields, bused them in the neck, and spat on them during the deadly attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. But when President Donald Trump claimed on Monday that he has no tolerance for "insurrectionists" who clash with police officers, he wasn't talking about the 1,500 rioters he paraded upon assuming office earlier this year. He was talking about people in Los Angeles, California, protesting his administration's anti-immigration actions. Speaking to reporters outside of the White House on Monday, the president claimed that demonstrators opposing sweeping ICE raids in L.A. were "professional agitators. They're insurrectionists, they're bad people," and that "they should be in jail."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-broad-definiton-insurrection-looms	2025/06/11	executive overreach, authoritarian moves, soft coup, police state, military, constitutional crisis, abuse of power, unrest
Trump Suddenly Cares About Insurrectionists' and Protecting Cops	Trump Bullshit	As the Army transports military equipment to the nation's capital in preparation for next week's military parade in honor of its 250th birthday—and Trump's 79th—one tank transporter carried a sinister, graffitied message: "Yang Fuxi & Bill Gates." A video of that transporter was shared by the Army's official X account and was viewed nearly 700,000 times after it was left up for 24 hours. It has subsequently been taken down and disavowed. "That statement does not align with Army values," Steve Warren, an Army spokesperson, told The Washington Post, which first reported on the graffiti. While it's not clear who is responsible for the graffiti, it is deeply troubling to see a call for the murder of two high-profile, politically liberal civilians on an Army vehicle and on the Army's official account. It underscores the charged political environment that surrounds the Trump administration. The parade itself—scheduled for June 14—will be a massive, resounding demonstration of the military's power and loyalty to Trump.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-suddenly-cares-insurrectionists-gr	2025/06/11	executive overreach, authoritarian moves, soft coup, police state, military, constitutional crisis, abuse of power, unrest
Trump's Birthday Military Parade Just Took Another Sinister Turn	Trump Bullshit	According to CNN, the parade will feature 7,000 soldiers and 7 million pounds of military hardware. NBC reports the parade could end up costing \$45 million.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-birthday-military-parade-just-1434f	2025/06/11	
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	The Trump administration complied with a court order to facilitate the return of Kilmar Abrego Garcia after he was mistakenly deported to his native El Salvador; attorneys for the Department of Justice argued in a court filing on Tuesday.			
Trump administration argues it complied with court order to return Abrego Garcia	Trump Bullshit	In a court filing on Sunday, lawyers for Abrego Garcia argued that, despite his return, the Maryland court case is not over because the court continues to have a role "To ensure that [Abrego Garcia's] case is handled as it would have been had he not been improperly sent to El Salvador" – and that the government must be "held accountable" for "its blatant, willful, and persistent violations of court orders at exorbitating cost to Abrego Garcia and his family".	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-argues-complied-co-2025/06/12	2025/06/12
'We couldn't have scripted this better': The White House is thrilled with how events are unfolding in LA	Trump Bullshit	Los Angeles may resemble a war zone, with thousands of National Guard troops and hundreds of Marines deployed in response to widespread anti-immigration raid protests, but the Trump White House reportedly couldn't be happier about the politics of the situation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/couldn-t-scripted-better-white-203303869-2025/06/12	2025/06/12
'No Fat Soldiers': FL Brago Troops Were Carefully Screened for Trump's Blunt Visit	Trump Bullshit	"No fat soldiers," one anti-travel message reviewed by Military.com stated. "If soldiers have political views that are in opposition to the current administration and they don't want to be in the audience then they need to speak with their leadership and get swapped out."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/no-fat-soldiers-fl-brago-troops-were-carefully-screened-for-trump-s-blunt-2025/06/12	2025/06/12
'This isn't an isolated incident': Trump's show of military force in LA was years in the making	Trump Bullshit	Donald Trump is targeting Los Angeles, the biggest city in deep-blue California – a sprawling metropolis shaped by immigrant communities that the president described on Tuesday as a "trash heap" – with a show of force many years in the making. After his first term, Trump expressed regret for not taking a more heavy-handed approach to the 2020 protests over George Floyd's murder by police. So when demonstrations against his immigration crackdown erupted last week in Los Angeles, he turned to the playbook he wished he had used then – federalizing the national guard and deploying hundreds of US marines to confront what Democratic officials must was a manageable situation, escalated by a president who the state's governor, Gavin Newsom, has warned is increasingly behaving like a "dictator".	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/11/trump-military-force-2025/06/12	2025/06/12
Trump signs bill blocking California gas car ban plan	Trump Bullshit	President Trump signed legislation on Thursday blocking California's rules to phase out the sales of gas-powered cars by 2035. California has the largest car market, and roughly a dozen other states follow its rules under the Clean Air Act.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/13/trump-california-gas-car-ban-block-2025/06/13	2025/06/13 environment- fossil fuels, climate crisis
Trump insists 'not a king at all' as he's pressed on issues of power concerns over 1st-adjointed DC birthday parade	Trump Bullshit	Bonta has already announced a lawsuit with 10 other state attorneys general after the Republican-led Senate approved a resolution last month to revoke a waiver allowing California to set its own air quality standards. Trump replied "I don't feel like a king" and proceeded to complain that he must "go through hell" to get anything done under America's constitutional system, which strictly divides the federal government's authority between executive, legislative and judicial branches. Seemingly ignorant of reforms to the British monarchy starting with the Magna Carta in 1215, Trump opined that a king would never have had to suffer then indignity of asking for legislation to be enacted to mix California's vehicle regulations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-insists-not-king-pressed-20032545-2025/06/13	2025/06/13
These businesses are big winners from the Musk-Tump breakup	Trump Bullshit-Economy	Elon Musk's breakup with President Trump undercuts his personal empire, but it's good news for a variety of corporate players. The list of business winners from the Musk-Trump breakup includes: Chinese EV makers: Any sign of trouble for Tesla is good news for businesses like the booming EV maker BYD, which already sells more vehicles than Tesla. Musk has cited Chinese EV companies as Tesla's biggest competition. OpenAI: Musk and OpenAI have been feuding over the latter's now-abandoned attempt to turn into a for-profit. The president may now be more inclined to side with the ChatGPT creator and its boss, Sam Altman, who made a U.S. investment announcement earlier this year that Trump touted and Musk questioned. Blue Origin: Jeff Bezos' space company could reap the rewards if NASA seeks alternative partners to replace Musk's SpaceX.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/05/musk-trump-feud-chatgpt-tesla-2025/06/09	2025/06/09 oligarchy
The American war too few talk about	US War Machine	The U.S. military is bombing extremist groups in the Horn of Africa, executing at least 32 strikes in Somalia this year alone. That's more than double the previous year's tally, according to Africa Command, and is a sign of enduring extremism concerns back in Washington. This is a war too few in the U.S. are discussing — or even realize is happening.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/11/us-africa-somalia-terrorism-signals-2025/06/11	2025/06/11
Trump's DOJ makes its most sweeping demand for election data yet	Voicing fuckery	The U.S. Department of Justice is demanding an unprecedented amount of election data from at least one state, according to documents obtained by NPR, as the DOJ transformed by the Trump administration reviews cases targeting the president's political allies and caters to his desire to exert more power over state voting processes. On May 12, the Justice Department asked Colorado's secretary of state to turn over "all records" relating to 2024 federal elections, as well as preserve any records that remain from the 2020 election — a sprawling request several voting experts and officials told NPR was highly unusual and concerning, given President Trump's failed claims about election fraud.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/11/stt-s1-5428097/trump-justice-department-2025/06/12	2025/06/12
San Antonio flooding leaves five dead, dozens rescued from high water	Weather-Flooding	Five people have died due to flash flooding early Thursday morning in San Antonio. The San Antonio Fire Department confirmed several vehicles were swept off the Loop 410 access road near Bessie Creek around 5 a.m.	https://www.tnr.org/environment/2025-06-12/san-antonio-flooding-leaves-2025/06/13	2025/06/13
At least 2 people killed as storms push through South	Weather-Storms	Two people were killed by falling trees and tens of thousands were left without power as severe storms roiled through the South over the weekend.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/least-2-people-killed-storms-102822141-2025/06/09	2025/06/09
TSA Just Banned Costco Cards at Airport Security	Weird world	Since May 7, 2025, travelers have needed a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or state ID to board domestic flights. And now, TSA is putting its foot down, telling travelers that their Costco cards do not count as a valid form of ID to travel with. TSA posted the following message on Facebook: "We love hoddags & rosenber chicken as much as the next person but please stop telling people their Costco cartt counts as a REAL ID because it absolutely does not."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tsa-just-banned-costco-cards-033225289-2025/06/09	2025/06/09
A quirky vegetable sculpture contest features a squash, Donald Trump and a papal 'Cornclave'	Weird world	Vegetable enthusiasts of U.S. President Donald Trump and singer Dolly Parton and a papal "Cornclave" went on display Saturday at the Lambeth Country Show, an urban take on a country fair held annually in London's Brookwell Park.	https://agnews.com/articles/uk-lambeth-country-show-vegetable-sculpt-2025/06/09	2025/06/09
Ed, the runaway pet zebra, has been captured in Tennessee	Weird world	Ed the Zebra was captured safely after being located in a pasture near a subdivision in the Christiana community in central Tennessee, the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office confirmed. The sheriff's office said aviation crews captured the zebra.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/09/stt-s1-54272421/runaway-pet-zebra-caw-2025/06/10	2025/06/10
Penguins in Antarctica could actually be helping cool the climate... with their poop	Weird world	Ten of thousands of penguins, clustered together on the Antarctic Peninsula, can produce some potent stench. Now, scientists have found that all that waste could be powerful enough to cool the climate. The gases from penguin poop help fly cloud formation, scientists found, which can change the temperature in the Antarctic. Clouds act like giant reflectors, blocking sunlight that would otherwise be heating the planet.	https://www.npr.org/2025/05/30/stt-s1-5408315/penguins-antarctica-po-2025/06/10	2025/06/10
Word of the Week: how a bacterium unrelated to fish got its name 'salmonella'	Weird world	Despite its fishy name, salmonella has no connection to the underwater creature salmon. Rather, the story behind the bacterium is one of disputed credit between two American researchers. It's also linked to one of the most famous cases in medical history about the balance between public health and individual freedoms.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/11/stt-s1-71815/salmonella-history-eym0yb-2025/06/12	2025/06/12
Man booked over 120 free flights by pretending to be flight attendant	Weird world	A 35-year-old man who falsely claimed to be a flight attendant for six years to book over 120 free flights was convicted by a federal jury on Tuesday. According to a press release by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/man-booked-over-120-free-2001114341n-2025/06/12	2025/06/12
Disc Golfers' Game Interrupted After a Shark Falls from the Sky onto the Course	Weird world	A game of disc golf in South Carolina was interrupted last month when a hammerhead shark fell from the sky.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/disc-golfers-game-interrupted-shark-0405-2025/06/12	2025/06/12
The 300-year-old restaurants battling for title of the world's oldest	Weird world	Sobrinho de Botin in Madrid, which opened in 1725, has held the Guinness World Record as the world's oldest restaurant since 1987. Casa Pedro, a rustic tavern on the outskirts of Madrid, claims to be older than Botin, dating back to 1702, but lacks definitive proof.	https://www.independent.co.uk/bulletin/fiftyleaf/world-oldest-restaurant-2025/06/12	2025/06/12
Musical cicadas brought back to UK from France	Weird world	Cicadas, whose musical courtship calls once echoed around an ancient forest in southern England, have been reintroduced from France by conservationists hoping to re-establish the insect's UK population. They have now released 11 female cicadas, some of which are believed to be pregnant, into a specially created habitat just outside the woods they once populated.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/musical-cicadas-brought-back-uk-104342-2025/06/13	2025/06/13
Black Bear Spotted Casually Roaming Behind Elderly Woman with her Walker in Connecticut Suburb	Weird world	The station's anchor, Dennis House, captured footage of the bears on Aylum Street, with the outlet also sharing a clip on YouTube showing one bear walking not far from an elderly lady with her walker.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/black-bear-spotted-casually-roaming-155-2025/06/13	2025/06/13
Rescued bears 'recovering' from broken teeth ops	Weird world	Two bears an East Sussex-based charity saved from "filthy" cages have undergone dental surgery. International Animal Rescue (IAR), headquartered in Uckfield, sent its dental team to Armenia to rescue Syrian brown bears Aram and Noah.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rescued-bears-recovering-broken-teeth-0-2025/06/13	2025/06/13
Largest Great White Shark on Record Headed for Popular Tourist Spot	Weird world	Both bears are "recovering well" from their operations and eating, the charity added. The 14-foot shark, known as Contender, was first tagged by OCEARCH Shark Tracker in January about 45 miles off the Florida-Georgia coast. But around the middle of May, Contender's signal disappeared for several weeks. On June 11, he resurfaced near North Carolina's Pamlico Sound, a popular enclave for summer tourists. Researchers believe that Contender's brief disappearance coincided with a critical feeding period in which Contender was building up reserves for its marathon journey to the north.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/largest-great-white-shark-record-114166-2025/06/13	2025/06/13
Worker who leaked plans to build golf courses in Florida parks files whistleblow suit	Whistleblower	A former worker who leaked information about plans by Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis' administration to build golf courses and hotels in Florida state parks has filed a whistleblower lawsuit. James Gaddis alleges that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection retaliated against him for sharing details of the proposal, which caused bipartisan outrage and sparked protests. Ultimately the plans were scuttled.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/worker-leaked-plans-build-golf-20303183-2025/06/12	2025/06/12
LAPD deliberately targeted journalists at protests, press group says in lawsuit	ACAB	Los Angeles journalists sued the city and head of the police department Monday alleging officers deliberately targeted reporters at recent protests following federal immigration raids. "The video of the shooting shows the LAPD officer looking directly at her and aiming specifically at her without the slightest justification," the complaint said. "She held a microphone; she was accompanied by a camera crew. None of that mattered to the LAPD officers."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/18/los-angeles-protests-lawsuit-journal-2025/06/17	2025/06/17 Protest, first amendment, freedom of speech
Takeaways from AP's reporting on shuttered prisons, mass deportation push and no-bid contracts	ACAB	Private prison operators are marketing their shuttered lockups to federal immigration officials as President Donald Trump pushes for mass deportations, with some facilities rubbing lucrative no-bid contracts. The Trump administration wants to increase its budgeted capacity of about 41,000 beds for detaining migrants to at least 100,000 beds and maybe — if private prison executives' predictions are accurate — more than 150,000.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/takeaways-aps-reporting-shuttered-prison-2025/06/17	2025/06/17 ICE, Immigration, for profit prisons,
Officers who cover their faces could be charged with a misdemeanor under California proposal	ACAB	Local, state, and federal law enforcement officers who cover their faces while conducting official business could face a misdemeanor charge in California under a new proposal announced Monday. If approved, the bill would require all law enforcement officials to show their faces and be identifiable by their uniform, which should carry their name or other identifier. It would not apply to the National Guard or other troops and it would exempt SWAT teams and officers responding to natural disasters.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/officers-cover-faces-could-charged-1920-2025/06/17	2025/06/17
Major Airport Controllers Reveal Terrifying 'Plug and Pray' Equipment Fears	Aviation	Air traffic controllers handling flights for Newark Liberty International Airport say frequent equipment outages have left them in a fearful state they describe as "plug and pray," according to the New York Times. The phrase, which controllers sarcastically use to articulate the anxiety they feel when they plug in their radio headsets at the start of their shifts, was revealed in a damning report about technical glitches in air traffic control technology at a Philadelphia tower that handles traffic for Newark.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/major-airport-controllers-reveal-terrifying-2025/06/17	2025/06/17
Inside Trump's backtrack on immigration	Borders and immigration	The publication reported that on one overnight shift earlier this year, controllers for Newark noticed that phantom aircraft called "false targets" kept appearing on the radar. In another incident, controllers reported that the radio feed they use to communicate with pilots was hampered by static — they then found that a backup line was nonfunctional.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/15/trump-backtrack-immigration-raids-0-2025/06/16	2025/06/16
Trump's immigration response poses political risks	Borders and immigration	There's a big difference, for example, in advocating for stronger border security and booting hardened criminals from the country, versus deporting cooks and construction workers — and sending National Guards and even Marines in response to protests (when local officials didn't ask for it). Trump's deportation policies have moved toward workplaces, as Immigrations and Customs Enforcement tries to reach the White House's goal of 3,000 deportations a day. But that presents a potential political problem for Trump.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/14/stt-s1-5432766/trump-immigration-prots-2025/06/16	2025/06/16
Australian deported from US says he was 'targeted' due to writing on pro-Palestine student protests	Borders and immigration	An Australian man who was detained upon arrival at Los Angeles airport and deported back to Melbourne says United States border officials told him it was due to his writing on pro-Palestine students. Alistair Kitchen said he left Melbourne on Thursday bound for New York and was detained for 12 hours and interrogated by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials during the stopover in Los Angeles.	https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2025/jun/15/australian-de-2025/06/16	2025/06/16

Judge extends block on Trump's Harvard international student ban	Borders and immigration	A federal judge on Monday extended her block on the Trump administration's targeting of Harvard's international students, multiple outlets reported. International students are authorized to study in the U.S. until U.S. District Judge Allison Burroughs files a decision next week. Later, they rejected the passport to the Salvadoran consulate and reported the body to the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office in New Mexico — even though the sheriff sometimes doesn't respond and has accused volunteers of planting bones in the desert. Historically, Border Patrol's El Paso sector — which includes all 180 miles of New Mexico's border with Mexico and 84 miles of El Paso and Hudspeth counties in West Texas — has had among the fewest migrant deaths across the southern border. That changed in late December 2022, according to an investigation by The Texas Tribune and Source New Mexico, when the city of El Paso joined forces with Gov. Greg Abbott to participate in his signature border mission, called Operation Lone Star. By 2024, the El Paso sector had become the deadliest place for migrants to cross along the entire U.S.-Mexico border.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/16/harvard-federal-judge-international-student-ban	2025/06/17		
After El Paso joined Abbott's border crackdown, the number of dead migrants in the New Mexico desert surged	Borders and immigration	President Trump surprised immigration hardliners last week when his administration announced it would pause some immigration raids that were hurting the agriculture and hospitality industries. Then just as quickly, the MACA pendulum swung back. Trump said Sunday that a new wave of raids would target immigrants in Democrat-run cities — and Monday there were signs that farms, hotels and restaurants again will be subject to raids. Driving the news: The whiplash in Trump's approach to his mass deportation plans is the latest illustration of how much his whims — and who speaks with him last — are shaping his decision-making, even on his signature policy issue.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/el-paso-joined-abbott-border-100000435	2025/06/17	Profile	
Trump gets back behind raids in immigration whiplash	Borders and immigration	The Trump administration claims its agents are targeting "the worst of the worst" — including gang members, murderers and rapists" who have "reigned terror" on American communities. The Department of Homeland Security frequently puts out press releases publicizing the capture of these "heinous criminals." But on the ground reporting has revealed that ICE is also sweeping up otherwise law-abiding immigrants — and even some U.S. citizens — as it strives to meet the administration's new quota of 3,000 arrests per day, up from 1,000 previously, and kick-start what President Trump has described as "the largest domestic deportation operation in American history." In response to these raids, Home Depot has issued new guidance to employees about what they should do if ICE shows up. Bloomberg first reported. Home Depot confirms to Fortune that store employees are required to report any ICE-involved incident as soon as it happens. Workers across the chain have been reminded to avoid interactions with agents for their own safety. And regional store leaders at locations impacted by raids in Los Angeles are allowing workers who feel disturbed by the raid to leave for the day with full pay, although that is not a corporate-wide policy.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/17/trump-whiplash-immigration-raids	2025/06/18		
U.S. citizens, asylum seekers and more: The real people affected by Trump's latest immigration raids	Borders and immigration	The U.S. State Department said Wednesday it is restarting the suspended process for foreigners applying for student visas but all applicants will now be required to unlock their social media accounts for government review.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-citizens-asylum-seekers-and-more-the	2025/06/19		
How retail giant Home Depot is preparing employees for ICE raids	Borders and immigration	The U.S. State Department said Wednesday it is restarting the suspended process for foreigners applying for student visas but all applicants will now be required to unlock their social media accounts for government review.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/retail-giant-home-depot-preparing-12310	2025/06/19		
ICE resumes visas for foreign students but demands access to social media accounts	Borders and immigration	Following a week of immigration whiplash, President Trump's border czar Tom Homan confirmed Wednesday that immigrant visas will resume but applicants will be required to unlock their social media accounts for government review.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/19/trump-immigration-raids-farms-hotels	2025/06/20		
Trump's border czar: Immigration raids at farms, hotels to continue	Borders and immigration	Five agents — several covering their faces with galliers and armed with pistols — stood between the vehicles. They did not wear identifying terms or badges. When asked by a Times reporter which agency they were with, they said "DHS" and declined to comment further.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/federal-agents-denied-entry-dodger-stadium-parking-lot-sparking-row-outrage-over-trumps-seesop	2025/06/20		
Federal agents denied entry to Dodger Stadium parking lot, sparking row, outrage over Trump's seesop	Borders and immigration	Behind the scenes, there has been a notable shift in how federal resources are being used to support immigration enforcement. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers, including members of the Border Patrol, have increasingly been detailed to assist U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with interior enforcement operations.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/19/trump-immigration-raids-farms-hotels	2025/06/20		
Is TSA checking immigration status?	Borders and immigration	The most recent data shows that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detentions have gone up 25% since US President Donald Trump has taken office. And between his inauguration and June 2025, there has been an 80% increase in the arrests of immigrants with no criminal record. If you are an international visitor or US resident without permanent citizenship status, it's helpful to know your legal rights in the case of an unexpected encounter with immigration officers or border patrol agents. If you're a US citizen, you only need to answer questions verifying your identity, citizenship, and customs-related matters. "That's it," emphasizes Hernandez Rivera of the ACLU. "You can refuse to answer any questions and your refusal to answer any other questions should not lead to a denial to enter the United States." While officers may hold you for further questioning, you do not have to answer beyond those basics, and your citizenship guarantees your entry. Staying calm is crucial, and you can firmly stick to limited answers.	https://creators.yahoo.com/lifestyle/story/is-tsa-checking-immigration-st	2025/06/20		
What to Do if Approached by ICE at the Airport, Border, Workplace, or Home	Borders and immigration	Medical staff are still required to treat veterans regardless of race, color, religion and sex, and all veterans remain entitled to treatment. But individual workers are now free to decline to care for patients based on personal characteristics not explicitly prohibited by federal law. In making the changes, VA officials cite the president's 30 January executive order titled "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government". The primary purpose of the executive order was to strip most government protections from transgender people. The VA has since ceased providing most gender-affirming care and forbidden a long list of words, including "gender affirming" and "transgender", from clinical settings. "They 'seem to open the door to discrimination on the basis of anything that is not legally protected," said Dr Kenneth Kizer, the VA's top healthcare official during the Clinton administration. He said the changes open up the possibility that doctors could refuse to treat veterans based on their "reason for seeking care — including allegations of rape and sexual assault — current or past political party affiliation or political activity, and personal behavior such as alcohol or marijuana use".	https://www.yahoo.com/news/approached-ice-airport-border-workplace	2025/06/20		
'Extremely disturbing and unethical': new rules allow VA doctors to refuse to treat Democrats, unmarried veterans	Cesspool	A flag associated with far right groups that was used by January 6 rioters was flown above a government agency headquarters in Washington D.C. last week. A picture of the "Appeal to Heaven" flag, flying just below the U.S. flag, was shared by Kelly Loeffler, the former senator from Georgia and current administrator of the Small Business Administration on June 11.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/16/va-doctors-refuse-t	2025/06/16		
Far-right flag used by Jan 6 rioters flown above government agency in DC	Cesspool	The MAGA movement usually displays remarkable unity in attacking the left. But last week's military assault on Iran has splintered President Donald Trump's coalition, as rival factions fight over the true meaning of an "America First" foreign policy. Right-wing figures have descended into vicious debate over whether the White House should take a more active role in Israel's bombardment of Iran—one that, with American help, could dismantle Tehran's nuclear program or even lead to regime change. Tucker Carlson, Steve Bannon, and other isolationist voices are demanding that Trump stay out of another Middle Eastern war. Sean Hannity, Mark Levin, and other more hawkish conservatives are making the case that there has never been—and may never again be—a better time to take on Iran. That same split has surfaced among Republicans on Capitol Hill. Senator Lindsey Graham and others are pushing Trump to help Israel destroy Tehran's nuclear program, a goal of American presidents dating back decades. Meanwhile, MAGA luminaries such as Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene have declared that further U.S. involvement would betray the president's "America First" ideals.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/far-flag-used-jan-6-rioters-flown-above-government-agency-in-dc	2025/06/19		
The MAGA Coalition Has Turned on Itself	Cesspool- MAGA	Senate leaders are avoiding direct answers on whether President Trump needs approval from Congress before taking any military action against Iran. Congress is reluctant to second-guess the commander-in-chief before he actually authorizes strikes. But Democrats have a visceral distrust of Trump, and a growing GOP faction is deeply suspicious of foreign military interventions.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/18/trump-jan-congress-war-powers	2025/06/18		
Congress dodges preemptive confrontation with Trump over Iran. Handcuffed Democrats become symbol of Trump's crackdown on dissent	Checks and balances Dissent	A string of Democratic officials' arrests and clashes involving federal agents has sent a message about the way the administration responds to dissent with force, or the threat of it. Tariffs and supply chain uncertainty are playing havoc with hospitals' purchasing plans, especially for lower-margin products like gloves, gowns and syringes. "Hospitals are definitely feeling a pinch," Mark Hendrickson, director of Premier's supply chain policy, told Axios. "We've never seen tariffs for this long a period of time for this broad a portfolio of products in basically all of our lifetimes."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/18/democrats-detained-arrested-trump	2025/06/19		
Hospital purchasing still buffeted by trade winds	Economy-Health	"It's really an uncertain enough environment that we're cautioning members from panic buying and buying ahead," he added. "We don't want to drive artificial shortages of products that could be avoided."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/18/hospital-purchasing-tariffs-trump-gp	2025/06/18		
Tariffs drive some health plans to hike premiums	Economy-Health	Health insurers are starting to notify states that tariffs will drive up the premiums they plan to charge individual and small group market enrollees next year. Health insurers calculate monthly premiums in advance of each year based on the expected price of goods and services and projected demand for them. Tariffs announced by President Trump are expected to drive up the cost of prescription drugs, medical devices and other medical products and services. Some of that difference ultimately would be passed down to enrollees. For months, the Trump administration has been sending mixed signals to the agriculture community about how immune their workforce is to the effort to conduct mass deportations. The agriculture industry is among those that employ large numbers of workers without legal standing to work in the United States. And in several communities, meat packing plants employ people with temporary protected status or parole, which includes work authorization, though the administration revoked many of those protections in recent months.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/18/hospital-purchasing-tariffs-trump-gp	2025/06/18		
After early reviews from immigration enforcement, farming industry reckons with raids	Economy-Immigration	"We can't take farmers and take all their people and send them back because they don't have maybe what they're supposed to have, maybe not," Trump said.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/18/mw-at-5430846/farming-industry-immig	2025/06/17		
Federal Reserve holds interest rates, defying Trump's demand to lower them	Economy-Interest rates	The US Federal Reserve kept interest rates on hold, but signaled it might make two cuts this year, as Donald Trump continues to break with precedent and demand lower rates. Retail sales fell sharply in May as consumers pulled back after a sharp increase in spending in March to get ahead of President Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs on nearly all imports.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jun/18/federal-reserve-int	2025/06/19		
US retail sales fall as Americans turn cautious after spending early to beat tariffs	Economy-Tariffs	Sales dropped 2.7% last month at home and garden centers, 0.6% at electronics and appliance stores, and 0.7% at grocery stores. Extreme heat is not recognized as a disaster in the U.S.—despite being the largest weather-related killer in the country. Heat deaths have doubled in the past 24 years, and the number has been steadily rising since 2016, according to a study published in JAMA, the Journal of the American Medical Association, last August. Despite this, the issue has long lacked the same federal resources given to other natural disasters. "Heat actually doesn't have a home in the federal government," says Trump. "Other disasters, like fires or hurricanes have programs and institutions and policies and funding streams associated with heat that don't have any of that."	https://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/us-retail-sales-fall-america	2025/06/19		
What's At Stake This Summer As Trump Targets Heat and Climate Experts	Environment-Climate crisis	New data from NASA has revealed a dramatic rise in the intensity of weather events such as droughts and floods over the past five years. The study states that such extreme events are becoming more frequent, longer-lasting and more severe, with last year's figures reaching twice that of the 2003-2020 average.	https://time.com/7294598/whats-at-stake-this-summer-trump-cuts-heat	2025/06/17		
Nasa data reveals dramatic rise in intensity of weather events	Environment-Climate crisis	It found climate action was being obstructed and delayed by false and misleading information stemming from fossil fuel companies, rightwing politicians and some nation states. The report, from the International Panel on the Information Environment (Ipie), systematically reviewed 300 studies.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/17/nasa-data-reveals-dra	2025/06/17		
Climate misinformation turning crisis into catastrophe, report says	Environment-Climate Crisis	Online bots and trolls hugely amplify false narratives, the researchers say, playing a key role in promoting climate lies. The experts also report that political leaders, civil servants and regulatory agencies are increasingly being targeted in order to delay climate action. "Things aren't just getting worse. They're getting worse faster," said study co-author Zeke Hausfather of the tech firm Stripe and the climate monitoring group Berkeley Earth. "We're actively moving in the wrong direction in a critical period of time that we would need to meet our most ambitious climate goals. Some reports, there's a silver lining. I don't think there really is one in this one."	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jun/19/climate-misinfo	2025/06/20	Information blackout	
Scientists warn that greenhouse gas accumulation is accelerating and more extreme weather will come	Environment-Climate crisis	A major Tennessee interstate that runs through the Great Smoky Mountains may be closed for weeks following flooding and rock slides. A series of four rockslides and flooding brought rocks, trees and muddy water. No deaths or serious injuries were reported, but cars and trucks were left stuck in the debris-filled water. As of Thursday, only an 18-wheeler was left on the I-40, the Sentinel reported.	https://apnews.com/article/climate-change-throughout-15-degrees-sea-l	2025/06/20		
Smoky Mountains I-40 corridor may be closed for weeks following flooding and rock slides	Environment-Disaster		https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/smoky-mountains	2025/06/20		

		Flash floods hit the San Antonio area late last week, leaving 13 dead, the San Antonio Fire Department confirmed over the weekend.			
Deadly flash floods kill 13 in San Antonio and at least 3 in West Virginia	Environment-Flooding	The flooding arrived in the San Antonio area on Thursday, when a record 6.11 inches of rain fell, including about 4 inches that fell in a single hour early Thursday morning, according to the National Weather Service.	https://nbn.ny.us/2k3bte4	2025/06/16	
Flash floods in West Virginia kill three people with others missing	Environment-Flooding	Flash flooding caused by torrential rains killed three people in northern West Virginia and rescue crews were searching for missing people on Sunday, while authorities were assessing damage to roads, bridges, natural gas lines and other infrastructure.			
Here's why Alaska just issued its first heat advisory	Environment-Heat	"We're searching the banks, we're searching submerged vehicles, any debris we find along the trail and so forth," Blazer said. "We're using drones, search dogs and swift water personnel, and we have teams organized that are searching sectors that we're trying to recover anybody that's missing."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/15/west-virginia-flash-floods	2025/06/16	
Heat dome will blanket much of the US, with worrisome temperatures in Midwest	Environment-Heat	The heat advisory in Alaska will be in place from 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 15 to Tuesday, June 17 at 7 p.m. local time, according to the National Weather Service.	https://apnews.com/article/heat-dome-index-humidity-extreme-tempera	2025/06/20	
National Hurricane Center watching 3 tropical waves. Heat index could hit 115 in Florida	Environment-Hurricane	In the eastern Pacific, former Tropical Storm Iselle has weakened into a post-tropical cyclone as it continues to move away from land but an area of low pressure off Central America is expected to become a tropical depression over the next couple of days.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/national-hurricane-center-watching-3-121	2025/06/17	Heat wave
Hurricane Erick rapidly intensifies ahead of Mexico. Landfall, major flooding and wind threat	Environment-Hurricane	Hurricane Erick is expected to come ashore in southern Mexico as the first major hurricane prior to July with flooding rain, damaging winds and storm surge by Thursday. The hurricane continues to rapidly intensify.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/erick-eastern-pacific-expected-rapidly-15	2025/06/19	
Erick weakens after landfall in southern Mexico as a Category 3 hurricane	Environment-Hurricane	Powerful Hurricane Erick made landfall in Mexico's southern state of Oaxaca early Thursday as a major hurricane before moving inland and weakening to a tropical storm as it dumped heavy rain, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/19/mx-s1-5435331/hurricane-erick-mexico	2025/06/20	
The US is woefully underprepared for wildfire season, say insiders. The stakes are life and death.	Environment-Wildfire	Severe cuts to budgets and staff have hamstringing the agencies that manage roughly 640m acres of the nation's public lands, leaving significant gaps in a workforce that supports wildfire mitigation and suppression. The administration's crackdown on climate science and the dismantling of departments that provided world-class research and weather forecasting, may also undermine early warning systems, slowing response and strategic planning.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/19/summer-wildfire-pr	2025/06/20	
Top House Democrat asks Microsoft about DOGE code allegedly tied to NLRB data removal	Fuck That Department	The top Democrat on the House Oversight Committee is asking Microsoft to share information about a Department of Government Efficiency staffer's account on a Microsoft-owned website that allegedly hosted what the lawmakers called "backdoor code" designed to remove data from a sensitive case management database used by the National Labor Relations Board.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/19/mx-s1-5435333/congress-doge-erick-nhl	2025/06/17	
Elon Musk may be gone but DOGE isn't done remaking the federal government	Fuck That Department	"The whistleblower has also explained how the responsible individuals [affiliated with DOGE] have attempted to conceal their activities, obstruct oversight, and shield themselves from accountability, including by deleting system logs and operating back doors into the NLRB case management system to send massive amounts of data outside of the agency," Lynch wrote. "Potentiality in connection with these efforts, a DOGE engineer reportedly wrote backdoor code that appears designed to remove data from NLRB and saved that code to a repository on Microsoft's GitHub platform. Given Microsoft's ownership of GitHub, I request information and documents in Microsoft's possession regarding this incident."	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/19/mx-s1-5431926/doge-future-elon-musk	2025/06/17	
President Trump fires a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission	Government-Jobs	Now, many of them have been converted to permanent jobs within the government, and agencies are embracing DOGE's mission, according to NPR's review of personnel movements and interviews with federal employees who requested anonymity because they fear retaliation from the Trump administration for speaking about internal matters.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/19/mx-s1-5432859/trump-fires-nuclear-reg	2025/06/17	
Senate unveils trickiest text of Trump's "big, beautiful bill"	Government-Budget	President Trump has fired one of the five members of the independent commission that oversees the nation's nuclear reactors.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/18/senate-gop-one-big-beautiful-bill-text	2025/06/17	
Trump's budget bill gets a new, bigger price tag	Government-Budget	"All organizations are more effective when leaders are rowing in the same direction," White House Deputy Press Secretary Anna Kelly told NPR via e-mail. "President Trump reserves the right to remove employees within his own Executive Branch who exert his executive authority."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/18/trump-budget-bill-deficit-debt-cha	2025/06/18	
'It will fail': Megabill changes have Republicans doubling July 4 timeline	Government-Budget	The Senate Finance Committee Republicans published their text of President Trump's "one big, beautiful bill" Monday evening, which includes major tax reforms and even steppier Medicaid cuts than the House called for.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doubts-abound-trump-aggressive-megabi	2025/06/19	
Senate's 'big, beautiful bill' faces House headwinds. 'This is political stupidity'	Government-Budget	The Senate is making some key changes to the House's version of the bill, which passed last month.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-big-beautiful-bill-faces-10000716	2025/06/19	
GOP's Hawley says Trump was unaware of key element in Republican megabill	Government-Budget	The Child Tax Credit would increase to just \$2,200 — less than the \$2,500 in the House version. It would make permanent various business and other tax incentives, including expensing of investments in equipment and R&D.	https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/maddowblogopione-bq-be	2025/06/19	
Mahmet Oz accidentally raises an important point about the Republicans' far-right megabill	Government-Budget	Republican senators are proposing deeper cuts to Medicaid spending by lowering the provider tax that certain states are allowed to assess. For states that have adopted Medicaid expansion, it gradually lowers the provider tax from 6% to 3.5% in 2031.	https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/maddowblogopione-bq-be	2025/06/19	
Rodney Scott confirmed as head of CBP by US Senate despite 'cover-up' claim	Government-CBP	The Congressional Budget Office released a new "dynamic" score of President Trump's "one, big beautiful bill" on Tuesday, estimating that it would increase budget deficits by as much as \$2.8 trillion over the next decade.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/19/rodney-scott-cbp-go	2025/06/19	
New CDC advisers will skip some expected topics and explore a target of antivaccine activists	Government-CDC	The US Senate on Wednesday confirmed Rodney Scott as commissioner of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), despite a former top official accusing of orchestrating a "cover-up" over the death of a man detained while trying to enter the country from Mexico.	https://apnews.com/article/cdc-cdc-vaccine-thimerosal-3927610e1111	2025/06/19	
Wisconsin dairy farmer sues Trump administration, claiming discrimination against white farmers	Government-DEI	On the surface, the Republican legislation is made up of massive tax breaks, which has touched off an important debate about whether it's a good idea to redistribute wealth toward those with the most and away from those with the least. But make no mistake: The GOP's bill also deserves to be seen as a health care bill, which is "antibiotic" to the extent that few have even tried to do this much damage to their own country's health care system in one proposal.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wisconsin-daily-farmer-sues-trump-1316	2025/06/17	
Outrage as DHS moves to restrict lawmaker visits to detention centers	Government-DHS	As we learned two weeks ago, for example, estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office found that the Republican bill would leave an additional 16 million Americans without health insurance, in part through Medicaid cuts and in part by gutting core elements of the Affordable Care Act.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/19/dhs-immigration-de	2025/06/20	
Leader of top FEMA disaster coordination office resigns, as Trump moves to eliminate agency	Government-FEMA	The US Senate on Wednesday confirmed Rodney Scott as commissioner of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), despite a former top official accusing of orchestrating a "cover-up" over the death of a man detained while trying to enter the country from Mexico.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/17/mx-s1-5436787/fema-resignation-nafo	2025/06/18	
Trump orders ICE to step up deportation efforts in Democratic-run cities	Government-ICE	U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s new vaccine advisers meet next week, but their agenda suggests they'll skip some expected topics — including a vote on COVID-19 shots — while taking up a longtime target of anti-vaccine groups.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/18/trump-ice-democrat-cities-immigrants	2025/06/17	
ICE could 'run out of money next month' and is already \$1bn over budget to carry out Trump's deportation plans	Government-ICE	The agenda for the new committee's first meeting, posted Wednesday, shows it will be shorter than expected. Discussion of COVID-19 shots will open the session, but the agenda lists no vote on that. Instead, the committee will vote on fall flu vaccinations, on FSV vaccinations for pregnant women and children and on the use of a preservative named thimerosal that's in a subset of flu shots.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-could-run-money-next-14364116.0	2025/06/17	
Fears of racial profiling rise as Border Patrol conducts 'roving patrols,' detains U.S. citizens	Government-ICE	While there are more than three months left in the fiscal year, one estimate has found that the agency is already \$1 billion over budget, according to Axios. Legislators in both parties have raised concerns about the speed at which the agency is spending its funds, which may prompt President Donald Trump to seek additional funds from other agencies to support his deportation efforts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fears-racial-profiling-rise-border-1000009	2025/06/17	
FFA Club World Cup. Ticket Sales TANK After DHS, Says Agents Will Be At Stadium	Government-ICE	Agents picking up street vendors without warrants, American citizens being grilled, Home Depot lots swept. Car washes raided. The wide-scale arrests and detentions — often in the region's largely Latino neighborhoods — contain hallmarks of racial profiling and other due process violations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ffa-club-world-cup-ticket-203952348.htm	2025/06/17	
L.A. County supervisor ror worries about 'bad players,' impersonating ICE	Government-ICE	"We are seeing ICE come into our communities to do indiscriminate mass arrests of immigrants or people who appear to them to be immigrant, largely based on racial profiling," said Eva Berra, a lawyer at ACLU of Southern California.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/l-a-county-supervisor-worries-bad-0040426	2025/06/20	
ICE raids and their uncertainty scare off workers and buffet businesses	Government-ICE	Sales for the FIFA Club World Cup, a series of precursor games ahead of next year's North American World Cup, were already lackluster when, last week, U.S. Customs and Border Protection bragged online about how its agents would be "buled and booted and ready to provide security for the first round of games."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-raids-uncertainty-scare-off-10125528	2025/06/20	

The GOP's big bill would bring changes to Medicaid for millions	Government-Medicaid	Hawley and other Republicans acknowledge that the main cost-saving provision in the bill – new work requirements on able-bodied adults who receive health care through the Medicaid program – would cause millions of people to lose their coverage. At 10d, estimates are 10.9 million fewer people would have health coverage under the bill's proposed changes to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. That includes some 8 million fewer in the Medicaid program, including 5.2 million dropping off because of the new eligibility requirements.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gops-big-bill-bring-changes-112825299.html	2025/06/16		
Medicaid keeps getting more popular as Republicans aim to cut it by \$800 billion	Government-Medicaid	We actually are seeing a pretty significant uptick in Medicaid popularity, says Krizinger, who is director of survey methodology for health research organization KFF. According to a poll published Tuesday, 83% of the public have favorable views of Medicaid. Just a few months ago, in January, that figure was 77% of the public.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/06/17/mc-41-5435	2025/06/18		
The cost of staying alive could become a lot more expensive for millions of Americans because of Trump drug tariffs	Health- Costs	Americans would likely pay more for necessary everyday prescription drugs, such as insulin, painkillers, chemotherapy, or antibiotics, if President Donald Trump were to enact tariffs on pharmaceuticals, experts warn. In an effort to incentivize drug manufacturers to bring production back to the United States, Trump has proposed levying pharmaceuticals made overseas – which account for an overwhelming majority of everyday medicines used in the U.S.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cost-staying-alive-could-become-122856.html	2025/06/18	economy, tariffs	
Very painful symptom could be a warning sign of new Covid, Nimbua variant	Health- Covid	"We're going to be doing that," Trump said of pharmaceutical tariffs in April. "That's going to be like we have on cars. You know we have a 25 percent tariff on cars, we have a 25 percent tariff on steel and aluminum, and that's what the [pharmaceutical] category fits right now." A new Covid variant spreading in the UK may be causing one "very painful" symptom, a doctor has warned.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/covid-variant-nimbua-sympt	2025/06/16		
COVID 'razor blade throat' rises as new subvariant spreads in California	Health- Covid	Dr Naveed Asif, GP at The London General Practice, warned this variant has a distinctive symptom, a severe sore throat known as a "razor blade sensation". COVID-19 appears to be on the rise in some parts of California as a new, highly contagious subvariant – featuring "razor blade throat" symptoms overseas – is becoming increasingly dominant.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/covid-razor-blade-throat-rises-10000563.html	2025/06/17		
CDC official overseeing COVID hospitalization data resigns in protest	Health- Covid	Although "razor blade throat" may seem like a new term, the description of incredibly painful sore throats associated with COVID-19 has emerged before in the United States. We have a throat that feels like it's covered with shards of glass. But the increased attention to this symptom comes as the Nimbua subvariant has caused surges of COVID-19 in other countries.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cdc-official-overseeing-covid-hospitalizat	2025/06/17		
9 months after Hurricane Helene, food scarcity is still real in western North Carolina	Health- Food	A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention official who led the agency's network to study hospitalization trends from infectious diseases like COVID-19 has resigned in protest following Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s orders to change the agency's vaccine recommendations and the committee that makes them.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/14/mc-41-5470040/9-months-after-hurricane	2025/06/18		
FDA approves twice-a-year injection for HIV prevention	Health- HIV	"I no longer have confidence that these data will be used objectively or evaluated with appropriate scientific rigor to make evidence-based vaccine policy decisions," Havers wrote in an email sent to colleagues before the announcement.	https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-twice-a-year-injection-hiv-prevention	2025/06/19		
New Report: U.S. drug overdose deaths rise again after hopeful decline	Health- Overdose	Nearly nine months since Helene hit, another hurricane season has gotten underway. But in western North Carolina, many people are still struggling to recover from last year. Residents say they have few options for fresh produce and that's why many are waiting patiently in line. Food items are going quickly, though volunteers and employees with Bounty and Soul keep swapping empty produce crates for full ones.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/18/mc-41-5432711/overdose-deaths-cdc	2025/06/18		
Popular cough medicines for children recalled over bacterial infection risk that can be deadly	Health- Recall	Before Helene, the nonprofit procured produce from local farms, but many in western North Carolina were heavily affected by the storm. Today, Bounty and Soul buys produce from outside the area and distributes it in communities where it's needed, like Swainsboro.	https://www.who.int/news/usa/american-children-cough-m	2025/06/20		
US experts fear all vaccines at risk as Trump officials target mRNA jabs	Health- Vaccine	A drug currently used to treat certain HIV infections has also, on Wednesday, received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration to be used to prevent HIV. Gilead Sciences, maker of the drug, announced that a twice-a-year injection of lenacapavir has been approved in the United States for HIV prevention under the brand name Yemglo. In clinical trials, the drug was found to dramatically reduce the risk of infection and provide near total protection against HIV, significantly more than the primary options available for pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-experts-fear-vaccines-risk-150061103	2025/06/18		
A Lot Of Americans Are Going To Die', Vaccine Expert Speaks Out After Resigning From CDC	Health- Vaccines	For the first time in more than a year, street drug deaths appear to be rising across the U.S. according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The latest available data, compiled in January of this year, shows fatal overdoses over the previous 12-month period increased by roughly 1,400 deaths.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lot-americans-going-die-vaccine-2020020	2025/06/19		
Trump's former surgeon general calls out administration's actions on vaccines	Health- Vaccines	Little Remedies Honey Cough Syrup was recalled Tuesday over the "presence" of Bacillus cereus, a type of bacteria that can cause two types of foodborne illnesses, and because of "loss of shelf-stability," according to a notice from the medicine makers, Medich Products Inc.	https://www.wbur.org/thetenthrow/2025/06/19/trump-vaccine-criticism	2025/06/20		
Websites expand ancestry records of enslaved people	History	As top US health officials turn against some mRNA vaccines, experts fear for the country's preparedness for the next pandemic and worry that other vaccines will be targeted next. Donald Trump's administration recently canceled a \$760m award to Moderna on the research and development of H5N1 bird flu vaccines, and officials have announced new restrictions and regulations for Covid mRNA vaccines – actions that signal a move away from the breakthrough technology.	https://www.apnews.com/2025/06/19/websites-expand-ancestry-records-4	2025/06/20		
The Taliban has banned a lot of things – but chess?	Human rights	"I think mRNA vaccines are particularly at risk, although I think all vaccines are at risk," said Paul Offit, professor of pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine.	https://www.npr.org/sections/goats-and-soda/2025/06/17/mc-41-542813	2025/06/18		
Overwhelmed and understaffed, the Louvre shuts its doors – a warning sign for global overtourism	Information blackout	"I think that this administration will do everything it can to make vaccines less available, less affordable and more feared." If the policies of Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. aren't reversed, "a lot of Americans are going to die as a result of vaccine-preventable diseases."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lot-americans-going-die-vaccine-2020020	2025/06/19		
US news consumers are turning to podcaster Joe Rogan and away from traditional sources, report shows	Information blackout	Unfortunatly, that quote is not attributable to Chicken Little. Instead, it's the opinion of Dr. Fiona Havers, formerly a top scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who resigned from the agency Monday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-news-consumers-turning-podcaster-2	2025/06/17		
How Trump's travel ban could disrupt the way knowledge about health is shared	Information blackout	The abrupt resigning, along with the opaque new direction that they're going in, is quite simply a shocking betrayal of public trust that's further shaking people's confidence in life-saving vaccines, and many of us in public health believe it's going to open the door to diseases that we spent decades trying to stop."	https://www.npr.org/sections/goats-and-soda/2025/06/17/mc-41-542813	2025/06/18		
Rise in 'alert fatigue' risks phone users disabling new notifications, study finds	Information blackout	"I'm borrowing this from someone else. You can't light a fire and then pull the fire alarm and come in and say only you can put out the fire. What I mean by that is a lot of the mistrust is being stirred up by the actions and the rhetoric of quite frankly, RFK and some of his supporters and so I would caution them to be very cognizant of the words they're using the processes they're going about doing things or that they're doing an end run around.	https://www.theguardian.com/media/2025/jun/20/increase-alert-fatigue	2025/06/20		
A Saudi journalist, tweeted against the government – and was executed for high treason	Information blackout	Two genealogy sites are adding troves of historical materials about enslaved people in the U.S. to databases, which could give many of their descendants a fuller picture of their families' histories.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/18/saudi-arabia-turki-al-jal	2025/06/20		
Trump ruled out Israeli assassination of Iran's Supreme Leader, U.S. officials say	International Relations	The Taliban suspended chess – during its first iteration of rule, and now, because it's "a means of gambling," the sports minister Alai Masharraf told the French news service AFP. "There are religious considerations regarding the sport of chess," he added, without elaborating what those considerations were. He added: "Until these considerations are addressed, the sport of chess is suspended in Afghanistan."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/15/trump-israel-iran-assassination-khar	2025/06/16		
Lawmakers urge defense if Iran attacks U.S. targets	International Relations	The Louvre, the world's most-visited museum and a global symbol of art, beauty and endurance, remained shuttered Monday – not by war, not by terror, but by its own exhausted staff, who say the institution is crumbling from within.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/15/iran-israel-attack-us-congress	2025/06/16		
What to know about the G7 summit Trump is attending	International Relations	And yet, the moment felt bigger than a labor protest. The Louvre has become a bellwether of global overtourism – a gilded palace overwhelmed by its own popularity. As tourism magnets from Venice to the Acropolis scramble to cap crowds, the world's most iconic museum is reaching a reckoning of its own.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/14/g7-summit-2025-trump-canada	2025/06/16		
Trump says he's 'not looking for a fight' with Iran but stands ready to act if necessary	International Relations	The spontaneous strike erupted during a routine internal meeting, as gallery attendants, ticket agents and security personnel refused to take up their posts in protest over unmanageable crowds, chronic understaffing and what one union called "untenable" working conditions.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/iran-israel-attack-us-congress	2025/06/16		
Iran's assumption US would get drawn into Iran war is being put to the test	International Relations	Prominent podcaster like Joe Rogan are playing a bigger role in news dissemination in the United States, as are AI chatbots, contributing to the further erosion of traditional media, according to a report released on Tuesday.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/18/israel-iran-war-us-joi	2025/06/19		
Trump to decide on Iran action within two weeks, White House says	International Relations	Stories like Korman's will likely accumulate over the coming weeks and months, as global health researchers, workers and advocates from these countries are barred from coming to the U.S. to learn – and to share their expertise. Some global health specialists say the restrictions will ultimately harm U.S. interests by reducing our engagement with the world.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/15/iran-israel-attack-us-congress	2025/06/16		
Food rations are halved in one of Africa's largest refugees camps after US aid cuts	International Relations	"We are closing ourselves off from the active participation of potential allies," says Judy Watson, an epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins University. "That will only lead to negative consequences in the long term."	https://www.apnews.com/article/kenya-refugees-akuma-funding-hunger-4	2025/06/20		

		Here are five things to watch. Israel and Iran strikes take centerstage Trump visits Canada amid 51st state talk Trade deadline looms Russia-Ukraine war Month of alliance meetings					
Israel-Iran attacks loom over Trump at G7: Five things to watch	International-G7		https://www.yahoo.com/news/israel-iran-attacks-loom-over-10000567	2025/06/16			
Trump leaves G7 summit early after "evacuate Tehran" warning	International-Iran	President Trump called on Iranian civilians to "immediately evacuate Tehran" on Monday evening, shortly after which the White House announced he would be departing the G7 summit early to "attend to many important matters."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/16/trump-evacuate-tehran-warning-ira	2025/06/17			
Israelis are fleeing the capital as long lines form at gas stations while Israeli attacks could worsen an energy crisis	International-Iran	Amid Israel's punishing air strikes, Iranians clogged roads and highways on Sunday to leave Tehran, according to reports. That came as fresh attacks targeted Iran's energy infrastructure, including pipelines and a top natural gas field. Reduced electricity supplies could worsen an energy crisis that had already been hitting Iranians for months.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/israelis-fleeing-capital-long-lines-213733	2025/06/17			
		When Israel launched its series of strikes against Iran last week, it also issued a number of dire warnings about the country's nuclear program, suggesting Iran was fast approaching a point of no return in its quest to obtain nuclear weapons and that the strikes were necessary to preempt that outcome. But US intelligence assessments had reached a different conclusion – not only was Iran not actively pursuing a nuclear weapon, it was also up to three years away from being able to produce and deliver one to a target of its choosing, according to four people familiar with the assessment. Now, after days of Israeli airstrikes, US intelligence officials believe that so far, Israel may have set back Iran's nuclear program by only a matter of months, according to one of those people, a US official. Even as Israel has done significant damage to Iran's facility at Natanz, which houses centrifuges necessary to enrich uranium, a second, heavily fortified enrichment site at Fordow has remained effectively untouched.					
Israel says Iran was racing toward a nuclear weapon. US intel says it was years away	International-Iran	Israel lacks the capability to damage Fordow without specific US weapons and aerial support, defense experts say.	https://www.cnn.com/2025/06/17/politics/israel-iran-nuclear-bomb-us-ia	2025/06/18			
Israeli air force achieved freedom of operation in Tehran's airspace, IDF says	International-Israel	Israel Defense Forces has achieved full freedom of operation in the air space around Iran's capital Tehran, the IDF announced on Saturday. Other than the military implications of being able to freely hit targets where Iran's main military command and control headquarters are located, it is also a political message that Iran's leadership and government symbols are exposed to Israeli attacks.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/14/israeli-air-force-freedom-operation-9	2025/06/16			
		Israel and Iran have broadened their strikes against each other on the third day of an escalating war that has killed and injured hundreds of people, as Donald Trump called for an end to the conflict and warned Tehran against sinking US targets in the region.					
Israel and Iran broaden strikes during third day of escalating war	International-Israel	Israel attacked Iran's energy industry and defence ministry on Saturday night, leaving a fuel depot ablaze through the night outside Tehran. It followed with evacuation warnings to civilians living near arms factories and on Sunday launched a rare daytime raid on the capital. Iran fired at least 70 missiles towards Israel and several evaded air defences. They hit a refinery in north, killed four people in a Palestinian-majority town near the Sea of Galilee and brought down part of a high-rise apartment block in Bat Yam, south of Tel Aviv.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/israel-hits-iran-energy-industry-13181870	2025/06/16			
		President Donald Trump said Sunday the United States is not involved in Israel's military strikes against Iran, but "it's possible we could get involved."					
Trump says 'it's possible' US gets involved in Israel-Iran conflict	International-Israel	The president told ABC News he would be "open" to Putin's idea to serve as a mediator between Iran and Israel.	https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-us-gets-involved-israel-iran-conf/	2025/06/16			
		France shut down the main Israeli company stands at the Paris Airshow on Monday for refusing to remove attack weapons from display, sparking a furious response from Israel and inflaming tensions between the traditional allies.					
Israel furious as France shuts weapons stands at Paris Airshow	International-Israel	The office of French Prime Minister Francois Bayrou said it had told all exhibitors ahead of the show that offensive weapons would be prohibited from display and that Israel's embassy in Paris had agreed to this. It added that the companies could resume their exhibits if they complied with this requirement.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/france-shuts-four-man-israel-075410	2025/06/17			
4 things to know as the war between Israel and Iran intensifies	International-Israel	1. Many civilians have been caught in the crossfire 2. Destroying all of Iran's nuclear sites won't be easy 3. Israel's endgame is unclear 4. The U.S. could be drawn in	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/17/m-s1-5436749/israel-iran-airstrikes-9	2025/06/18			
North Korea plans to send military construction workers and deminers to Russia	International-North Korea	North Korea will send thousands of military construction workers and deminers to support reconstruction work in Russia's Kursk region, a top Russian official said Tuesday, the latest sign of expanding cooperation between the nations. North Korea has already supplied thousands of combat troops and a vast amount of conventional weapons to back Russia's war against Ukraine. In April, Pyongyang and Moscow said that their soldiers fought together to repel a Ukrainian incursion into Russia's Kursk border region, though Ukraine has insisted it still has troops present there.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/18/p-s1-73478/north-korea-send-military-w	2025/06/18			
		Israel's primary focus is now its war with Iran, but Israeli troops are still holding territory deep inside Gaza, and Tuesday marked the deadliest day in recent weeks for Palestinians there trying to reach food distribution sites and trucks. Health officials in Gaza say at least 59 people were killed by Israeli military drones and artillery fire Tuesday, and more than 200 wounded, trying to get food. Most of the deaths, at least 45, occurred at an intersection in southern Gaza's city of Khan Younis, where a large crowd of people had amassed waiting for trucks to enter carrying food.					
As Israel turns its focus to Iran, the death toll mounts in Gaza — and hunger deepens	International-Palestine	Russia has ramped up its airborne attacks against Ukraine in recent weeks, launching as many as 478 drones and missiles in a single night. These assaults are not just bigger and more frequent; they are also more concentrated and executed in a way that makes them a lot more difficult to combat — as they are flown at higher altitudes, out of reach of machine guns.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/17/m-s1-73478/gaza-hunger-aid-attacks-9	2025/06/18			
		The increase in the number of drones Russia is deploying against its neighbor is stunning: seven of Moscow's largest drone attacks in its war on Ukraine have happened in the past four weeks, according to a CNN tally.					
Russia is shifting tactics again, assaulting Ukrainian cities with swarms of killer drones	International-Russia	Russia, a longtime ally of Iran and nuclear-armed adversary of the U.S., has sounded the alarm about the potential globally-devastating consequences of the conflict, especially should the U.S. military get more involved. "Nuclear facilities are being struck," foreign ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova told Reuters on Wednesday. "Where is the [economy from the] entire world community? Where are all the environmentalists?"	https://www.yahoo.com/news/russia-shifting-tactics-again-assaulting-dr	2025/06/17			
		Providing training to women and girls who have faced gender-based violence Resettling refugees in Mexico Eliminating exploding remnants of war Teaching refugees girls self-defense in Kenya Sex education by monks in Bhutan					
These are 5 things the UN does that you may not have known	International-UN	A federal judge ruled Monday it was illegal for the Trump administration to cancel several hundred research grants, adding that the cuts raise serious questions about racial discrimination.	https://nprnews.com/article/united-nations-80th-anniversary-trump-fund	2025/06/20			
Judge rules some NIH grant cuts illegal, saying he's never seen such discrimination in 40 years	Judicial-Punjab	U.S. District Judge William Young in Massachusetts said the administration's process was "arbitrary and capricious" and that it did not follow long-held government rules and standards when it abruptly canceled grants intended to focus on gender identity or diversity, equity and inclusion.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-rules-nih-grant-cuts-2204205329	2025/06/17			
Judge blocks Trump plan to tie states' transportation funds to immigration enforcement	Judicial-Punjab	A federal judge on Thursday blocked Donald Trump's administration from forcing 20 Democratic-led states to cooperate with immigration enforcement in order to receive billions of dollars in transportation grant funding. Chief US District Judge John McConnell in Providence, Rhode Island, granted the states' request for an injunction barring the Department of Transportation's policy, saying the states were not to be ruled on the merits of some or all of their claims.	https://www.thequardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/19/transportation-funds	2025/06/20			
		Another 2,000 California National Guard troops are being deployed to the Los Angeles area, the Defense Department announced Tuesday. It comes amid the Trump administration's ongoing immigration crackdown in the region, which has sparked a series of at times contentious protests in downtown L.A. over the past few weeks.					
2,000 more National Guard troops being sent to Los Angeles, Pentagon says	Military	The decision to activate them was at the direction of Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, officials said. USNORTHCOM did not elaborate on what prompted Hegseth to expand the troop count in L.A.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/2-000-more-national-guard-012700797-N	2025/06/19			
Pete Hegseth suggests he would disobey court ruling against deploying military in LA	Military	The US defense secretary, Pete Hegseth, suggested on Wednesday that he would not obey a federal court ruling against the deployments of national guard troops and US Marines to Los Angeles, the latest example of the Trump administration's willingness to ignore judges it disagrees with.	https://www.thequardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/19/hegseth-senate-hea	2025/06/19			
		The dispute over President Trump's decision to federalize thousands of National Guard troops and deploy them to Los Angeles has moved to a San Francisco federal appeals court.					
As courts review military in L.A., immigration enforcement accelerates	Military	The president sent more than 4,000 Guard members to the city to protect federal property and employees during tumultuous protests against immigration enforcement. Newsom says the deployment of the Guard and an additional 700 Marines was an overreaction and counter-productive.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/18/p-s1-73568/as-courts-review-military-l	2025/06/20			
Hegseth Signals There Are Plans Ready to Deploy More Troops Inside the U.S.	Military	Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth signaled there are plans at the ready to deploy more troops within the U.S. while defending President Donald Trump mobilizing troops to Los Angeles.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hegseth-signals-plans-ready-deploy-1707	2025/06/20			
Padilla says FBI agent, Guard member escorted him to Noem's briefing before removal	Political-cesspool	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) said Sunday that a member of the National Guard and an FBI agent escorted him into Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem's press conference last week before he was forcibly removed.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/15/alex-padilla-kristi-noem-dhs-remov	2025/06/16			
		President Donald Trump's pick to lead the Federal Aviation Administration has long claimed to have a commercial pilot's license – but new reports suggest otherwise. Bryan Bedford, the CEO of Republic Airways, was listed on the airline's website as holding "commercial, multi-engine and instrument pilot ratings" until Thursday, but after his credentials came under question, the word "commercial," was removed from the description on Friday, Politico reported.					
Trump's FAA pick has long claimed he has a commercial pilot's license. Reports show he does not	Political-cesspool	Records obtained by Politico revealed that Bedford does not have a commercial pilot's license registered with the FAA – though he has claimed to since at least 2010, according to the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-f	2025/06/16			
		Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) on Sunday said he doesn't believe Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) should "pull back on any kind of enforcement" after the Trump administration directed the agency to pause raids against workers in the agriculture, hotel and restaurant industries.					
Cotton on Trump ICE pause on select industries: 'I don't think we should pull back on any kind of enforcement'	Political-cesspool	"I don't think we should pull back on any kind of enforcement at all," Cotton said. "I think workable enforcement in all industries needs to be able to move forward. And I think ICE agents on the front lines need the support of political leadership."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cotton-trump-ice-pause-select-22122770	2025/06/17	Government- ICE		
Sean Duffy warns he will withhold infrastructure repair money from states that don't help in ICE raids	Political-cesspool	Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy has said that states that don't cooperate with the federal government's deportation efforts may not receive any funding to rebuild their infrastructure.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/sean-d	2025/06/17			
ICE Berlin visited Biohazard Lab With RFP Jr. Before Hospitalization	Political-cesspool	Kristi Noem was hospitalized for an allergic reaction one day after Robert F. Kennedy Jr. shared a photo of them both visiting a biosecurity lab that was temporarily shut down due to safety concerns.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-berlin-visited-biohazard-lab-02355770	2025/06/19			
		A federal judge in Miami held Florida's attorney general, James Althoff, in contempt of court for continuing to enforce an immigration law she blocked, and bragging about it in media interviews afterwards.					
Florida attorney general held in contempt after enforcing blocked immigration law	Political-cesspool	The contempt finding is the latest episode of an escalating power struggle between rightwing politicians and the courts, which have blocked several of Donald Trump's headline immigration policies at the federal level.	https://www.thequardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/18/florida-attorney-gen	2025/06/19			
Questions raised over Lauren Boebert's financial disclosures filing - which includes no financial disclosures	Political-cesspool	Lauren Boebert has asked eyebrows after filing an annual financial disclosure that disclosed... nothing. The federal Republican congresswoman's filing contained no assets, no income from her book, no bank accounts, and no mortgage on a home.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/boer	2025/06/19			
		National Intelligence Director Tulsi Gabbard, an outspoken critic of past U.S. military interventions abroad, appears to have fallen out of favor with President Donald Trump as he weighs military action against Iran, according to multiple senior administration officials with knowledge of the matter.					
Tulsi Gabbard sidelined in Trump administration, discussions on Israel and Iran	Political-cesspool	Gabbard's politically perilous position burst into the open this week when Trump brushed her back over her testimony to Congress in March. At that time, she said the U.S. intelligence community did not believe Iran was building a nuclear weapon — a comment at odds with Trump's recent public statement about the threat posed by Iran's potential nuclear program.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tulsi-gabbard-sidelined-trump-administrat	2025/06/20			
		One of the senior administration officials, quoted anonymously by Politico, said there is a growing perception within the West Wing that the former Hawaii Democratic congresswoman, who once ran for that party's presidential nomination, "doesn't add anything to any conversation."					
Trump is 'losing confidence' in Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard as he mulls removing her, entire office, senior officials say	Political-cesspool	He has also reportedly been considering the idea of closing Gabbard's office and integrating its responsibilities into the CIA's leadership infrastructure. However, this could have a significant impact on oversight of the U.S. intelligence community and affect how information is relayed to the commander-in-chief.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-losing-confidence-tulsi-gabbard-08	2025/06/20			

		After his reinstatement, Vance quickly surpassed a record for the website: he now operates the most blocked account on Bluesky. The dubious achievement was noted with some sarcasm: dismay by journalist Jesse Singal, the most blocked user prior to Vance's debut on the site. (Singal's deeply skeptical coverage of gender-affirming care for trans adolescents was cited in an amicus brief on Skremetti by the Family Research Council, an evangelical think tank that opposes abortion and LGBTQ+ rights.) Vance is currently blocked by more than 10 times as many Bluesky users than follow him, and edged toward the milestone number of 100,000 on Thursday. The site has more than 36 million users in total.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/4-vance-john-bluesky-222142961.html	2025/06/20	
J.D. Vance Joins Bluesky, Immediately Becomes Most Blocked Account on App	Political cesspool					
Florida attorney general pitches 'Alligator Alcatraz' to hold migrants	Political cesspool	Florida Attorney General James I. Altomire pitched a new facility to hold immigrants in the Everglades called "Alligator Alcatraz." Altomire said in a video posted Thursday to social platform X that the location "presents an efficient, low cost opportunity to build a temporary detention facility because you don't need to invest that much in the perimeter. If people get out, there's not much waiting for them other than alligators and pythons."		https://www.yahoo.com/news/florida-attorney-general-pitches-alligator-20250620	2025/06/20	
Noem demands more control over FEMA and Homeland Security funding, which could slow disaster response	Political cesspool	Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem is tightening her grip on her department's purse strings, ordering that every contract and grant over \$100,000 must now cross her desk for approval, according to a memo exclusively obtained by CNN.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/noem-demands-more-control-over-1374-20250620	2025/06/20	
Tucker Carlson is doing a better job than Democrats of countering Trump on Iran. 'We're in such a bizarre world'	Political Cesspool	Welcome to the resistance... Tucker Carlson? In the past two weeks, the former Fox News host has become the loudest and most effective opponent of the push for the United States to join Israel's war against Iran.		https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/tucker-	2025/06/20	
Trump has not called Walz following shooting of Minnesota lawmakers	Political Violence	Walz spokesperson Teddy Tacham confirmed to Axios that the governor had not heard from the president directly as of early Sunday afternoon.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/15/trump-walz-minnesota-shooting-law-	2025/06/16	
What to know about Minnesota lawmakers' shootings, that killed Melissa Hoffman	Political Violence	Minnesota state House Democratic Leader Melissa Hoffman and her husband, Mark, were killed and state Sen. John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, were wounded in the attacks by a gunman whom officials said was impersonating a police officer.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/15/minnesota-shootings-lawmakers-sh-	2025/06/16	
Man dies after shooting at "No Kings" protest in Salt Lake City	Political Violence	The Salt Lake City Police Department on Sunday said the victim, 39-year-old Arthur Follas Ah Loo, a Utah resident, appeared to be "an innocent bystander who was not the intended target of the gunfire."		https://www.axios.com/local/salt-lake-city/2025/06/15/salt-lake-city-ah-	2025/06/16	
Man drove into crowd at Virginia "No Kings" protest, police say	Political Violence	Police in Virginia arrested a 21-year-old man they allege "intentionally" drove an SUV through a crowd of anti-Trump "No Kings" protest on Saturday.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/15/virginia-no-kings-rally-arrested-drive-	2025/06/16	
Congress' fight over security erupts after Minnesota shootings	Political Violence	A long-simmering fight over congressional security roared back to the surface this weekend following a pair of shootings against Minnesota state legislators at their homes that left two dead and two others hospitalized.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/15/hoffman-hoffman-congress-security-	2025/06/16	
Suspect Vance Boelter in Minnesota lawmakers shooting booked in county jail	Political Violence	The massive search for the man suspected of shooting two Minnesota lawmakers, one fatally, concluded on Sunday evening when he was arrested by police, officials confirmed.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/search-suspect-vance-boelter-enters-145-	2025/06/16	
'Face of evil': Cop's scold as he shares first image of Minnesota shooting suspect Vance Boelter's arrest	Political Violence	A LinkedIn page also revealed that the suspect spent over three years in the Democratic Republic of Congo "working on several projects" under the alias of the Red Lion Group, a company that his friends claim was a bogus security firm. A webpage link to the Red Lion Group came up as "expired" when clicked.		https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/trime-vance-bo-	2025/06/16	
More Dems from outside Minnesota found in shooting, hit list	Political Violence	A growing number of Democratic lawmakers from across the Midwest are revealing they were named on the alleged target list of Vance Boelter, the suspect in the shooting of two Minnesota state lawmakers and their spouses.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/15/democrats-vance-boelter-minnesota-	2025/06/17	
Jeffries presses Johnson for more funds to protect lawmakers	Political Violence	House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) and one of his top deputies are urging Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) to "substantially" increase the amount of money give to House offices for security.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/15/hakeem-jeffries-mike-johnson-minor-	2025/06/17	
She's missing stuff, Norton's colleagues see signs of decline	Politics	Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) has long been a formidable presence in the halls of Congress despite her non-voting status. Now at 88 years old, some of her colleagues tell Axios that presence has diminished considerably.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/15/eleanor-holmes-norton-washington-u-	2025/06/17	
Pentagon Pizza Tracker Betrayed Israeli, Strikes Plans Against Iran	Politics-Weird	The Pentagon Pizza Report on X monitors foot traffic at pizza shops near the Department of Defense in Arlington, Virginia. After logging normal foot traffic on Thursday, the account recorded "extremely high levels of traffic" leading up to Israel's early morning June 13 attack on Iran.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/pentagon-pizza-tracker-betrayed-israeli-1-	2025/06/16	
16 billion passwords from Apple, Facebook, Google, and more leaked. Why has no one heard of it?	Privacy	The leak exposed 16 billion login credentials and passwords, prompting both Google to tell billions of users to change their passwords and the FBI to warn Americans against opening suspicious links in SMS messages, according to a report published Thursday in Forbes.		https://www.the-independent.com/tech/google-data-breach-facebook-ai-	2025/06/20	
No Kings anti-Trump protests attract millions, organizers say	Protest	Philadelphia saw more than 100,000 attendees and Chicago 75,000, while smaller towns such as Portland, Michgan, reported 400 in a town of 800, organizers said.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/14/no-kings-protests-usa-june-14-tuwr-	2025/06/16	
3 takeaways from the military parade and No Kings protests on Trump's birthday	Protest	1. Stormy clouds didn't rain on the parade 2. Trump got the thing he has wanted for years 3. Protests spring up across the country		https://www.npr.org/2025/06/15/mx-ai-543376593-takeaways-from-the-c-	2025/06/16	
Officers deploy tear gas, rubber bullets to clear protesters in downtown L.A.	Protest	A day of peaceful protests in downtown Los Angeles took a turn late Saturday afternoon when law enforcement began ordering the thousands of demonstrators to disperse from the area surrounding the L.A. Federal Building complex.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/officers-deploy-tear-gas-rubber-0064007-	2025/06/16	ACAB
Police arrest roughly 60 veterans and military family members protesting outside US Capitol after group crosses police line	Protest	Officers deployed flashbangs and tear gas, and KTLA's Sky5 chopper captured the moment officers on foot and horseback moved into the large crowd. The L.A. Police Department said that some protesters were "becoming increasingly unruly" and were throwing rocks, bricks, bottles and fireworks — despite the overall peaceful tenor of the day's events.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/police-arrest-roughly-60-protesters-0150-	2025/06/16	
No Kings protest organizers announce July 17 as next demonstration	Protest	Organizers of last weekend's "No Kings" protests are celebrating the event as the one of the largest mass demonstrations in U.S. history, and already have another rally on the books.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/17/no-kings-july-17-protests-	2025/06/18	
Supreme Court upholds a state law banning some gender-affirming care for transgender kids	Rainbow threats	The Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld a Tennessee law banning certain gender-affirming care treatment for minors.				
US supreme court upholds Tennessee ban on youth gender-affirming care	Rainbow threats	The court ruled 5-3, with Chief Justice John Roberts authoring the opinion. The court's three liberal justices dissented.				
Tampa administration orders LGBTQ+ youth suicide hotline to close within a month	Rainbow threats	There are 1.6 million Americans over 13 who identify as transgender, including an estimated 300,000 ages 13-17. A third of those people live in states that ban gender-affirming care, according to the Williams Institute at UCLA.		https://www.abcnwsgo.com/PfVfUkrc/supreme-court-upholds-state-law-ban-	2025/06/19	
Brain-dead mom forced to be kept alive because of Georgia's anti-abortion laws gives birth via C-section	Reproductive rights	A Tennessee state law banning gender-affirming care for minors can stand, the US supreme court has ruled, a devastating loss for trans rights supporters in a case that could set a precedent for dozens of other lawsuits involving the rights of transgender children.		https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-1-	2025/06/19	
Democrats who have been arrested, detained or charged under Trump	Retaliation	Smith has been kept medically alive since February 19, when she was declared brain dead at eight weeks pregnant due to blood clots in her brain. Her family says doctors kept her on life support due to Georgia's abortion law, the LIFE Act, which doesn't clearly address cases of brain death, but causes confusion in medical environments. News of her condition made national headlines as she was kept on life-support while pregnant, and her family rallied against the decision.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/17/welder-democrats-arrested-charged-	2025/06/18	
Poli. RFK Jr.'s food agenda finds appeal across partisan lines, but vaccines are a different story	RFK JR BS	New polling about health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and sets of his policy agenda shows how his "Make America Healthy Again" push doesn't break down along the same neat partisan lines as other issues, creating some political vulnerability and some opportunity.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/pol-rfk-jr-s-food-agenda-08000190.html	2025/06/17	
CDC vaccine advisers who were removed from committee by RFK Jr. speak out	RFK JR BS	The 17 members of a federal vaccine advisory committee, who were ousted last week, argued their abrupt dismissal has "left the U.S. vaccine program critically weakened."		https://www.yahoo.com/news/cdc-vaccine-advisers-were-removed-211-	2025/06/17	
RFK Jr.'s DHS Defends 'Gold-Standard Science' As Activists Demand Ban	RFK JR BS	Kennedy also said to ABC News that the current list of vaccines that are recommended for children would be re-analyzed by the new ACIP members because he doesn't trust the science that led to their initial approvals.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-dhs-defends-gold-170013868.html	2025/06/17	
Murdoch Paper Wags Trump About the Danger of RFK Jr.'s Anti-Vax Agenda	RFK JR BS	While it remains unclear if the events are directly related, The Dallas Express can confirm that Kennedy formally retired all CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) members after Bowden's letter began circulating online. ACIP had long been the federal government's primary vaccine advisory panel and typically led public deliberations on immunization policy.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/murdoch-paper-wags-trump-danger-140-	2025/06/17	

		That's because recommendations by the board — known as the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices, or ACP — determine which vaccines most insurance plans are required to cover at zero cost, such as inoculation against measles or your annual flu shot. If the new members decide to reverse the panel's old guidance, patients could find themselves paying out of pocket for vaccines that were once available for free. "For the average person who has never heard of ACP before, this could affect their access to vaccines," said Jennifer Sales, a vaccine vice president at the healthcare think tank KFF.			
RFK Jr.'s latest big move could leave you paying more for vaccines	RFK JR BS	For decades, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) independent advisory panel recommended which shots Americans should get and when. The Affordable Care Act requires all insurance companies to cover, for free, all vaccines the panel recommends. Those recommendations also help states decide which shots should be mandated for schoolchildren.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/rfk-ps-latest-big-move-could-leave-you-25250617	2025/06/17	
How Kennedy's overhaul could make vaccines more expensive	RFK JR BS	A new panel of U.S. vaccine advisers appointed by Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will vote on flu shots that contain a mercury-based preservative called thimerosal and discuss recommendations for use of a combination measles shot for children at an upcoming meeting. The advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will also vote on who should receive the shots for respiratory syncytial virus and influenza at the meeting scheduled for June 25 and 26, according to a draft agenda posted on CDC's website. The agenda comes days after Kennedy named eight members to serve on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, including several who have advocated against vaccines, after abruptly firing all 17 members of the independent committee of experts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kennedy-overhaul-could-vaccines-more-125250617	2025/06/17	
Kennedy's new US vaccine panel to discuss measles shot for children	RFK JR BS	U.S. Senate Democrats demanded on Wednesday Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. make public the reviews on which his department said it based its decision to cancel a contract for developing a bird flu vaccine.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-vaccine-advisory-committee-vote-16250619	2025/06/19	
US Senate Democrats demand Kennedy explain, cancelling bird flu vaccine contract	RFK JR BS	"This is a grievous mistake that threatens to leave the country unprepared for what experts fear might be the next pandemic — and there appears to be no rationale for this decision other than your ill-informed and dangerous war on vaccines," Senators Elizabeth Warren and Tammy Duckworth wrote in a letter seen by Reuters.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-senate-democrats-demand-kennedy-125250619	2025/06/19	
Most Americans view Supreme Court as partisan; Poll	Supreme Court	While Americans have conflicting opinions on the Supreme Court, a majority agree that the Trump administration must comply with federal court orders, two recent polls found. Meanwhile, 19% believe the administration can ignore court rulings. Put simply, the emergency docket, sometimes referred to as the shadow docket, is taking up more and more of the justices' time. In the George W. Bush Bush and Obama administrations—a period of 16 years—the government filed a request for emergency action only eight times. That's oneevery two years. The two administrations together got what they wanted only four times in those 16 years. That changed dramatically with the election of Donald Trump, who in his first term asked the court to block lower court orders 41 times. He got what he wanted in whole or in part in 28 of those cases. In nearly all of those cases, the court, with three new Trump appointees, simply issued an order without any explanation as to why it was granting or refusing to grant the president's wish. That trend has continued during President Trump's second term, where again, the tale is in the numbers. In the first 20 weeks of his second term, Trump sought emergency action from the court in 18 cases. For comparison, that's the same number of requests made by the Biden administration over four years.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/16/supreme-court-views-trump-poll-par-125250617	2025/06/17	
Supreme Court faces new headwinds with roughly two weeks left in its term	Supreme Court	But Rutgers University law professor Katie Eyer, who specializes in anti-discrimination law, takes a slightly more optimistic view. The leading scholar in LGBTQ+ employment rights, social movements and constitutional change told Salon that, while four of the conservative justices seemed likely to vote against the plaintiffs, Justice Amy Coney Barrett's thoughtful questioning — and Justice Neil Gorsuch's opinion expanding Title VII anti-discrimination protections based on sexuality and gender identity in <i>Bostock v. Clayton County</i> — indicate it's still possible the plaintiffs could prevail.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/16/ax-154327474/supreme-court-remain-125250617	2025/06/17	
"The real wild card is Amy Coney Barrett": The Supreme Court case that could eviscerate trans rights	Supreme Court	The court has not yet weighed in on a case stemming from President Trump's effort to redefine birthright citizenship and judges' power to check the president, among other key cases on gender-affirming care, LGBTQ+ materials in schools and health care access.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/16/supreme-court-birthright-citizenship-125250619	2025/06/19	
Health care, citizenship and LGBTQ+ rights: Five Supreme Court cases to watch	Supreme Court	But the justices also have 16 cases to resolve that were argued between December and mid-May. One of the argued cases was an emergency appeal, the administration's bid to be allowed to enforce Trump's executive order denying birthright citizenship to U.S.-born children of parents who are in the country illegally.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/16/supreme-court-goes-18-cases-16233670-125250620	2025/06/20	
Supreme Court work goes on with 16 cases to decide, including birthright citizenship	Supreme Court	Scammers disguised as thousands of fake students are flooding colleges across the U.S. with enrollment applications. The "students" are registering under stolen or fabricated identities, getting accepted to schools, and then vanishing with financial aid and college-minted email addresses that give the fraudsters a veneer of legitimacy. Across America's community colleges and universities, sophisticated criminal networks are using AI to deploy thousands of "synthetic" or "ghost" students—sometimes in the dead of night—to attack colleges. The hostiles are cramming themselves into registration portals to enroll and illegally apply for financial aid. The ghost students then occupy seats meant for real students—and have even resorted to handing in homework just to hold out long enough to siphon millions in financial aid before disappearing.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/16/supreme-court-goes-18-cases-16233670-125250620	2025/06/20	
"Ghost" students are hijacking millions from colleges—aid locking real humans students out of classes	Technology: ai	Researchers in China have discovered that AI models like ChatGPT process information in a similar way to the human brain. A study into large language models (LLMs) found evidence that popular artificial intelligence tools built by OpenAI and Google sort information in a spontaneous way, despite not being trained to do so. The findings, made by a team from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and South China University of Technology, revealed that LLMs "share fundamental similarities that reflect key aspects of human conceptual knowledge" — challenging the assumption that AI systems simply mimic responses through pattern recognition.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/16/supreme-court-goes-18-cases-16233670-125250620	2025/06/20	
AI sometimes thinks like humans, scientists reveal	Technology: ai	AI can generate a larger volume of creative ideas than any human, but those ideas are too much alike, according to research newly published in <i>Nature Human Behaviour</i> .	https://www.the-independent.com/tech/ai-think-humans-chatgpt-china-125250616	2025/06/16	
Study: ChatGPT's creativity gap	Technology: ai	Search and recovery teams continued scouring the site of one of India's worst aviation disasters for a third day after the Air India flight fell from the sky and killed at least 270 people in Gujarat state, officials said Saturday. The London-bound Boeing 787 struck a medical college hostel in a residential area of the northwestern city of Ahmedabad minutes after takeoff Thursday, killing 241 people on board and at least 29 on the ground. One passenger survived.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/16/ai-chatgpt-research-creativity-brains-125250618	2025/06/18	
Death toll from plane crash in India climbs to 270 as search teams find more bodies	Tragic	Recovery teams working until late Friday found at least 25 more bodies in the debris, officials said. Many believe that the death toll would have been higher if it had not been for the intervention of the trainee doctors and students who emerged from the smoldering hotel and rushed to save their colleagues.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/15/ai-1728831death-toll-from-plane-crash-125250616	2025/06/16	Aviation
A plane crashed on a doctors' hostel in India. Those who survived began treating the injured	Tragic	Zala rushed to safety, running through dust and smoke. He cleaned and bandaged a wound on his left leg then joined others at the medical college's trauma center to treat the injured.	https://apnews.com/article/ai-india-plane-crash-doctors-hostel-7d6517-125250616	2025/06/16	
Trump hosts military parade amid nationwide 'No Kings' protests. In photos	Trump bulfith	Photos America is on edge.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/14/trump-military-parade-army-protests-125250616	2025/06/16	
Eight chaotic days shake Trump's grip on the presidency	Trump bulfith	Trump officials want this fight, eager to flex executive power and frame Democrats as defenders of undocumented immigrants and violent agitators. But the backlash is threatening to spiral beyond the White House's control.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/14/trump-israel-iran-protests-no-kings-125250616	2025/06/16	
Trump administration weighs adding 36 countries to travel ban, memo says	Trump Bulfith	U.S. President Donald Trump's administration is considering significantly expanding its travel restrictions by potentially banning citizens of 36 additional countries from entering the United States, according to an internal State Department cable seen by Reuters. "The Department has identified 36 countries of concern that might be recommended for full or partial suspension of entry if they do not meet established benchmarks and requirements within 60 days," the cable sent out over the weekend said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-weighs-adding-36-125250616	2025/06/16	
With Bibles, tokens and watches, Trump made millions, new disclosures show	Trump Bulfith	President Donald Trump has made millions from his family's cryptocurrency venture, private golf clubs and hawkling everything from Bibles to watches — as he's capitalized on his political prominence to expand his business empire, according to financial documents released Friday afternoon. Here are five takeaways from the parade. Trump keeps things brief Vance, Melania Trump take stage Parade traces Army's history, future Rain holds off, thousands turn out Most GOP lawmakers don't attend	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/bibles-tokens-watches-trump-made-00250616	2025/06/16	corruption
\$ takeaways from Trump's Army parade	Trump Bulfith	In 2020, in fact, no less a figure than the song's author, John Fogerty (a military veteran), directly made the connection between Trump and the rock kids who got out of the draft that he was writing about back in the day. "It seems like he is probably the Fortunate Son," Fogerty said at the time. There could hardly be a worse insult. But "inside jobs" can also be accomplished through sheer cleverness, and bumbling self-sabotage is probably the easiest explanation for the jaw-dropper of a music-synch here. After all, there is a long history of Trump's campaigns and administrations using "Fortunate Son" — mostly before Fogerty made headlines five years ago saying he wrote it as a slam against people like Trump, but also since. Either Trump's music people stuck their fingers in their ears as people pointed out that use of the Creedence song just created fresh opportunities for the world to be reminded that he was able to avoid military service... or else they have just solidified on with it — so to speak — in a "Fuck you, I won't do what you tell me" sort of way, imagining that they could bring everyone around to thinking that the song will just have positive connotations from here on out.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/5-takeaways-trump-army-parade-02285250616	2025/06/16	
Was Someone Trolling Trump by Playing Creedence's 'Draft-Dodger-Blamming 'Fortunate Son' at His Military Parade? Or Is It Just the Further Death of Irony?	Trump Bulfith	Eight days in March, three friendly bitionaries, one of them the world's most powerful person, another the world's richest person. Doing what friends do: scratching each other's backs. Even though Musk later fell out with Trump — in a shocking social media spat that roiled US politics — the imagery remains powerful and highly symbolic of Trump's second term in the White House. Between them they committed in those eight days acts that, had they occurred during any previous presidency — including Trump's own first administration — would have provoked hours of protest concerning quid pro quo. Yet those eight days represent just a tiny slice of the graft and possible misconduct that is unfolding. Yet, for all of it, the parade was somehow neither the totalitarian North Korean spectacle that critics had grimly predicted, nor the triumph of Maga nationalism that Trump's most diehard fans craved. It was just a parade — and a parade that was, for all its millions of dollars spent, controversy engendered, and exhausting security precautions, a little underwhelming. President Trump has made the presidency extremely profitable for himself. The Trump Organization announced a phone business as its next venture on Monday, on the 10th anniversary of Trump announcing his first White House run. By the numbers, Trump reported more than \$600 million in income from his cryptocurrency venture and a broad range of merchandise, according to financial documents released on Friday, the first disclosure of his assets since he returned to the White House.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/someone-trolling-trump-playing-creedenc-125250616	2025/06/16	protest, irony,
"This is the looting of America": Trump and Co.'s extraordinary conflicts of interest in his second term	Trump Bulfith	Washington D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser has reported assets worth at least \$1.6 billion. Donald Trump ordered ICE officers to prioritize deportations in Democrat-run cities in a wild Truth Social rant Sunday night. The president issued the unprecedented, politically motivated orders just hours after millions of protesters gathered in major American cities, calling for Trump's megalomania to be curbed.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/16/trump-conflict-of-int-125250616	2025/06/16	complotion
Trump coveted a military spectacle but his parade proved underwhelming: 'Just kind of lame'	Trump Bulfith	Yet, for all of it, the parade was somehow neither the totalitarian North Korean spectacle that critics had grimly predicted, nor the triumph of Maga nationalism that Trump's most diehard fans craved. It was just a parade — and a parade that was, for all its millions of dollars spent, controversy engendered, and exhausting security precautions, a little underwhelming. President Trump has made the presidency extremely profitable for himself. The Trump Organization announced a phone business as its next venture on Monday, on the 10th anniversary of Trump announcing his first White House run. By the numbers, Trump reported more than \$600 million in income from his cryptocurrency venture and a broad range of merchandise, according to financial documents released on Friday, the first disclosure of his assets since he returned to the White House.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/15/trump-army-parade-125250616	2025/06/16	
Crypto, wallets, bibles: Trump's assets top \$1.6 billion in latest disclosure	Trump Bulfith	According to a Reuters calculation, Trump reported assets worth at least \$1.6 billion.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/16/trump-mobile-crypto-merch-earnin-125250617	2025/06/17	
Trump's military parade will take 'many days' to clean up, says D.C. mayor	Trump Bulfith	Washington D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser has reported assets worth at least \$1.6 billion. Donald Trump ordered ICE officers to prioritize deportations in Democrat-run cities in a wild Truth Social rant Sunday night. The president issued the unprecedented, politically motivated orders just hours after millions of protesters gathered in major American cities, calling for Trump's megalomania to be curbed.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-military-parade-many-days-233637-125250617	2025/06/17	
Trump Orders ICE Vengeance on 'No Kings' Protest Sites	Trump Bulfith	Donald Trump ordered ICE officers to prioritize deportations in Democrat-run cities in a wild Truth Social rant Sunday night. The president issued the unprecedented, politically motivated orders just hours after millions of protesters gathered in major American cities, calling for Trump's megalomania to be curbed.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-orders-ice-vengeance-no-0538363-125250617	2025/06/17	

		The Washington Post obtained a Trump administration memo that would give the 26 countries listed 60 days to capitulate to State Department demands. Some countries were begged for having "no competent or cooperative central government authority to produce reliable identity documents or other civil documents," or "government fraud." There was also a requirement against "antisemitic and anti-American activity in the United States" by people from the listed countries. Nearly all of the listed countries are in Africa, the Caribbean, or the Middle East. The added countries are: Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Ethiopia, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, South Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.				
Trump already banned travelers from Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen earlier in June.	Trump Bulshit		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-wants-ban-quarter-world-1936352	2025/06/17		
Trump Wants to Ban a Quarter of the World From Traveling to the U.S.	Trump Bulshit	Jerome Adams, President Trump's first-term surgeon general, is becoming one of the most prominent voices speaking out against the public health policies and decisions carried out in the president's second term.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-wants-ban-quarter-world-1936352	2025/06/17		
Trump's former surgeon general is now one of his most pointed critics	Trump Bulshit	The ex-surgeon general has focused his criticism on the lack of credentials of those being placed in top administration positions and what that might mean for public health. 1. The GOP's abandonment of Reagan conservatism 2. The decline of truth 3. The ever-present conspiracy theories 4. The decline of the Democrats 5. The decline of legislating and consolidation of power 6. The rise in authoritarian-ish politics 7. The politicization of institutions 8. The increasing role of fear 9. The yawning education gap 10. The immigration-ization of our politics	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-former-surgeon-general-now-1000	2025/06/17		
The 10 biggest ways Trump has changed our politics, 10 years later	Trump Bulshit	For as long as I've been alive, American presidents have defined tyrants by their willingness to use military force against their own people in reprisal for political opposition. This was a staple of Cold War presidential rhetoric, and it survived long into the War on Terror era. It would be absurd to say that American presidents have always been principled defenders of freedom and democracy, but their long-shared, bipartisan definition of tyrant is one who oppresses his own. So it's striking that these warnings about tyrants in distant lands, who were supposedly the opposite of the kind of legitimate, democratic leaders elected in the United States of America, now apply to the sitting U.S. president, Donald Trump. It is a simple but morally powerful formulation: A leader who uses military force to suppress their political opposition forfeits the right to govern. You could call this the "tyrant test," and Trump is already failing it.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/10-biggest-ways-trump-changed-11000310	2025/06/17		
The Tyrant Test	Trump Bulshit	"Self-enrichment is exactly what the founders feared most in a leader – that's why they put two separate prohibitions on self-enrichment into the constitution," said former Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. "Trump's profiting from his presidential memos is a textbook example of what the founders warned to avoid."	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/06/trump-military-force/	2025/06/17		
'I have never seen such open corruption', Trump's crypto dealer and bossman of rules shock observers	Trump Bulshit	The Trump Organization has announced a self-branded smartphone and mobile service for "real Americans" that aims to take on Apple and Samsung. The US President's business organisation – run by his eldest son Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump – said on Monday that the gold-coloured 'T1 Phone' will be available in August for \$499, while the phone plan will cost \$47.45 a month.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/17/trump-crypto-memo	2025/06/17	Corruption	
Trump mobile: President unveils \$499 gold phones for 'real Americans'	Trump Bulshit	President Trump on Tuesday said his new "very close" to having a nuclear weapon, despite March testimony from Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard that Tehran was not building one. When pressed on Gabbard's assessment by reporters about Air Force One, Trump replied, "I don't care what she said. I think they were very close to having" a nuclear weapon.	https://www.the-independent.com/tech/donald-trump-mobile-smartphone	2025/06/17		
Trump dismisses Gabbard's testimony on Iran nukes: 'I don't care what she said'	Trump Bulshit	As she listened, Kennedy cited recent research on microplastics from researchers in Oregon, finding these tiny particles had shown up in 95% of the seafood they sampled. "It was definitely our study," says Brander, an ecotoxicologist at Oregon State University who coauthored the research along with a team at Portland State University.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/17/trump-gabbard-iran-nuclear-weapon	2025/06/18		
Trump administration actions contradict MAHA rhetoric on toxic chemicals	Trump Bulshit	The problem was, just an hour earlier while in line for breakfast, an email had popped into her inbox nothing but that a federal grant she'd relied on to fund her research for years — from the Environmental Protection Agency — was being terminated. Her research, the letter explained, no longer aligned with the agency's priorities. And now here was the standard bearer of the Trump administration's Make America Healthy Again, or MAHA, agenda elevating her work.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/06/18/xx-s1-5436	2025/06/18		
Unless the Trump family secretly built a U.S. factory, industry experts say the \$500 made-in-America smartphone is a fantasy	Trump Bulshit	The Trump Organization, led by the president's eldest sons, said on Monday that it has licensed Donald Trump's name to a new wireless service and a gold-colored phone. The T1, as the device is called, is supposed to be available in August for \$499, and is "proudly designed and built in the United States," the company said in a statement. But the patriotic pitch drew immediate skepticism, and not just over President Trump trying to cash in again while in office. Several tech industry insiders questioned whether selling a made-in-America phone is even possible within just a few months, considering most electronics manufacturing is done overseas because of expensive domestic labor, a shortage of skilled workers, and a lack of suppliers.	https://tech.yahoo.com/phones/articles/unless-trump-family-secretly-bu	2025/06/19	corruption	
Team Trump reverses course on ICE raids policy as White House dysfunction worsens	Trump Bulshit	Throughout Donald Trump's first term as president, people around him came to realize that if their voice was the last one he heard, their preferred position was likely to prevail. It's easy to understand why. Last week, White House border czar Tom Homan said the administration would intensify its campaign of targeting undocumented immigrants at U.S. workplaces, adding that enforcement operations "are going to massively expand." A day later, Trump went in the opposite direction, conceding that his mass deportation agenda was hurting farmers and the domestic hospitality industry and vowing "changes." Soon after, the White House said the administration's policies wouldn't change. Soon after that, the administration's policies did change, and ICE was directed to pause raids and arrests in the agricultural industry and at hotels and restaurants.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/maddow-blog-team-trump-reverses-1436	2025/06/19		
Trump's sons say their new phone will be built in the U.S. Experts say it looks a lot like a phone from China	Trump Bulshit	Both Weaver and a second expert, Max Weinbach, an analyst at market research firm Creative Strategies, independently said CNN they believe the T1 phone looks like a version of the already available Revvi 7 Pro 5G, made by China-based Winglech, which provides manufacturing services for smartphones and other products. The phone retails for around \$169 on Amazon.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/maddow-blog-team-trump-reverses-1436	2025/06/19		
Trump Mobile puts coverage map after 'Gulf of Mexico' label sparks chatter online	Trump Bulshit	"There (are) only realistically four or five smartphone OEM (original device manufacturers) that would actually be able to manufacture something like this," Weinbach said. "All of them are based out of China."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-mobile-puts-coverage-map-18065	2025/06/19		
The Worst Part of Trump's Big Bill Is Getting Almost No Attention	Trump Bulshit	Just hours into Trump Mobile's Monday launch touting American-made smartphones, the venture pulled its coverage map after sharp-eyed users noticed a curious detail: the body of water south of Texas was labeled as the Gulf of Mexico instead of the Trump-preferred name, Gulf of America. My sense is that Democrats are used to their Republican counterparts (and some within their own ranks) pushing for increased "border security" and immigration enforcement funding during budget negotiations and think the public will view it as old hat. This is a sort of learned defeatism, but it also ignores that we are talking about an entirely different scale here. Taking into account previously allocated funding this fiscal year, we're looking at some \$200 billion in spending on immigration enforcement, far above what's allocated to any other federal law enforcement function and more than has ever been spent on immigration enforcement. Beyond that, the bill furthers the transformation of federal law enforcement toward a focus on immigration enforcement specifically. The Cato Institute estimates that immigration and border funding would equal about eight times the FBI's entire budget and 36 times more than tax and financial crimes enforcement. That funding disparity is compounded by Trump's penchant for pulling agents from other functions to the all-encompassing immigration dragnet. For months now, thousands of federal agents who work on everything from child abuse to money laundering have been reassigned to raiding businesses in search of undocumented workers. Meanwhile, ICE is spending so wildly on its crackdown that it may run out of money next month—unless Republicans manage to pass this bill.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/worst-part-trump-big-bill-100000412.html	2025/06/19		
Appeals court says DOJ cannot represent Trump in appeal of E. Jean Carroll case	Trump Bulshit	American taxpayers will not be paying for the ongoing appeal of President Donald Trump's \$83 million defamation case, a federal appeals court determined on Wednesday. Donald Trump's refusal to impose a congressionally authorized ban on TikTok is a clear example of his disregard for democracy — yet the American public, disturbingly, seems to be giving him a pass.	https://abcnews.com/3/US/appeals-court-doj-represent-trump-appeal/	2025/06/19		
Trump flaunts authoritarian tendencies with yet another TikTok ban delay	Trump Bulshit	The White House announced Tuesday that — for the third time — Trump would unilaterally direct his Justice Department not to enforce a bipartisan law, signed last year, that identified TikTok as a national security threat and required that it be banned in the United States unless it is sold by its Chinese owners. Instead, Trump's decision allows the app to continue operating in the U.S.	https://www.msnbc.com/top-stories/latest-tiktok-banned-again-trump	2025/06/19		
California preps for intense fire season — as Trump slashes federal aid	Trump Bulshit	California, still recovering from a series of devastating January blazes, may not be prepared for the upcoming fire season amid changes made by the Trump administration. As temperatures soar in the West, experts say that Trump's weakening of federal agencies that respond to wildfires leaves the state in a potentially precarious situation, according to The Los Angeles Times.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/california-fire-sea	2025/06/19		
New 'dictator approved' sculpture of smashed Statue of Liberty arrives in DC — but nobody knows who is behind it	Trump Bulshit	A new "dictator approved" sculpture cropped up on the National Mall in front of the Capitol building days after President Donald Trump's military parade — but the creator remains a mystery. The eight-foot-tall sculpture, titled "Dictator Approved," depicts a golden hand — giving a thumbs up — crushing the top of the Statue of Liberty. Her crown is cracked, and one of the seven spikes has been "yanked" into the pedestal. It appeared on the National Mall in Washington, DC on Monday.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-	2025/06/19		
'These are the most magnificent poles made': As Middle East rages, Trump brags about new flag poles at the White House	Trump Bulshit	"These are the most magnificent poles made — They are tall, tapered, rust proof, rope inside the pole, and of the highest quality," the president added. "Hopefully, they will proudly stand at both sides of the White House for many years to come!"	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics-trump-	2025/06/19		
Trump's VA cut a program that's saving vets' homes. Even Republicans have questions	Trump Bulshit	President Trump was halfway through an answer on his shifting deportation policy when a thought apparently occurred to him: Maybe the men standing behind him were illegal immigrants? "Do we have anybody here?" he asked, turning to the workers. "Any illegal immigrants?" When no one responded, he told the men it was the news media, not him, who would be checking into them.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/06/19/tra-s1-54509803/va-bans-veterans-mort	2025/06/20		
How Trump's deportation push created 1 million MORE undocumented people	Trump Bulshit	"They'll find out," he said, motioning to the reporters in front of him. "They'll be checking you. You won't believe it. Your whole life will be destroyed because of this press conference." Henry was hoping to get help from the VA Servicing Purchase program, or VASP. In just the past year, according to the VA, it has helped more than 33,000 veterans and servicemembers who got behind on their loans by giving them a new, low-interest-rate mortgage. But last month, out of fear of the potential cost, the VA abruptly cut away with this safety net. It was the latest development in a VA mortgage saga that has whipsawed veterans between various existed and canceled programs and left thousands in fear of losing their homes. There are about 80,000 vets in the U.S. behind on their mortgages and heading toward foreclosure, according to data from ICE Mortgage Technology.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-deportation-push-created-1-19553	2025/06/20		
Trump denies approving Iran attack plan but will make decision 'within two weeks'	Trump Bulshit	In her first briefing, White House press secretary deemed any immigrant who was in the United States without legal permission a "criminal." But the administration's own actions have turned more than 1 million immigrants who entered the country legally into the "criminals" the White House has denounced. Donald Trump has denied a report in the Wall Street Journal that he has approved US plans to attack Iran, saying that the news outlet has "no idea" what his thinking is concerning the Israel-Iran conflict. The Journal reported late on Wednesday that Trump told senior aides a day earlier that he had approved attack plans but was delaying on giving the final order to see if Tehran would abandon its nuclear program. The report cited three anonymous officials.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/19/trump-iran-attack-at	2025/06/20		

		But experts say the first amendment is measurably under attack in ways it has not been since the presidency of Richard Nixon. A double standard has also emerged: If you protest, criticize, or publicly object to the president's agenda, you're a target.			
US free speech rights shredded despite Trump vow to be first-amendment champion	Trump Bullshit	Cherry-picking is evidently at play, especially for individuals or institutions defying the Trump administration: arresting and attempting to deport a Columbia University student who peacefully protested the Israel war in Gaza and evoking the visas of foreign students who engaged in similar activism. Reversing a Biden-era protection prohibiting government officials from obtaining the confidential sourcework of the press. Denying billions in federal money to Harvard. Dismantling the education department and halting funds to schools practicing diversity, equity, and inclusion. "Trump is throwing authoritarian punches at a much greater rate than any of these other cases in their first year in power," said Steven Levitsky, Harvard political scientist and author, with Daniel Ziblatt, of How Democracies Die. "But we don't yet know how many of these punches will land or how society will respond."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/19/us-free-speech-righty	2025/06/20	
He's moving at a truly alarming speed', Trump propels US into authoritarianism	Trump Bullshit	Trump has tried to propel the US in an authoritarian direction with greater intensity than noted autocrats like the late Hugo Chávez of Venezuela, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan of Turkey, or Viktor Orbán, Hungary's prime minister, according to Levitsky.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/19/trump-us-authority	2025/06/20	nazi checklist
Trump's MAGA purity test	Trump Bullshit	On two core articles of faith — no foreign wars and no protections for unauthorized immigrants — the Trump administration is facing a rare MAGA purity test. Some MAGA influencers see the Iran and immigration flashpoints as inextricably linked. Bannon warned on his "War Room" podcast that getting "sucked into" a prolonged war in the Middle East would distract from Trump's most important domestic priority: mass deportations. Other Trump supporters view the two issues — helping Israel attack Iran and deporting unauthorized immigrants — as part of the same fight to preserve "Western Civilization." Family members are demanding answers after they say a man who is a U.S. citizen was wrongfully arrested by federal agents during an immigration raid in Montebello.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/18/trump-maga-purity-test	2025/06/18	
Southern California father who is U.S. citizen, arrested, during immigration raid, family says	US Citizens	However, Ramirez was handcuffed and taken into custody. His brother tried following Ramirez's location through his cell phone's tracking app, but the signal was eventually lost. His family has not heard from him since.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/southern-california-father-citizen-23250	2025/06/16	
Pregnant US citizen detained by Border Patrol agents, 'We didn't do anything wrong'	US Citizens	It remains unclear whether the agents were with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Some of the agents appeared to be wearing uniforms with a Border Patrol insignia. A pregnant U.S. citizen who was detained by federal agents approximately two weeks ago has since given birth to a healthy baby girl, but her boyfriend is now being held out of state and her problems are far from over.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pregnant-us-citizen-detained-border-14d	2025/06/20	
Dinosaurs in the driveway: the Nevada man delighting kids with his free prehistoric theme park	Weird World	Amid the endless winding streets of Henderson, Nevada, one house breaks the mold. Its front yard — no grass, just desert rock — is home to 62 rainbow-painted dinosaurs, dragons, turtles and spiders. A sign on the garage reads: "Shangri-la Prehistoric Park", complete with visiting hours.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/tg-interactive/2025/jun/14/nevada	2025/06/16	
Nationals' bat-retrieving dog Bruce lups up pregame attention, makes MLB debut	Weird World	Dinoman keeps the regulars. And he knows the kids that need an extra snack or two as well. "Santa has one day and I have the other 364," he says.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/tg-interactive/2025/jun/14/nevada	2025/06/16	
White shirts, black ties, bald caps, Pitbull's fans party, like clones worldwide	Weird World	Bruce, a 21 month-old golden retriever, fetched a bat during a ceremony Saturday before the Washington Nationals' 4-3 loss to the Miami Marlins as part of a Pups in the Park promotion. He retrieved bats the last two seasons with the Rochester Red Wings, Washington's Triple-A affiliate.	https://apnews.com/article/nationals-bat-dog-bruce-35e1df0993cdeb	2025/06/16	
White shirts, black ties, bald caps, Pitbull's fans party, like clones worldwide	Weird World	On closer inspection, though, it becomes clear that Mr. Montebello is not actually everywhere all at once — in his stead, those are clones swimming London, on their way to the O2 Arena to see him onstage. That goat? Drawn on. That bare head? Bald caps, in lieu of a dramatic shave.	https://apnews.com/article/but-fandom-bookshelves-bald-caps-d646dc	2025/06/16	
Rescuers Respond to Call About a Neglected Dog, They Find a 'Loser' Left with a Litter of Puppies	Weird World	The phenomenon is something that has rapidly grown from a minority to the majority — or from a negative to a positive, as Pitbull is known to say. Unlike the celebrity look-alike contests that reward uncanny resemblance to the likes of Timothée Chalamet, Glen Powell or even Ernest Hemingway, it's less about the ability to grow the right facial hair and more about the vibe. After all, the vast majority of those dressed up at Monday's concert were women. (Pitbulls, one could say.)	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rescuers-respond-call-neglected-dog-231	2025/06/17	
Tense moments as German Shepherd leaps from vehicle, chases wolf in Yellowstone	Weird World	When the shelter's Emergency Animal Medical Technicians (EAMT) arrived on scene alongside officers from the Phoenix Police Department, they were in for quite the surprise — the mama dog, later named Rainbow Britle, was painted with multi-colored spots, meant to make her look like a leopard.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tense-moments-german-shepherd-leaps-2025/06/17	2025/06/17	
Parents 'Race' to See Twins Graduate in 2 Different States, 1,200 Miles Apart on the Same Weekend. (Exclusive)	Weird World	Eventually, AHS's staff stabilized Rainbow Britle. She and her nine pups — affectionately called her "sprites" — were transferred to AHS's "Maternity Suites", a calming space dedicated to the shelter's pregnant and nursing mama dogs.	https://www.yahoo.com/3fest/articles/parents-race-see-twins-graduat	2025/06/17	
This Australian moth uses the stars as a compass to travel hundreds of miles	Weird World	Tourists witnessed an extraordinary scene in Yellowstone National Park on Friday as a German Shepherd leaped from the back of a vehicle to chase a young wolf on the side of a road.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tense-moments-german-shepherd-leaps-2025/06/17	2025/06/17	
This US plans to open a fly factory in Texas as part of its fight against a flesh-eating parasite	Weird World	Their son, Jack, was set to graduate from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz., while their daughter, Audrey, would walk across the stage at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., less than 24 hours later.	https://apnews.com/article/fly-factory-texas-flesh-eating-screwworm-call	2025/06/19	
At Trump's request, Israel cleared way for U.S. bombers in Iran	Middle east conflict	Up until then, their school schedules had always worked out smoothly, with events landing on different weekends. But in October 2024, the family realized their luck had run out.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/22/trump-israel-iran-strikes-air-defense	2025/06/23	
U.S. used 14 B-2 bomber-busters, 7 B-2 bombers in "Midnight Hammer" strikes on Iran	Middle east conflict	"The problem became evident when we realized Jack's ceremony began at 3 p.m. on a Saturday and Audrey's ceremony began the next day at 8 a.m. on Sunday - states away," Roanne, 54, tells PEOPLE exclusively.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/22/iran-nuclear-midnight-hammer-bunk	2025/06/23	
Trump administration says U.S. does not seek regime change in Iran	Middle east conflict	Birds routinely navigate by starlight, but the moths are the first known invertebrates, or creatures without a backbone, to find their way across such long distances using the stars.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/22/iran-nuclear-midnight-hammer-bunk	2025/06/23	
Iran parliament reportedly backs closing Strait of Hormuz, which could spike oil prices	Middle east conflict	The U.S. government plans to open what amounts to a fly factory by the end of the year, announcing its intent Wednesday to breed millions of the insects in Texas near the border with Mexico as part of an effort to keep a flesh-eating parasite from inflicting Asian corn.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/20/iran-strike-israel-behind-sceny	2025/06/23	
It was a headache: Inside Trump's secret orders to strike Iran	Middle east conflict	At the request of the Trump administration, the Israeli Air Force took out multiple Iranian air defense systems in the 48 hours leading up to the U.S. strike on Iran's Fordow nuclear facility, three U.S. and Israeli officials told Axios.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/21/us-strike-iran-nuclear-israel-trump	2025/06/23	
CarMax says tariff fears juiced used car demand in April	Economy-tariffs	Trump's historic decision to join Israel's war against Iran marked the culmination of months of intense — and at times strained — U.S.-Israeli coordination over Tehran's nuclear program.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/22/iran-strike-israel-behind-sceny	2025/06/23	
Trump suggests undocumented farm workers may be spared	Trump Bullshit	A surprise U.S. military attack on Iranian nuclear facilities involved more than 125 aircraft and 75 precision-guided weapons.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/20/iran-strike-israel-behind-sceny	2025/06/23	
U.S. enters Israel's war against Iran	Middle east conflict	The operation, dubbed Midnight Hammer, produced the longest B-2 Spirit mission since 2001 and the first real-world use of 30,000 pound bunker-busting bombs.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/21/us-strike-iran-nuclear-israel-trump	2025/06/23	
AOC floats Trump impeachment over Iran strikes	Trump Accountability	Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth told reporters the U.S. war against Iran is "not open-ended" and is "not about regime change," stressing that Saturday's U.S. military strikes were strictly targeted at Iran's nuclear program.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/22/aoc-trump-impeachment-iran-demo	2025/06/23	
MAGA unites around Trump over Iran strikes — for now	Trump Bullshit	Vice President Vance flatly denied that the U.S. is at war with Iran, telling NBC's "Meet the Press" instead, "We're not with Iran's nuclear program."	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/22/maga-reaction-trump-iran-strikes	2025/06/23	
Top Democrats left in dark on Iran strike plans	Middle east conflict	Iran's parliament has endorsed closing the Strait of Hormuz, a vital oil transit point off its coast, but analysts are skeptical about the threat from a body without authority to close the strait. Impeding the strait would likely bring a massive spike in oil prices that would flow through to U.S. consumers.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/22/top-democrats-trump-iran-nuclear-facill	2025/06/23	
Trump faces bipartisan blowback in Congress on Iran strikes	Middle east conflict	Trump remained open to aborting the mission if a diplomatic window emerged. But his public countdown doubled as a smokescreen — concealing a strike plan that was already in motion, according to multiple officials.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/22/trump-iran-strikes-republicans-dem	2025/06/23	
LA Dodgers to donate \$1M to help immigrants hit by ICE raids	Borders and immigration	"It was a headache," a Trump adviser told Axios. "He knew the media couldn't resist amplifying it. He knew the Iranians might think he was bluffing. Well, everyone was wrong." The president wanted to buy time, "another adviser said. "He knew what he wanted to do. And he knows he can't look easier for war. So all the folks in MAGA urging restraint gave him some space." Car shoppers might be feeling more pessimistic about the economy, but they're still putting the trigger on used vehicle purchases.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/21/la-dodgers-donate-million-immigran	2025/06/23	

Trump administration defends Iranian strikes as some lawmakers question its legality	Middle east conflict	The Trump administration is defending a precision strike on Iranian nuclear sites Saturday that was carried out without Congressional approval or notifying key Democratic lawmakers ahead of time. "Operation Midnight Hammer" was the largest B-2 bomber strike in U.S. history, Pentagon officials said Sunday, and saw the mobilization of more than 125 aircraft — including decoy flights traveling to the Pacific — that culminated in 75 precision guided weapons dropped on the Forbs, Natanz and Isfahan nuclear sites in Iran.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/22/mw-st-5441731/iran-strike-congress-us	2025/06/23		
At least three people dead from a tornado in North Dakota	Weather-Tornado	At least three North Dakota residents were killed Friday night by a tornado that swept through the state overnight. Storm chasers found two people killed as a result of the storm in rural Enderlin on Friday night, some 60 miles southwest of Fargo, N.D. That same night, The Enderlin Sheldon Fire Department found a third person dead from the storm, according to a Facebook post from the Cass County Sheriff's Office.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/21/mw-st-5441095/tornado-storms-north-d	2025/06/23		
Welcome to summer: U.S. braces for first significant heat wave of the new season	Environment-Heat	The WHO encourages people to never leave anyone alone in a closed car, use air conditioners and the shade when possible, and drink plenty of water, even if not thirsty, as some measures to avoid falling ill as a result of the heat. Heat waves are lasting longer and peaking at higher temperatures than in the past due to climate change. The average number of heat waves the U.S. experiences today has doubled since the 1950s, and the length of the dangerous heat wave season has increased from about 40 days to roughly 70.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/20/mw-st-5440262/heat-wave-summer-fs	2025/06/23		
The mystery of Boerne's ancient Bible: Who brought it there?	Weird world	It's truly a riddle wrapped in an enigma. A small-town Texas librarian finds a musty old Bible and soon realizes it's unlike any she's ever seen. It's hundreds of years old and written in a familiar, but dead, language. Although this Bible predates the country of Germany, it was written in German ... a variation of German. Elisa McCune knows this Bible well. She wrote her doctoral dissertation on it. "High German was spoken in the southern half [of what's now Germany], and Low German was spoken in the northern half," she said. "High German, essentially, was what turned into what modern day German is. Low German was considered to be—and I'm probably, simplifying this a little bit—it was the less sophisticated version of German."	https://www.for.org/arts-culture/2025/06/20/the-mystery-of-boernes-anc	2025/06/23		
		While the bill would be a boon to wealthy Americans, it would scale back resources for the nation's poorest households, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) warned in a recent letter to lawmakers. In an effort to pay for an extension of the 2017 Trump tax cuts, Republicans in both the House and Senate want to change or reduce key social safety net programs that provide health care, food benefits and financial assistance for millions of children. ... In addition to work requirements, Republicans are proposing other changes that would create new administrative hurdles for families, according to Georgetown University's Center for Children and Families.				
		House Republicans have also proposed big changes to the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), commonly known as food stamps, which, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, helps pay for groceries for more than 15 million children in the U.S. This bill would bring "the deepest cut to food assistance in history," says Katie Bergh, a senior policy analyst for food assistance at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. "Under current policy, a two-adult, two-child family needs at least \$36,000 [in income] in order to get the full credit," Curran says. "That's 1 in 4 kids nationwide who are left out of the full credit."				
		On the other hand, wealthy households earning up to \$200,000 for individuals, or \$400,000 for couples, can claim the full credit. This disparity would get even more pronounced if the credit grows, Curran says, with that two-adult, two-child family now needing to earn \$48,000 to claim the full credit.				
What children in poverty could lose from the 'Big Beautiful Bill'	Economic policy	"As a result, under the House Reconciliation Bill, 1 out of every 3 children would be left out of the full credit nationwide," Curran says.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/20/mw-st-5437861/schibden-poverty-republi	2025/06/23		
Trump is open to regime change in Iran, after his administration said that wasn't the goal	Middle east conflict	The Trump administration on Sunday sent a series of conflicting messages to Iran — with U.S. officials initially indicating a willingness to resume negotiations after a surprise attack on three of the country's nuclear sites and President Donald Trump taking up the possibility of regime change. "It's not politically correct to use the term, 'Regime Change,' but if the current Iranian Regime is unable to MAKE IRAN GREAT AGAIN, why wouldn't there be a Regime change?????" Trump posted on social media. "MAGA!"	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bestbegin-says-us-doesnt-want-1250486	2025/06/23		
Iran says US 'must receive a response' after Trump's strikes on nuclear sites	Middle east conflict	Iran has warned the US to brace for retaliation after Donald Trump's administration ignited Israel in its war against Tehran, tearing up his isolationist foreign policy and launching the most consequential intervention in a conflict in a generation. Almost a day after US strikes targeting three key Iranian nuclear sites, Iran's president, Masoud Pezeshkian, told France's Emmanuel Macron: "The Americans must receive a response for their aggression," signalling a potential Iranian reprisal that could drag the US into a new, protracted conflict in the Middle East.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-attacks-iran-inflicted-major-15261306	2025/06/23		
US strikes on Iran could hit American economy at a fragile time	Economy- War	The U.S. attack on Iranian nuclear sites over the weekend could ratchet up the pressure on an American economy that's turned increasingly fragile as a weeklong global trade war takes a toll. America's entry into what had been attacks between Israel and Iran is most likely to impact oil prices, investors said, which could ripple through the economy by causing higher transportation and gas prices, just as overall inflation throughout the economy has seemed to be contained. Callers will no longer be informed of wait times while on hold, callback wait times, and processing times for benefits, The Washington Post reported. The agency will also no longer publish the number of callers waiting on hold and the number of callers waiting on callback.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/us-strikes-iran-could-hit-194533680-h	2025/06/23		
Trump Admin. Pulls Social Security Wait Times to Hide Bad Customer Service	Government-SSA	One Social Security employee told the Post that it has taken at least double the time to process a claim under Trump compared to Biden. For international callers, sometimes processing a claim can take up to a month.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-admin-pulls-social-security-19173	2025/06/23		
Many Americans are witnessing immigration arrests for the first time and reacting	Borders and immigration	Vice President JD Vance, during a visit to Los Angeles on Friday, said those policies have given agents "a bit of a morale problem because they've had the local government in this community tell them that they're not allowed to do their job."				
		"When that Border Patrol agent goes out to do their job, they said within 15 minutes they have witnesses, sometimes video protesters who are taking these obscuring them," he said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/many-americans-witnessing-immigration	2025/06/23		
Senior Russian official says Trump has started new war on Iran that will strengthen Khomeni	International Relations	A senior Russian official said on Sunday that U.S. President Donald Trump had started a new war by attacking Iran that would only strengthen Tehran's leaders by consolidating society around Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. The Kremlin, which has a strategic partnership with Iran and also maintains close links to Israel, had repeatedly cautioned Washington that U.S. strikes on Iran would plunge the entire region into the "abyss."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us/asia-medvedev-says-trump-stated-09	2025/06/23		
After Trump attacks Iran, what experts and officials fear for the American homeland	Middle east conflict	In the wake of President Donald Trump's "massive precision strikes" on Iran, concerns have been raised both for Americans in the region and at home. A principal area of worry is cyberattacks by Iranian state actors, including targeting the banking system or energy grid.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-attacks-iran-experts-officials-0534	2025/06/23		
		Europe's biggest land conflict since World War II is now in its fourth year and still poses an existential threat to the continent. Ukraine continues to fight a war so that Europeans don't have to. Just last week, Russia launched one of the biggest drone attacks of the invasion on Kyiv. But things have changed. The Trump administration insists that it must preserve maneuvering space to entice Russian President Vladimir Putin to the negotiating table, so Ukraine must not be allowed steal the limelight.				
Wartime NATO summits have focused on Ukraine. With Trump, this one will be different	International- NATO	It will be very different at a two-day summit in the Netherlands that starts Tuesday. NATO's most powerful member, the United States, is vetting Ukraine's membership. It's unclear how long for Zelensky is invited again, but will not be seated at NATO's table. The summit statement is likely to run to around five paragraphs, on a single page. NATO diplomats and experts say Ukraine will only get a passing mention.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wartime-nato-summits-focused-ukraine-0	2025/06/23		
Iran Issues Grave Warning Following U.S. Attack on Nuclear Sites	Middle east conflict	"The United States, a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, has committed a grave violation of the UN Charter, international law and the NPT by attacking Iran's peaceful nuclear installations," Seyed Abbas Araghchi, Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, wrote in a statement.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/iran-issues-grave-warning-following-0535	2025/06/23		
		"The events this morning are outrageous and will have everlasting consequences. Each and every member of the UN must be alarmed over this extremely dangerous, lawless and criminal behavior." The International Criminal Court has been asked to review a confidential legal brief arguing that the Russia-linked Wagner Group has committed war crimes by spreading images of apparent atrocities in West Africa on social media, including ones alluding to cannibalism. The brief was seen exclusively by The Associated Press.				
		While the United States and other Western powers withdraw from the region, Russia has taken advantage, expanding military cooperation with several African nations via Wagner, the private security company closely linked to Russia's intelligence and military.				
Takeaways from AP report on Wagner allegedly committing war crimes by promoting atrocities	War Crimes	Observers say the new approach has led to the kind of atrocities and dehumanization not seen in the region for decades. Social media offers a window into the alleged horrors that often occur in remote areas with little or no oversight from governments or outside observers.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/takeaways-ap-report-accusation-wagner-	2025/06/23		
New insight into Texas family detention reveals adults fighting kids for clean water	Human Rights	Adults fighting kids for clean water, despondent toddlers and a child with swollen feet denied a medical exam — these first-hand accounts from immigrant families at detention centers included in a motion filed by advocates Friday night are offering a glimpse of conditions at Texas facilities.				
		Out of 90 families who spoke to RAICES since March, 40 expressed medical concerns, according to the court documents. Several testimonies expressed concern over water quantity and quality. Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard's strength and standing within the Trump administration is coming under question after the president twice publicly brushed off her testimony that Iran is not close to developing a nuclear weapon, and amid reports of tensions between the two.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gabbard-standing-trump-world-comes-16	2025/06/23		
Gabbard's standing in Trump World comes into question	Political Cesspool	Immigration arrests in Los Angeles have been headline news and the subject of legal disputes for the past few weeks, but Angelenos watching the drama play out on television and in their communities may be confused about who exactly is putting people in handcuffs and hauling them off.				
		After all, some of the federal agents involved in the raids are in unmarked vehicles, without visible badges, wearing street clothes and covering their faces. Are they U.S. Department of Homeland Security agents, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers or Homeland Security Investigations officials? What is the difference?	https://www.yahoo.com/news/agents-unmarked-cars-street-clothes-100	2025/06/23	nazi checklist	
Agents, some in unmarked cars and street clothes, are arresting L.A. immigrants. Who are they?	Government Brown Shirts	A federal judge on Friday prevented the National Science Foundation from sharply cutting research funding provided to universities in the latest legal setback to efforts by U.S. President Donald Trump's administration to slash government support of research at major academic institutions.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-judge-blocks-slashing-universities-22	2025/06/23		
US judge blocks slashing of universities' federal funding from National Science Foundation	Judicial Punjab	Interest in European-based digital services has jumped in recent months, data from digital market intelligence company Similarweb shows. More people are looking for e-mail, messaging and even search providers outside the United States.				
Europeans seek 'digital sovereignty' as US tech firms embrace Trump	International Relations	Days before Trump took office, outgoing president Joe Biden had warned of an oligarchic "tech industrial complex" threatening democracy.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/europeans-seek-digital-sovereignty-us	2025/06/23	Technology, distance,	
		On Thursday, President Donald Trump scored a temporary victory after an appeals court ruled that he can continue deploying the National Guard as part of his watch-me-play-fascist-on-TV response to anti-ICE protests in Los Angeles. The decision accepted Trump's premise that conditions in L.A. permit him to take control of the guard—but it rejected his claim that such decisions should be entirely unreviewable by courts.				
		All of which highlights a deeper conundrum here: What can the courts—and the rest of us—do in the face of a president whose bad faith and willingness to concoct pretexts for abusing his powers basically have no bottom?				
		The new ruling is not encouraging.				
		This highlights an even bigger challenge. Beyond the on-the-ground specifics in L.A., Trump has been on an extraordinary rampage of manufacturing pretexts to unlock all sorts of emergency powers for himself on many fronts. At every turn, those pretexts have been rooted in staggering bad faith.				
Trump's Threat to Unleash Troops in Cities Just Got Darker and Scarier	Nazi Checklist		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-threat-unleash-troops-cities-10000	2025/06/23		

		Just a week earlier on June 4, her mother, Wendy Sarai Pineda, 30, was detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement outside an office in downtown Chicago during what was supposed to be a routine check-in, while Gabriela was at school. The little girl doesn't understand why her mother vanished and had hoped her mother would be at her graduation, said Camelio Gomez, Pineda's fiancé. But Gomez doesn't know if that's even possible. He has no legal guardianship over Gabby, as he calls her. The girl, who is a Honduran citizen, has an asylum case pending. And with Pineda being held at the Kenton County Detention Center in Kentucky before being deported to Honduras, there's no clear way to secure a power of attorney for Gomez to travel with the girl. ICE, he said, has not been responsive to him or the lawyer for the mother and daughter. Despite life-altering consequences, there is currently no federal protocol to ensure that children are reunited with their deported parents. Their well-being is left to chance, in a system that wasn't built to protect them.			
ICE took her mother. Now, a 6-year-old is left without a guardian or path back to routine in Honduras.	Borders and Immigration	Her statement comes after the U.S. targeted three nuclear sites in Natanz, Esfahan and Fordow, while more than two dozen Tomahawk missiles were launched at the other two sites. Greene has been a notable critic of U.S. involvement in the conflict between Iran and Israel, saying that she backed Trump because he would not involve the nation in foreign conflicts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-took-her-mother-now-100000113.html	2025/06/23	
Greene: 'Let's pray that we are not attacked by terrorists'	Political Censorship	On Wednesday, NBC News' Sahli Kapur reported that some Democratic senators now say they regret voting to confirm Kristi Noem as secretary of homeland security. As a reminder, seven of them did: Sens. Tim Kaine, Andy Kim, Elissa Slotkin, Gary Peters, Maggie Hassan, Jeanne Shaheen and John Fetterman. But why the long faces just now? In retrospect, the morality tale ending in a puppy killing should have been a red flag. Or perhaps her lack of qualifications, or the fact that she was already promising mass deportations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/greene-let-pray-not-attacked-130524088	2025/06/23	
Opinion These Democrats now have regrets about voting for Kristi Noem. Interesting.	Political Censorship	Now, those Democrats sound surprised to find out who she really is. Interesting. Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard has flipped her stance on Iran after President Donald Trump nuked her intelligence as "wrong." Following Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's June 12 "preemptive" strike on Iran—which he justified by saying that the country has a "secret plan" to weaponize uranium—Trump sided with Israel's countervailing position.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-democrats-now-regrets-voting-10	2025/06/23	
Tulsi Gabbard Flips Sides in MAGA Civil War Over Iran's Nuclear Capabilities	Political Censorship	— Then on Friday, Gabbard fell in line with Trump, attacking the media for having the gall to believe what she said. A 37-year-old U.S. citizen who was tackled to the ground and arrested after firing federal agents at Home Depot on Thursday said he was held for more than an hour near Dodger Stadium, where agents looted about how many immigrants they arrested. "How many bodies did you guys grab today?" he said one agent asked. "Oh, we grabbed 31," the other replied. "That was a good day today," the first agent responded.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tulsi-gabbard-flips-sides-maga-14521046	2025/06/23	
A good day? Detained U.S. citizen said agents bragged after arresting dozens at Home Depot	Government-ICE	The two high-fived, as he sat on the asphalt under the sun. Job Garcia said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/good-day-detained-u-citizen-031015144	2025/06/23	Brown shirts, nazi checklist
'Life is full of unexpected surprises.' People trying to call Iran meet mysterious voice message	Dystopian	People trying to call friends and loved ones inside Iran have instead been met with strange, pre-recorded voice messages, which some experts believe may be part of the regime's wider internet blackout. In a recording of a telephone call heard by CNN, a person outside of Iran hoping to hear their friend's voice on the other line, was instead met with a robotic voice. "Hello, and thank you for taking the time to listen," the voice says. "Life is full of unexpected surprises," it continues, "and these surprises can sometimes bring joy while, at other times, they challenge us. "The key is to discover the strength within us to overcome these challenges."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/life-is-full-unexpected-surprises-people-163	2025/06/23	
Senate Parliamentarian Tells Republicans They Can't Do Their Big Food Benefit Cut	Government Budget	A decision by the Senate's rules referee will likely force Republicans to drop a major part of their so-called Big Beautiful Bill. Democrats announced late Friday night the Senate parliamentarian ruled that a provision requiring states to share the cost of federal food benefits cannot stay in the bill under the fast-track legislative procedures Republicans are using. "There is no 'exit' rule," says one of the officials, who were granted anonymity to discuss sensitive matters. "Nothing new, that I'm aware of... The president is protecting the United States and our interests. But the intelligence assessments have not really changed from what we were before." Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), who sits on the Foreign Relations Committee, confirmed Saturday night that American intelligence assessments on Iran have not changed. "I was briefed on the intelligence last week. Iran posed no imminent threat of attack to the United States," he wrote on social media. "Iran was not close to building a deliverable nuclear weapon."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-parliamentarian-tells-republicans-20250623	2025/06/23	
'There Is No Exit': Trump's Attacks on Iran Were Based on Vlies. Sources Say	Middle east conflict	Ultras processed foods are a fustion for the US health and human services (HHS) secretary, Robert F Kennedy Jr., a vaccine skeptic who believes the US industrialized food supply is a "primary culprit" behind many chronic diseases. The secretary has been less successful in reigning in food makers. Food advocates have described voluntary changes between the government and manufacturers "disappointing." Kennedy was criticized by congressional Republicans for targeting agricultural pesticides in the "Mafia" report before it was even released — showing the limits of Republicans appetite for regulation, then the report itself was riddled with errors, likely generated by AI. A key adviser to Kennedy, Calley Means, could directly benefit from one of the campaign's stated aims, popularizing "technology like wearables as cod, modern tools for measuring diet impact and taking control of your own health." Calley Means is a senior Kennedy adviser, and was hired as a special government employee to focus on food policy, according to Bloomberg. He founded a company that helps Americans get such wearable devices reimbursed tax-free through health savings accounts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/no-exit-trump-attacks-iran-141645298.html	2025/06/23	WTF??
Key RFK Jr. advisers stand to profit from a new federal health initiative	RFK JR.BS	Casey Means is Calley's sister. She also runs a healthcare start-up, although hers sells wearable devices such as continuous glucose monitors. She is Kennedy's nominee for US surgeon general, and a healthcare entrepreneur whose business sells continuous glucose monitors — one such wearable device. Calley Kennedy's company also works with Calley's company. Most estimates place Earth's human population at around 8.2 billion, but Jossias Ling-Ritter — a postdoctoral researcher at Aalto University in Finland and lead author of the study published in the journal Nature Communications — claims that these estimates could be underrepresenting rural areas by a significant margin. "We were surprised to find that the actual population living in rural areas is much higher than the global population data indicates—depending on the dataset, rural populations have been underestimated by between 53 percent to 84 percent over the period studied," Ling-Ritter said in a press statement. "The results are remarkable, as these datasets have been used in thousands of studies and extensively support decision-making, yet their accuracy has not been systematically evaluated."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/key-rfk-jr-advisers-stand-150012075.html	2025/06/23	
Qops, Scientists May Have Severely Miscalculated How Many Humans Are on Earth	Weird world	A giant stronghold might sound like something out of a science fair or a medieval battle—but one California startup is turning this idea into an revolutionary way to launch satellites. This system doesn't rely on fire or flame. Instead, it uses electricity and motion to hurl satellites into space, all while promising to cut down on cost and pollution.	https://www.thebrightside.news/space/qop-launch-catsquips-satellites	2025/06/23	
Spain Launches catsquips satellites into orbit without using a drop of fuel	Weird world	The woman is the only known carrier of a new blood type, dubbed "Gxida negative," the French Blood Establishment (EFG) said. The discovery was made 15 years after researchers received a blood sample from a patient who was undergoing routine tests ahead of a surgery. In a stunningly swift overnight change, some Texas farm operations had to shut down after losing virtually all of their workforce, an exodus triggered by the increase in immigration raids and increased enforcement. The ripple effects of these raids are the gift that keeps on giving and will be felt nationwide: unpicked crops are now left unharvested, livestock were left untended, and rural economies are on edge.	https://www.cbsnews.com/news/french-scientists-discover-new-blood-type/	2025/06/23	
French scientists discover new blood type in Quindaoise woman	Weird world	The judgment that neither the Constitution, nor the War Powers Resolution, a 1973 law meant to clarify and limit when the president can wage war, nor any bygone authorization to use military force, such as the one passed after 9/11, permitted the attack is one I share. But I don't just lament the death of a congressional vote out of concern for constitutional law. I also fear that bypassing Congress weakens American democracy. "Yesterday, in contrast, a lame-duck president who will never again be accountable at the ballot box went to war with Iran. There was no deliberation and no ability for voters to lobby their congressional representatives, and voters will be unable to credit or blame members of Congress for the outcome, or at least not as fully as if all were on the record voting yes or nay.	https://www.theatlantic.com/deep/archive/2025/06/americans-deserve-	2025/06/23	
Attacking Iran Without Congress's Blessing Leaves Citizens With No Recourse	Constitutional Crisis	Donald Trump has doubled down on claims "monumental damage" had been done to Iran's nuclear sites, as the head of the UN's nuclear agency said that while he anticipated "very significant damage" at the underground Fordow site, the agency had not been able to assess it. Trump, who has a reputation for hyperbole, again stated that the sites had been "obliterated" by this weekend's US-led bombings, in contrast with the more cautious language from the Pentagon and Israeli officials.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/23/trump-installs-monu	2025/06/23	
Trump installs 'monumental damage' done by US strikes in Iran but others are more cautious	Middle east conflict	One way Iran could retaliate, analysts say, is to close off the strait of Hormuz, a vital trade route, through which more than a fifth of the world's oil supply, 20m barrels, and much of its liquefied gas, passes each day. Iran has in the past threatened to close the strait, which would restrict trade and affect global oil prices, but has never followed through on the threat.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/23/that-is-the-strait-of-ho	2025/06/23	explainer
The strait of Hormuz: how could Iran close it and why does it matter to global trade?	Middle east conflict	Exactly a week later, sporting a "Make America great again" (MAGA) cap in the situation room, the American president ordered the biggest US military intervention in decades as more than 125 aircraft and 75 weapons — including 14 bunker-busting bombs — struck three Iranian nuclear sites. Trump called it a "spectacular military success" — but it remains unclear how much damage had actually been inflicted. Trump's gambit was cheered by Israel and Republican hawks. It alarmed some in his MAGA base who felt for his rhetoric promising to be an isolationist who would end forever wars. I left egg on the face of Pakistan, which only a day earlier had said it would nominate Trump for the Nobel peace prize.			
Trump's war with Iran signals perilous shift from showman to strongman	Trump Bullyshit	Trump's strike on Iran was another example of both his disregard for public opinion — six in 10 Americans opposed US military involvement in the conflict between Israel and Iran, according to an Economist/YouGov poll released on 17 June — and his contempt for Congress. Some fear that governing by claims of "national emergency" has become normalised under Trump, posing a threat to US civic society and political norms as he governs in a permanent crisis mode and authoritarian style. "In any emergency-power regime, it's crucial that the 'emergency' trigger be carefully defined and cautiously applied, lest the state of emergency become the new normal. Yet that seems to be exactly what Trump wants — to remain in perpetual crisis mode," said David Pozen, a Columbia University law professor.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/23/trump-iran-strongman	2025/06/23	
'Perpetual crisis mode': how Trump uses emergency declarations to push radical agenda	Trump Bullyshit	We're now seeing a very significant shift toward enforcement at labor sites where people are working," said Andrew Selee, president of the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute. "Not a focus on people with criminal records, but a focus on people who are deeply integrated in the American economy." In California, immigrant workers comprise bigger shares of certain industries than they do for the nation overall. Here, the foreign-born make up 62% of agriculture labor and 42% of construction workers, according to the American Immigration Council. About 85% of sewing machine operators in garment factories are foreign-born. Fully 40% of entrepreneurs are foreign-born. Nationally, about a quarter of workers are foreign-born in agriculture and construction, according to the American Immigration Council. More than half of drywall hangers, plasterers and stucco masons are foreign-born. And in science, technology, engineering and math — the so-called STEM fields — nearly a quarter of workers are foreign-born, said the council.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/23/migrants-disappe	2025/06/23	
I'm scared to death to leave my house; immigrants are disappearing from the streets - can US cities survive?	Economy-Immigration				

		Kat Cinnamack went to the emergency room in May 2024 where it was estimated she was five weeks into an ectopic pregnancy, there was no heartbeat and her life was at risk. Doctors determined she needed a shot of methotrexate to help expel her pregnancy but since Florida's six-week abortion ban had just taken effect medical staff were worried about losing their licenses or going to jail if they did. Abortion rights activists say the law created problems. Florida regulators say ectopic pregnancies are not abortions and are exempt from restrictions, but Molly Duane, with the Center for Reproductive Rights, told the Wall Street Journal the law does not define ectopic pregnancy, which can be difficult to diagnose.			
Republican representative's ectopic pregnancy clashes with Florida abortion law	Reproductive rights	Alison Haddock, the president of the American College of Emergency Physicians, told the outlet care in early pregnancy is a "medically complicated space" and that doctors in abortion-restricted states worry "whether their clinical judgment will stand should there be any prosecution". High pressure across the eastern US has funnelled up hot air from southern parts of the the country, resulting in what is known as a heat dome, initially across central regions on Friday, before spreading eastwards over the weekend. The temperatures rose significantly on Saturday, with Huron regional airport in South Dakota recording a high of 39-40° (102-81°), 13° above the average high in June for the region.	https://www.theguardian.com/us/news/2025/jun/22/hat-cinnamack-rupture	2025/06/23	
Weather tracker: US and Europe swelter in June heatwaves	Environment-Heat	Overall, 250 daily temperature records could be broken on Monday and Tuesday, including both record highs and record warm lows, making this heatwave particularly oppressive. A 69-year-old Mexican-born man has become the first ice detainee in at least a decade to die while being transported from a local jail to a federal detention center, and experts have warned there will likely be more such deaths amid the current administration's "mass deportation" push across the US.	https://www.theguardian.com/environmnet/2025/jun/23/weather-tracker	2025/06/23	
'Ticking time bomb': Ice detainee dies in transit as experts say more deaths likely	Borders and Immigration	Abelardo Arellano Delgado's exact cause of death remains under investigation, according to ICE, but the Guardian's reporting reveals a confusing and at times contradictory series of events surrounding the incident. The death occurred as private companies with little to no oversight are increasingly tasked with transporting more immigration detainees across the US, in pursuit of the Trump administration's recently-announced target of arresting 3,000 people a day.	https://www.theguardian.com/us/news/2025/jun/22/ice-detainee-death	2025/06/23	
GOP tax bill would ease regulations on gun silencers and some rifles and shotguns	Gun Laws	The massive tax and spending cuts package that President Donald Trump wants on his desk by July 4 would loosen regulations on gun silencers and certain types of rifles and shotguns, advancing a longtime priority of the gun industry as Republican leaders in the House and Senate try to win enough votes to pass the bill. ... Democrats are fighting to stop the provision, which was unveiled days after two Minnesota state legislators were shot in their homes, as the bill speeds through the Senate. They argue that loosening regulations on silencers could make it easier for criminals and active shooters to conceal their weapons.	https://apnews.com/articles/gop-tax-bill-big-beautiful-trump-senate-guns-2fd	2025/06/23	
Hegseth's call for 'peace' shows Trump thinks he can have it both ways despite his punishing Iran 'hammer' strike	Middle east conflict	But as the president and his top deputies laid out their own vision for the future, they described a one-and-done effort to set Iran's weapon development efforts back 'years' while claiming that the administration remained committed to avoiding a Bush-style invasion aimed at toppling the Iranian government. And Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth declared of the U.S. president earlier Sunday at a press conference: "He seeks peace, and Iran should take that path."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/hegseth	2025/06/23	
Heat stroke signs and symptoms – and how to avoid it during a heatwave	Health- Heat	But Iranian officials have already dismissed the idea of letting Saturday's action go unanswered. Mild forms of heat-related illness include heat cramps and heat rash, both of which can be caused by extensive sweating during hot conditions. Cooling the body and drinking cool fluids can help. When heat-related illnesses progress into heat exhaustion, the situation is more serious. Heat exhaustion includes symptoms such as dizziness, nausea, excessive sweating, feeling weak, thirst and getting a headache. Heat exhaustion is a signal that the body is losing its ability to maintain a stable core temperature. Immediate action such as moving to a cool, ideally air-conditioned space, drinking liquids, loosening clothes and applying wet cloths are some of the recommended steps that can help keep heat exhaustion from progressing to the most dangerous form of heat-related illness, heat stroke. Heat stroke is a medical emergency. At this point, the body can no longer maintain a stable core temperature. A body with heat stroke can reach 106 degrees Fahrenheit or higher rapidly, and that heat can quickly damage the brain, heart and kidneys.	https://www.the-independent.com/life-style/health-and-families/heat-stroke	2025/06/23	
Israeli officials see "significant" damage to Iran's nuclear facilities	Middle east conflict	Israeli intelligence services believe U.S. and Israeli strikes caused "very significant" damage to Iran's nuclear facilities, with some officials perplexed by a leaked U.S. intelligence report that suggested otherwise. The emerging Israeli assessment presents a far more optimistic view of the operation than a preliminary report from the Defense Intelligence Agency, which assessed the strikes may have set Iran back only a few months. President Trump's claim that Iran's nuclear program has been "obliterated" came under scrutiny Tuesday after the DIA report was leaked to CNN, the New York Times, Washington Post and multiple other outlets. The leak infuriated the White House, which rejected the findings as "fake news" and accused anonymous officials of seeking to undermine Trump.	https://www.axes.com/2025/06/25/iran-nuclear-program-israel-damage	2025/06/25	
Behind the Curtain: An AI Marshall Plan	Technology- AI	If politics and public debate were a rational, fact-based exercise, the government, business and the media would be obsessed with preparation for the unfolding AI revolution — rather than ephemeral outrage eruptions. That's not how Washington works. So while CEOs, Silicon Valley and a few experts inside government see AI as an opportunity, and threat, worthy of a modern Marshall Plan, most of America — and Congress — shrugs. 1. A global American-led AI super-alliance: President Trump, like President Biden before him, sees beating China to superhuman AI as an existential battle. 2. A domestic Marshall Plan: The Marshall Plan was America's commitment to rebuild Europe from the ruins of World War II. Now, the U.S. needs unfathomable amounts of data, chips, energy and infrastructure to produce AI. 3. A congressional kill switch: There's no appetite in Washington to regulate artificial intelligence, mainly out of fear China would then beat the U.S. to the most important technological advance in history. 4. A CEO AI surge: Anthropic's Dario Amodei told Axios that half of entry-level, white-collar jobs could be gone in a few years because of AI. Almost every CEO tells us they're slowing or freezing hiring across many departments, where AI is expected to displace humans.	https://www.axes.com/2025/06/25/ai-united-states-government-plan	2025/06/25	
Exclusive: Thune urges "light touch" on AI regulations	Technology- AI	Senate Majority Leader John Thune expects some form of freeze on state AI regulations to remain in the "big, beautiful bill" — even as his Republicans keep debating the move. It's been ten years since the Supreme Court's landmark Obergefell v. Hodges decision legalized same-sex marriage across the U.S. But Jim Obergefell, the case's lead plaintiff, says the fight is far from over — marriage equality remains under threat. In recent years, anti-LGBTQ+ bills have flooded statehouses, and President Trump's victory has emboldened the GOP's anti-trans blitz.	https://www.axes.com/2025/06/25/thune-ai-moratorium-big-beautiful-bill	2025/06/25	
A decade after Obergefell, LGBTQ+ rights remain under threat	Rainbow threats	Shannon Miller, the National Center for LGBTQ Rights' legal director who served as lead counsel in a landmark California marriage equality case, said he's never seen a moment of such "intense, comprehensive, vicious backlash" against the community. Jenny Fizer, the chief legal officer at Lambda Legal and a driving force in the fight for marriage equality, hears the "seething echoes of past attacks" today. But the "magnitude and the speed" of the administration's actions makes this moment singular.	https://www.axes.com/2025/06/25/obergefell-decade-lgbtq-rights-threat	2025/06/25	
Andrew Cuomo concedes to Zohran Mamdani in NYC mayoral primary	Elections- Primary	Former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo conceded to state assemblyman Zohran Mamdani in New York City's Democratic mayoral primary on Tuesday night. Mamdani, a 33-year-old democratic socialist, is on course for an earthquake victory after running an extraordinary grassroots campaign focused on affordability in America's largest city. Mamdani was leading 10 other Democrats — including his top opponent, scandal-ridden Cuomo — in the first round of the ranked-choice election of late Tuesday night. Mamdani's policy proposals include rent freezes, free buses, and city-run grocery stores, all funded by \$10 billion in new taxes on corporations and the wealthy.	https://www.axes.com/2025/06/25/zohran-mamdani-new-york-city-pim	2025/06/25	
Scoop: Trump admin cuts contracts with scientific publishing giant	Information- Blackout	The Trump administration has terminated millions worth of funding for Springer Nature, a German-owned scientific publishing giant that has long received payments for subscriptions from National Institutes of Health and other agencies, Axios has learned. President Trump and MAGA have made a push to target academic institutions as well as research organizations perceived to be the source of so-called "woke" ideology, including DEI and gender-affirming care policies, by withholding federal funding and in some cases initiating legal action.	https://www.axes.com/2025/06/25/trump-cuts-contracts-scientific-publi	2025/06/25	
Scoop: Trump denies 9 former Biden aides executive privilege	Trump Bulfith	The Trump White House has decided that nine former senior Biden aides won't be protected by executive privilege during their interviews for a congressional probe into Joe Biden's mental fitness for office. The White House's move means the former Biden aides will have to answer questions about their private conversations with Biden, unless they or Biden try to challenge the decision in court.	https://www.axes.com/2025/06/25/biden-investigation-congress-aides	2025/06/25	petty
CEOs worry about effect of tariffs on the economy	Economy- Tariffs	A large share of U.S. companies cut back, postponed or canceled spending in the first half of the year due to trade concerns, per a survey of chief financial officers released this morning. 40% of those surveyed said they've postponed or canceled capital spending. Separately, 40% said tariffs and trade policy are a pressing concern, up from zero two years ago. Zoom out: Overall, 23% of respondents predicted negative year-ahead economic growth, compared to 15% in the previous quarter.	https://www.axes.com/2025/06/25/cefs-chief-financial-officers-econor	2025/06/25	
The tariff clock is ticking with just two weeks left	Economy- Tariffs	When the Trump administration paused sweeping tariffs in early April, it promised 90 trade deals in 90 days that would fundamentally reshape the global economic order. With two weeks to go, there's one deal, one shaky detente and maximum uncertainty about the rest.	https://www.axes.com/2025/06/25/trump-tariffs-china-mexico-canada	2025/06/25	
Rage and mistrust course through Congress on Iran Demands furm at "unserious" Trump impeachment vote	Politics- Impeachment	Skepticism is raging in Democratic quarters that U.S. strikes against Iran's nuclear facilities were not as successful as President Trump described them. On nearly all issues, foreign and domestic, there's a massive trust deficit between the White House and congressional Democrats. Add Iran's nuclear capabilities to that list. House Democrats privately vented their fury Tuesday about what they said is a "premature" and "unhelpful" vote on impeaching President Trump for his strikes on Iran.	https://www.axes.com/2025/06/24/congress-iran-briefings-trump	2025/06/25	
Housing market at risk of "sustained downturn" as price growth cools	Economy- Housing	The risk of a "sustained downturn" in the housing market is rising, as home prices show further signs of cooling off. Home prices rose 2.7% in April, compared with a year earlier, down from a 3.5% jump in March, according to the S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price NSA Index released Tuesday. April's is the smallest annual price gain in nearly two years, S&P noted.	https://www.axes.com/2025/06/24/housing-market-price-growth-april	2025/06/25	
ICE in hot water: Dozens of US citizens wrongfully deported in shocking immigration blunder	Government- ICE	In a startling revelation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has deported dozens of U.S. citizens over the years, raising serious concerns about civil rights violations and the integrity of immigration enforcement. The idea that American citizens can be deported seems unthinkable—but that's exactly what has happened. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) confirmed that between 2015 and 2020, ICE arrested 674 individuals who were potentially U.S. citizens, detained 121 of them, and ultimately deported 70 people from the country. Migrant insider emphasized that "The actual number likely be much higher," citing inadequate safeguards and record-keeping by ICE.	https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/us/ice-in-hot-4	2025/06/25	
What to know about Florida's planned "Alligator Airlift"	Political- Cesspool	In less than a week's time, a proposal to build an immigration detention center on an airstrip in the Everglades went from a controversial idea to getting the green light from the federal government. The facility have lasting environmental impacts on a stretch of wilderness that's vital to Florida's ecosystem and is set to cost the state about \$450 million a year, the Miami Herald reported.	https://www.axes.com/breaking/insiam/2025/06/24/florida-alligator-airlift-2	2025/06/25	
Exclusive: Thune plans make-or-break weekend votes on 'big, beautiful bill'	Government- Budget	Senate Majority Leader John Thune expects to start voting Friday on President Trump's "one big, beautiful bill," he told Axios in an exclusive interview on Tuesday. This would have them voting into the weekend, and it would upend the House's recent next week. But the (R-S-D) is confident Congress will meet its self-imposed July 4 deadline to get a bill on Trump's desk.	https://www.axes.com/2025/06/25/john-thune-trump-big-beautiful-bill	2025/06/25	
Scientists use bacteria to turn plastic waste into paracetamol	Weird world	Bacteria can be used to turn plastic waste into painkillers, researchers have found, opening up the possibility of a more sustainable process for producing the drugs. Chemists have discovered E. coli can be used to create paracetamol, also known as acetaminophen, from a material produced in the laboratory from plastic bottles. "People don't realise that paracetamol comes from oil currently," said Prof Stephen Wallace, the lead author of the research from the University of Edinburgh. "What this technology shows is that by merging chemistry and biology in this way for the first time, we can make paracetamol more sustainably and clean up plastic waste from the environment at the same time."	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/jun/23/scientists-use-e-coli	2025/06/25	weird world or real world

		Common garden snails and slugs could now be considered venomous, according to scientists. In a study that shakes up the definition of venom, researchers explain it's not just the bites of snakes and spiders that are classed as venomous, but also the saliva of aphids and the chemicals released by slugs.			
Garden slugs and snails could now be considered venomous, study finds	Weird world	This change in definition will mean that tens of thousands of additional species could now be considered venomous. Now it appears it may not have. According to a still-classified assessment by the Defense Intelligence Agency, the bombs did not "obliterate" Iran's Fordo enrichment site as President Trump initially claimed. Instead, the strikes did only limited damage to the advanced centrifuges kept there. At most, the program was set back "a few months," according to a U.S. official who confirmed the assessment's existence to NPR but remained anonymous because they were not authorized to speak to the press. Over many hundreds of years, a number of words have emerged that abbreviate "brother" including "bro," "bro" and now "bruh." The earliest evidence of an abbreviated use of "brother" is with the word "bro," used as early as the 16th century, said Jesse Sheddower, former editor-at-large of the Oxford English Dictionary and an adjunct professor at Columbia University. "Bro" usually came before "a man's name or to a character, especially the name of an animal," Sheddower said. In African American folklore, we see "bro" being used in this way during the 19th century, especially in the Caribbean and Southern U.S., he said. The first known use of the word "bruh" appeared much later, in the 1890s, according to Merriam Webster.	https://www.the-independent.com/news/uk/home-news/slugs-snails-venom-2025-06-25	2025/06/25	
Why America's giant bunker-busting bombs may have failed to reach their target	Middle east conflict		https://www.npr.org/2025/06/25/mx-st-544397284/americas-bunker-bust	2025/06/25	
Brother to Bruh: How Gen Alpha slang has its origins in the 16th century	Weird world	The best solution during a heat wave is to avoid being outside during the hottest parts of the day and staying inside as much as possible. If you do have to be outside, drink water — and then drink more, and more. Also, wear a brimmed hat. But an important tip is to make sure your air conditioner's filters are clean, says Kevin Kircher, assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Purdue University. "If you don't know when your filters were last replaced, it's probably time," he writes in an email. "For folks who don't have air conditioning," Kircher says, "or whose air conditioners can't keep up with extreme heat, public places with air conditioning are a great resource. Public libraries often function informally as cooling centers for vulnerable members of their communities."	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/25/mx-st-54439929/bruh-meaning-explains	2025/06/25	
Long- and short-term solutions to keep yourself and your home cool in a heat wave	Environment-Heat	"The root cause of a lot of discomfort is a house that is leaky," Adams says. "So one of the key things to look at is where you can seal up the house." An influential committee that helps craft federal vaccine policy and recommendations for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention begins a two-day meeting in Atlanta Wednesday. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or ACIP, often meets in obscurity, but was thrown into the spotlight two weeks ago when Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. fired all 17 seated members of the panel and replaced them with a smaller selection of his own. The committee meets over the objections of Senators Bill Cassidy, R-La., and Patty Murray, D-Wash., chair and former chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee, who have both called for the meeting to be postponed over concerns about the new committee members.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/24/mx-st-5443565/air-conditioner-heatwave	2025/06/25	
RFK Jr.'s picks for CDC vaccine advisers meet this week amid controversy	RFK JR BS	We love this place, we adore this place, says customer, José Morales, 31, who has been coming here with his family his whole life. "And look at it right now, it looks like a ghost-town. Being realistic, people are just scared because of ICE."	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/06/25/mx-st-5438	2025/06/25	
This beloved Mexican market in LA is losing business amid immigration raids	Nazi Checklist	The presence of federal agents have kept many immigrants away from public life out of fear that they too could be detained.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/20/mx-st-54323543/trump-immigration-ice-2	2025/06/25	
Brazilian tourist found dead after falling from an Indonesian volcano	Tragic	A young Brazilian hiker who fell hundreds of meters from the ridge of a towering Indonesian volcano and was trapped there for almost four days was found dead on Tuesday, Brazil's government said. For days, millions of people in Brazil had watched, posted and prayed as rescuers tried to locate her.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/25/mx-st-5444787/brazilian-tourist-indonesian-volcano	2025/06/25	
A lid on a pot: How does a heat dome work?	Environment-Heat	A heat dome is bringing oppressive heat to the eastern half of the contiguous U.S., with forecasters warning people in those areas to take precautions to cope with extreme high temperatures. The phenomenon occurs when high pressure ridges and traps warm air near the surface, while also suppressing clouds and precipitation. "It almost acts like a lid on a pot," the National Weather Service's Alex Lamers told NPR, discussing how a heat dome works. Lamers is the operations branch chief at the Weather Prediction Center. "If you've made grilled cheese in a pan and you put a lid on there, it melts the cheese faster because the lid helps trap the heat," Lamers said. "It's a similar concept here: You get a big high-pressure system in the upper parts of the atmosphere and it allows that heat to build underneath over multiple days." An illustrated gif shows a scene with a larger-than-life cup of ice water standing in for a swimming pool. A person stands at the top of a high dive in red swim trunks and when a cloud moves away from the sun, the person dives into the water.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/24/mx-st-74358/heat-dome-hot-weather-explains	2025/06/25	
Salvadoran journalist's arrest in Georgia sets 'warning precedent'	Journalists	The arrest of Salvadoran journalist Mario Guevara in Georgia earlier this month highlights the risks journalists who are not citizens face under a Trump administration aggressively pursuing mass deportations. Guevara is currently in Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody after he live streamed his own arrest by local law enforcement for alleged unlawful assembly and obstruction of officers on June 14 while covering a "No Kongs" protest in DeKalb County. How do you save the lives of over 150 million children? The answer: Childhood vaccinations. Just over 50 years ago, the World Health Organization launched its Essential Programme on Immunization. Since then, vaccination rates have improved dramatically and researchers estimate that 4.4 billion people have been reached and 154 million childhood deaths have been avoided. "Another example: Twenty-one of 36 high-income countries saw a decline in vaccination rates for at least one of the immunizations that WHO promoted back when I launched its immunization program — vaccines to prevent such diseases as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles and polio. Take Finland, for instance. It saw an 8% drop in the children receiving the third dose of their diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccination. In Austria, there was a 6% decline. This accident never should have happened, said Homendy. "The safety deficiencies that led to this accident should have been evident to Boeing," as well as to regulators at the FAA. "The board concluded that the probable cause of the accident was "Boeing's failure to provide adequate training, guidance, and oversight" to its factory workers, according to a meeting summary released by the NTSB.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/24/mx-st-5440286/mario-guevara-salvador	2025/06/25	
The good news (154 million deaths avoided) and bad news about childhood vaccines	Health-Vaccines		https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/06/24/mx-st-741707	2025/06/25	
NTSB faults Boeing for lack of safety protocols in 737 Max door plug blowout	Aviation		https://www.npr.org/2025/06/24/mx-st-5442564/ntsb-boeing-737-max-8	2025/06/25	
Fired Justice Department lawyer accuses agency of planning to defy court orders	Government-DOJ	A longtime government lawyer told Congress that Justice Department leaders planned to knowingly defy court orders and withhold information from judges to advance the Trump administration's aggressive deportation goals, according to a newly published whistleblower complaint.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/24/mx-st-743115/justice-department-immigration	2025/06/25	
US health secretary Kennedy says he brought back 772 CDC employees, 228 at NIH	Government-CDC	U.S. health secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said on Tuesday that he has rehired 942 employees who were laid off from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health. "I brought 772 people back to CDC, I brought 220 people back to NIH because we were not able to perform our job," Kennedy told the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Health in a hearing on his department's 2026 budget request.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-health-secretary-kennedy-says-15040	2025/06/25	
Trump says no vacations until Congress passes his message bill	Government-Budget	Speaker Mike Johnson warned House Republicans Tuesday that their Independence Day deadline to pass the bill is in jeopardy as the House waits for the Senate to complete its changes to the One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act and the speaker sticks to the Fourth of July deadline. Both Israel and Iran were quick to claim victory. An Israeli military spokesman said Wednesday that the strikes on Iran had set the country's nuclear program back by "many years," while President Trump told reporters at a NATO summit in the Netherlands that Iran's enrichment work was put back "basically decades."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-no-vacations-until-175922681	2025/06/25	
Israel-Iran truce holds, but Iran threatens to accelerate nuclear work	Middle east conflict	Officials in the Islamic Republic have made it clear that, regardless of the damage actually caused to Iran's nuclear program, the country's theocratic rulers intended to not only resume, but accelerate its enrichment work — and without any oversight by the United Nations' atomic watchdog agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/israel-iran-truce-holds-iran-1140530881	2025/06/25	
NATO leaders agree to hike military spending and restore 'ironclad commitment' to collective defense	International-NATO	The 32 leaders endorsed a final summit statement saying "Allies commit to invest 5% of GDP annually on core defense requirements as well as defense- and security-related spending by 2035 to ensure our individual and collective obligations." Spain had already officially announced that it cannot meet the target, and others have voiced reservations, but the investment pledge includes a review of spending in 2029 to monitor progress and reassess the security threat posed by Russia.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nato-leaders-agree-hike-military-spending-180842224	2025/06/25	
Abortion in America: 3 years after Roe's repeal, in 7 charts	Reproductive rights	Research released earlier this year found that strict abortion bans do appear to have resulted in more than 20,000 more babies being born than would otherwise be expected in restrictive states, particularly among Black and Hispanic mothers and people with low incomes. But that same research found a troubling increase in infant mortality within those same groups. A separate study by the Gender Equity Policy Institute estimated that mothers in restrictive states are twice as likely to die due to pregnancy-related complications as those in more "supportive" states.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/abortion-in-america-3-years-after-roes-repeal-144022740.html	2025/06/25	
Key GOP senator warns Medicaid cuts could spell political disaster for Republicans	Government-Medicaid	Sen. Tom Tillis (R-N.C.), one of the most vulnerable Senate Republican incumbents facing reelection in 2026, warned Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) privately in a private meeting Tuesday that deep cuts to Medicaid could cost Republicans control of the House and Senate, according to a person familiar with the conversation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/key-gop-senator-warns-medicare-10000	2025/06/25	
Pediatrician In Congress Tells RFK Jr.: I Will Blame You For All Vaccine-Preventable Deaths	RFK JR BS	Rep. Kim Schrier (D-Wash.) on Tuesday tore into Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. for his decades of lies about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, saying she will blame him every time someone dies from a vaccine-preventable disease on his watch. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) doesn't feel bad for them — and has argued, in fact, that stripping their health care is the "moral" thing to do. Johnson's message to these millions of people on Tuesday was to insult them. "For heaven's sake, do something constructive," he said at a press conference on Capitol Hill, arguing the legislation simply brings "common sense" to the Medicaid program. Some of these savings would be achieved by imposing work requirements on all supposedly "able-bodied" adults on Medicaid under the age of 65, demanding they either work or volunteer at least 20 hours a week. Medicaid contains strict income caps mandating that recipients earn life money — so the new work requirements are effectively a demand that recipients bid in low-wage jobs in order to maintain their health insurance. In reality, many people on Medicaid cannot work but have not been approved for disability payments; they would lose coverage under the legislation. The same goes for people on Medicaid who act as caregivers for relatives or friends. But these are not the only people likely to lose coverage under the bill. Most people on Medicaid already do, in fact, work — and they, too, could lose their insurance as a result of the bill's passage.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pediatrician-congress-tells-rfk-jr-2111014	2025/06/25	
Mike Johnson Mocks Millions Who Could Lose Medicaid: 'Do Something Constructive'	Political-Cespool	Despite issuing guidance that measles can be treated with simple vitamins, Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. admitted Tuesday that he's never actually had to help someone recover from the disease before.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-admits-knows-nothing-190842224	2025/06/25	
RFK Jr. Admits He Knows Nothing About Actually Treating Measles	RFK JR BS	Cassidy, a medical doctor, chairs the Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. He was a vital voice in support of Kennedy's confirmation as health secretary, who Cassidy said made several commitments — including not making any changes to the panel, which makes vaccine recommendations and outlines vaccination schedules for children.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-admits-knows-nothing-190842224	2025/06/25	
GOP senator who voted for RFK Jr. despite misgivings is now calling for stop to Trump HHS boss' vaccine panel	Political-Cespool	One appointee, a former HHS DOCE staffer named Brad Smith, now runs a for-profit medical company. The other, Calley Means, is still in the Trump administration. Prior to that, he co-founded a company that sells medical equipment that can be bought with pretax dollars.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-senator-voted-rfk-jr-144022740.html	2025/06/25	
Presentation for CDC advisers appears to cite inconsistent study to support claims about risk of vaccine preservative	Government-CDC	A presentation slated to be shared at this week's meeting of vaccine advisers to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention claimed that a study in animals suggested that use of the vaccine preservative thimerosal can have "long-term consequences in the brain." But the study doesn't appear to exist.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/presentation-cdc-advisers-appears-cite-0	2025/06/25	

		Rep. Kim Schrier (D-Wash.) accused Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. of lying to Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.) when he told the senator he would maintain a key federal vaccine advisory committee "without changes."				
		"Now I know Sen. Cassidy had concerns about your views on this, and so when he voted to confirm you as Secretary of HHS on Feb. 4, he explained that decision by saying on the Senate floor that, 'If confirmed, you will maintain the CDC's Advisory Committee on immunization Practices without changes.'" Schrier recounted.				
		"But then two weeks ago you fired all 17 experts on that very committee. Mr. Secretary, question for you, did you lie to Sen. Cassidy when you told him you would not change this panel of experts?" Schrier asked.				
		Kennedy denied ever making that commitment to Cassidy and said if the Louisiana senator said as much, then that was "inaccurate."				
		"I just want to tell you that for most of us sitting here right now, we believe Sen. Cassidy more than we need to when it comes to vaccinations. It sounds to me like you gave him the answer he needed to hear in order to get his confirmation vote, and then as soon as you were secretary, you turned around and did whatever you want. You fired all 17 members," Schrier said. "You lied to Sen. Cassidy."				
Democrat tells RFK Jr.: 'You lied to Sen. Cassidy'	RFK JR BS	A former leader of the anti-vaccine group Children's Health Defense will present this week on theoretical in flu vaccines at a meeting of the newly appointed vaccine advisers to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, according to a CDC official with knowledge of the decision who wasn't authorized to reveal the information.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/democrat-tells-rfk-jr-lied-17465803.html	2025/06/25	
Former leader of anti-vaccine group founded by RFK Jr. to present at first meeting of new CDC vaccine advisers	Government-CDC	The presenter, Lyn Redwood, is a nurse practitioner with experience in pediatrics and family medicine, according to a bio posted on Children's Health Defense's website, which notes she is president emerita of the organization. She previously served as president of the World Mercury Project in 2016, which "expanded its mission" two years later to become Children's Health Defense, which was founded by current US Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/former-leader-anti-vaccine-group-183449	2025/06/25	
RFK Jr.: How to destroy vaccination	RFK JR BS	Kennedy's hijacking of this committee will only give his critics more fuel, said The Wall Street Journal in an editorial. Two of his appointees served as paid expert witnesses in lawsuits against vaccine manufacturers, and though Kennedy described one as a George Washington University professor, the school said he hasn't taught there in eight years. Another is an MIT business professor with no medical credentials who has vocally opposed Covid vaccines. Kennedy argued that re-making the ACIP "would restore public trust in vaccines," but "he's on a path to do the opposite."		https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-destroy-vaccination-220211567.htm	2025/06/25	
RFK Jr.'s Public Health Plan? Get Every American to Buy a Wearable Device	RFK JR BS	My vision is every American is wearing a wearable within four years, he told a House subcommittee today. "It's a way of people taking control over their own health. They can take responsibility. They can see...what food is doing to their glucose levels, their heart rates, and a number of other metrics as they eat it."		https://tech.yahoo.com/vesarables/articles/rfk-jr-public-health-plan-2029	2025/06/25	
Trump is still 'stinging' from brutal TACO jibe, a member of his family claims, so he decided to attack him	Trump Bullshit	The estranged niece of President Donald Trump has accused him of bombing Iran because he "wasn't getting enough attention" and claims he was likely still "stinging" as a result of his brutal new nickname from critics.				
		"As a country, we are at war and the man who led us into this war is a corrupt, degraded, ignorant know-nothing who acted illegally to plunge us into a potentially catastrophic situation without the consent of Congress because, despite the fact that he is the president of the United States of America and arguably the most recognized figure on the planet, he wasn't getting enough attention," Mary Trump wrote Sunday on Substack.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-still-stinging-brutal-taco-2048213f	2025/06/25	
		After Kennedy conceded that he had not fact-checked the report, Ruiz pointed out that the document had several citation errors, with references to papers that do not exist.				
		"How does that happen under your leadership, sir?" Ruiz asked. Kennedy responded by telling the congressman that "all of the foundational assertions in that report are accurate."				
Lying and dishonest: RFK Jr. grilled over error-ridden MHA report during House hearing	RFK JR BS	"They did not exist," Ruiz interjected. "How can they be accurate if they did not exist, sir?"		https://www.yahoo.com/news/lying-dishonest-rfk-jr-grilled-214420645.h	2025/06/25	
Kimar Abrego Garcia is expected to be released from jail only to be taken into immigration custody	Borders and Immigration	Kimar Abrego Garcia is expected to be released from jail in Tennessee on Wednesday, only to be taken into immigration custody.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/kinar-abrego-garcia-expected-released-4	2025/06/25	
		Mike German, a former FBI agent, said officers' widespread use of masks was unprecedented in US law enforcement and a sign of a rapidly eroding democracy. "Masking symbolizes the drift of law enforcement away from democratic controls," he said.				
		But, German argued, the longterm consequences could be severe. The practice could erode trust in the US law enforcement agencies. "When it's hard to tell who a masked individual is working for, it's hard to accept that that is a legitimate use of authority," he noted.				
The alarming rise of US officers hiding behind masks: 'A police state'	Nazi Checklist	And, he said, when real agents use masks more frequently, it becomes easier for impostors to operate.		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/25/immigration-officers	2025/06/25	
		In the public consciousness, ICE has become defined as Trump's personal rogue agency doing his bidding regardless of accepted norms and laws. They have become a kind of domestic enforcer for Maga's agenda, rounding up "illegal" and deporting what they say are criminals to El Salvador, to face just a place without trials. When Trump promised "retribution" in the lead-up to his second presidency, activists say these are now the soldiers carrying it out.		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/24/ice-trump-administr	2025/06/25	
'Clouded in mystery': how ICE became a rogue agency, that does Trump's bidding	Government-ICE	The social media echo chamber, amplified by easy access to weapons, draws a variety of misfits, conspiracyists and millionaires nuts out of the woodwork. But by any objective measure, political violence is primarily counterevolutionary violence, and at the moment, that is most obviously of a type edged on by Maga rhetoric and the dehumanising and mocking of victims.		https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/trump-political-violence-shooting	2025/06/25	
Political violence is becoming the new normal of Trump's America	Political Violence	White House deputy chief of staff Stephen Miller: the architect of much of the "Trump administration" s anti-immigration agenda, owns up to \$250,000 dollars in stock in government contractor Palantir, according to disclosures.				
		The investment, held in one of Miller's children's brokerage accounts, raises conflict of interest red flags as the tech company continues to play a substantial role in the work of U.S. immigration officials.				
Stephen Miller owns stock in ICE contractor Palantir — a company powering deportations	Political Cesspool			https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/stephe	2025/06/25	
A Houston woman called the cops to report domestic abuse. They then called ICE.	Nazi Checklist	Police called Immigration and Customs Enforcement on a Houston mother after she reported her ex-husband for domestic abuse.		https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/housto	2025/06/25	
		Democratic leaders largely rallied behind former Gov. Andrew Cuomo in New York's mayoral primary, and Mandant's shocking victory Tuesday was the latest example of the party's establishment being disconnected from many of its own voters.				
Democratic establishment melts down over Mandant's win in New York	Elections-Primary	On Wednesday, many Democratic lawmakers and officials either denounced Mandant or notably declined to rally around him. Republicans — including President Trump — crowded about Democrats embracing a democratic socialist who has called for reduced police funding and sided with Palestinians in the Gaza war.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/25/democrats-zohran-mandant-meltdo	2025/06/26	
		Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) wants to know what President Trump is "hiding" after the White House decided to limit the classified intel it shares with Congress, as Axios scooped earlier today.				
Leaks are a problem: Congress feuds over Trump limits on sharing intel	National Security	Democrats see the Trump decision — made after an alleged leak of intelligence earlier this week — as a significant escalation in what they say is the White House's attempt to stonewall Congress about the Iran conflict.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/26/congress-iran-classified-intel-leaks-4	2025/06/26	
		More than two dozen U.S. states have trigger laws that would limit marriage equality if the Supreme Court overturned its legalization of gay marriage.				
		This means about 60% of LGBTQ+ adults live in states where access to marriage equality would change if Obergefell were struck down, according to the Movement Advancement Project.				
		Republican lawmakers this year have backed ballot measures to undermine same-sex couples' right to marry.				
		Measures seeking to reverse the Obergefell decision have been introduced in Idaho, Michigan, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota, NBC News reported in February.				
Here's where same-sex marriage would be banned without Obergefell	Rainbow Threats	In Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas, lawmakers have introduced bills that don't explicitly refer to the Supreme Court ruling but would create a category called "covenant marriage" for one man and one woman.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/26/marriage-equality-bans-trigger-laws	2025/06/26	
		Running AI on devices instead of in the cloud slashes power consumption of queries by about 90%, the study finds.				
Moving AI compute to phones massively reduces power use, study finds	Technology-AI	Running any of six different models on the phones consumed anywhere from 75% to 95% less power, with associated sharp decreases in water consumption and overall carbon footprints.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/26/ai-compute-phones-qualcomm	2025/06/26	
		Kids ages 2 through 19 consumed an average of 11.4% of their daily calories from fast food on a given day between August 2021 and August 2023, according to data from the CDC's National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.				
		That's down from an average of nearly 14% in 2013 and 2014, per CDC data.				
		For adults age 20 and up, average calories from fast food fell from about 14% in 2013 and 2014 to 11.7% during mid-2021 to mid-2023.				
Fast food consumption decreased, CDC data shows	Health-Food	Food reported as "restaurant fast food/pizza" on survey responses was considered fast food for these analyses, CDC's data brief said.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/26/fast-food-consumption-decreased-g	2025/06/26	
		The first meeting of Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s handpicked vaccine advisory board on Wednesday featured plenty of anti-vaccine talking points — and its proceedings didn't stick to the script.				
		It was revealed that one of Kennedy's eight appointees withdrew during the required financial review, leaving the board with only seven members.				
RFK Jr. vaccine panel's rocky debut	RFK JR BS	The leading professional association of pediatricians publicly boycotted the proceedings. And planned votes on recommendations for RSV vaccines were postponed when the committee ran out of time.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/26/rfk-vaccine-board-controversy-med	2025/06/26	
		President Trump called on Wednesday for Israel Prime Minister Netanyahu's corruption trial to be "cancelled immediately" or for giving him a pardon.				
		Trump's comments in a post on his Truth Social account were an unprecedented intervention by a U.S. president in a legal proceeding in another democratic ally.				
In an unusual intervention, Trump calls for canceling Netanyahu's corruption trial	International Relations	"It was the United States of America that saved Israel, and now it is going to be the United States of America that saves Bibi Netanyahu," Trump wrote.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/25/trump-cancel-netanyahu-corruption-	2025/06/26	
		While New York City's politics can't be extrapolated for the entire U.S., the conditions for his win are worth studying.				
		-His sharp, creative social media presence was perfectly tailored for Gen Z.				
		-His top opponent was deeply flawed.				
		-Mandant cross-endorsed with NYC Comptroller Brad Lander.				
		-The campaign appealed to New York's diverse population, with 21,000 volunteers speaking more than a dozen languages.				
		-It had a dominant issue: affordability, with proposals including rent freezes, free buses, free childcare and city-run grocery stores.				
Zohran Mandant's campaign was a perfect storm	Election Playbook	-His charisma and youth are undeniable, in a moment when Democrats are struggling to connect with young people and elevate new generations to leadership.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/25/zohran-mandant-campaign-success	2025/06/26	
		Top congressional Democrats are furious over President Trump's decision to limit intelligence sharing with Capitol Hill after the alleged leaks of preliminary assessments about the U.S. strike on Iranian nuclear sites.				
Democrats rage as Trump limits classified intel sharing with Congress	Political Cesspool	Democrats see the Trump decision as a significant escalation in what they say is the White House's attempt to stonewall Congress about the Iran conflict.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/25/democrats-iran-trump-classified-intel	2025/06/26	
		This isn't about national security—it's about Trump's insecurity. President Trump is cutting off intelligence to Congress, raising one clear question: what is he hiding? Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) told Axios in a statement.				
		The U.S. and Iran will meet next week to discuss a potential nuclear deal, President Trump claimed at a press conference at the end of the NATO summit on Wednesday.				
Trump claims U.S. and Iran will hold meeting next week	International Relations	Iran has not publicly confirmed any planned meetings with U.S. officials, which would come just a week after Trump ordered an unprecedented military strike on Iran's nuclear facilities.		https://www.axios.com/2025/06/25/trump-iran-meeting-nuclear-deal-43r	2025/06/26	
		Speaking to reporters while attending the NATO summit in the Netherlands, Trump said he was confident the conflict between Israel and Iran was over. The two sides agreed to a ceasefire suddenly, after Trump declared one on social media Monday night.				
		But experts on the region and Iran's nuclear program say that regardless of the amount of damage done to Iran's nuclear facilities, deliberate negotiations leading to a lasting agreement are crucial. Otherwise, a resumption of the war — which could include the U.S. — seems inevitable.				
Forget 'total obliteration' — experts say Iran and U.S. need to negotiate	International Relations	"This ceasefire, in my view, is going to be very short lived for both the Israelis and the Americans, unless there is a very serious political strategy, and President Trump essentially takes that leap," says Elie Geramanyeh, senior policy fellow and Iran expert at the European Council on Foreign Relations.		https://www.ppr.com/2025/06/26/ny-st-54453568/iran-arrest-trump-negoti	2025/06/26	

Trump's signature policy bill is facing trouble on multiple fronts in the Senate	Government Spending	While Senate committee leaders have made several significant changes to the bill in recent days, the issue of funding for rural hospitals has emerged as a major roadblock. Senate GOP leaders are also waiting to learn if major tax provisions in the bill meet strict Senate rules for what can be included in the bill and still pass with a simple majority vote. The Senate parliamentarian — a non-partisan member of the body's professional staff — is still reviewing those elements to make sure each has a direct impact on the budget, among other regulations. Several provisions in the House version, such as one barring nationwide judicial injunctions, have already been cut in that review. Democrats and Republicans on the Senate Appropriations Committee pushed back against the Trump administration's bid to kill \$9 billion in federal funding that Congress already has approved for public broadcasting and international aid programs. In President Trump's request to Congress, sent last month, he justified the cuts because the targeted foreign aid programs were "antithetical to American interests," and because "[f]ederal spending on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting] subsidizes a public media system that is politically biased and is an unnecessary expense to the taxpayer." In a hearing Wednesday, Maine Republican Sen. Susan Collins, who chairs the committee, noted in the case of public broadcasting that 70% of the federal dollars targeted for rescission support local programming and emergency communications. She acknowledged concerns about NPR's news coverage, which she said "for years has had a discernibly partisan bent." "There are, however, more targeted approaches to addressing that bias [at NPR] than rescinding all funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting," Collins said.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/25/mx-s1-5445185/trump-gop-megabill-scr	2025/06/26				
Sensors question Trump plan to kill federal funds for PBS, NPR and some foreign aid	Information Blackout	AI companies could have the legal right to train their large language models on copyrighted works — as long as they obtain copies of those works legally. That's the upshot of a first-of-its-kind ruling by a federal judge in San Francisco on Monday in an ongoing copyright infringement case that pits a group of authors against a major AI company.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/25/mx-s1-5445236/senate-hearing-rescisi	2025/06/26				
In a first-of-its-kind decision, an AI company wins a copyright infringement lawsuit brought by authors	Technology: ai	The ruling is significant because it represents the first substantive decision on how fair use applies to generative AI systems. Here are some of the takeaways from the two-day meeting in The Hague. Tens of billions of dollars in new military spending A Trump commitment to collective defense A sidelined Ukraine "A nice group of people"	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/25/mx-s1-5445242/federal-rules-in-ai-com	2025/06/26				
Key takeaways from the Trump-dominated NATO summit	International- NATO	The long-term health care industry is facing a double whammy from President Trump's crackdown on immigrants and the Republican Party's proposals to reduce Medicaid spending. The industry is highly dependent on foreign workers. More than 800,000 immigrants and naturalized citizens comprise 26% of direct care employees at home care agencies, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other long-term care companies. Staffing shortages and quality-of-care problems would be compounded by other policies pushed by Trump and the Republican-led Congress, according to nursing home officials, resident advocates and academic experts. Federal spending cuts under negotiation may strip nursing homes of some of their largest revenue sources by limiting ways states leverage Medicaid money and by making it harder for new nursing home residents to retroactively qualify for Medicaid. Care for 6 in 10 residents is paid for by Medicaid, the state-federal health program for poor or disabled Americans.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/25/mx-s1-5445845/trump-nato-summit	2025/06/26				
Nursing homes face 2 threats, Trump's Medicaid cuts, and his immigration crackdown	Health: Care	President Trump says the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, should be eliminated, and that states should take on more responsibility for responding to and preparing for extreme weather and other disasters. FEMA currently works with states to prepare for disasters, provides on-the-ground help during emergencies and pays out billions of dollars for repairs. Emergency management experts and state disaster response officials say that FEMA plays a crucial role that state governments cannot handle on their own. President Trump says the agency could be eliminated as soon as December 2025. Speaking in the Oval Office in June, he said that major changes to FEMA would come after the Atlantic hurricane season ends in November. "We want to wean off of FEMA, and we want to bring it back to the state level," the president said. He also said that the agency will immediately "give it less money" to states that are recovering from disasters. The mother brought her two children to the immigration court on May 29 expecting to continue to make a case for asylum after fleeing Honduras due to threats of violence. But like many other immigrants across the country, they were surprised to see their case quickly dismissed as ICE agents waited for them to step out of the courthouse into the hallway. The family was then transported to the Dilley Immigration Processing Center in Texas, where they have been detained for several weeks. The six-year-old boy has been diagnosed with leukemia and has missed a medical appointment to be treated for worsening symptoms, according to the lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal court in San Antonio by the Immigrant Rights Clinic and The Texas Civil Rights Project. "The horrors that this family has suffered should never be felt by a child in need of medical care. Arresting immigrants as they step out of a courtroom is a heinous display of disregard for humanity. This family came to the United States seeking safety, but inhuman policies are preventing them from seeking necessary medical care for their child," said Kate Gibson Kumar, a staff attorney for the Texas Civil Rights Project Beyond Borders program. The family had been staying with a relative in Los Angeles for the previous seven months after crossing the border legally for a CBP One court appointment to seek asylum in October of last year. They had been granted parole status in the U.S. while they waited for their day in immigration court. In its first meeting with an entirely new roster in place, a federal judge that helps craft vaccine policy in the U.S. revealed its plans to scrutinize the safety of the childhood vaccine schedule and other priorities that reflect longstanding concerns for Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. The committee of independent experts, which offers recommendations to the CDC on the nation's vaccine schedule and immunization policy, has recently become a flashpoint. Earlier this month, Kennedy booted all 17 members of the existing panel, who'd been appointed by President Joe Biden, and replaced them with a smaller selection of his own, including several who've gained a following for, at times, promoting misleading and inaccurate information on COVID-19 vaccines. Another new workgroup will look specifically at "vaccines that have not been subject to review in more than seven years," he said. Topics they will take up include the universal recommendation to administer the hepatitis B shot on the day of birth; how children are immunized against measles, mumps, rubella and varicella, or chicken pox, as well as the timing of the measles vaccine to resolve religious objections among some parents. These new areas of focus are already making some who study vaccines nervous about the future direction of ACP. "They're signaling interest in revisiting long-settled questions around vaccine safety, opening up issues that have been focal points of critics of vaccines for decades and giving them the legitimacy that comes with this previously well-respected government advisory committee," says Jason Schwartz, associate professor at the Yale School of Public Health. The Trump administration on Tuesday filed a lawsuit against all 15 federal judges in Maryland over an order blocking the immediate deportation of migrants challenging their removals, ratcheting up a fight with the federal judiciary over President Donald Trump's executive powers. 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A look at how Trump's big bill could change the US immigration system	Immigration	THE IMPACT: For wealthier immigrants, the new fees will be an inconvenience. But for the vast majority of people even a few hundred dollars could be enough to make them change their plans. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Thursday his country had delivered a "baptism to America's face" with his strike on an American base in Qatar, and warned against any further U.S. attacks in his first public comments since a ceasefire was declared with Israel after 12 days of war. Khamenei spoke in a recorded video broadcast on Iranian state television, his first appearance since June 19. The 86-year-old looked and sounded more tired than he did only a week ago, speaking in a hoarse voice and occasionally stumbling over his words.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/iran-supreme-leader-ali-khamenei-10253	2025/06/26				
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		The entire medical and scientific community will now reject the ACIP—and for that matter, the CDC—as a source of information. Paul Offit, Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia		
		It has since become clear that Kennedy thoroughly bamboozled Cassidy. On June 9, Kennedy fired all 17 members of ACIP and handpicked eight new members. The new cadre included "antivaxxers, the antivax-adjacent, and the unqualified," as veteran pseudoscience debunker David Gorski noted. None of them was nominated by Cassidy.		
		There's also reason to wonder whether credible immunologists, epidemiologists and vaccinologists would even accept appointment to ACIP as long as anti-vaxxers are on the panel. "I'm not sure many will be knocking down the door to sit with antiscience activists on the other side," says Peter Hotez, a leading vaccine developer and expert. "At this point the current committee needs to be dissolved."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hitzik-key-gop-senator-finally-130719869	2025/06/26
Hitzik: Key GOP senator finally challenges RFPs Jr.'s anti-vaccine policies — but he's too late	Political Cesspool	Now directly involved, U.S. participation in the Iran-Israel conflict quickly became an opportunity for Trump to both push the boundaries of the Executive Branch's power and continue a trend he began in January: the centralization of the Executive Branch's policy and power within the Oval Office. Driving that effort is the president's willingness to contradict his own deputies and top advisors, sometimes within just hours of their own public assessments.		
Did Donald Trump just become the most powerful president in modern history?	Trump Bultbit	His belief versus the DNA's intel. Guess which won.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/did-donald-trump-just-become-20675582	2025/06/26
What to know about thimerosal, a vaccine ingredient removed decades ago	RFP JR BS	An influential panel of CDC advisers is slated to vote on a little-used preservative called thimerosal — a move that has left many vaccine scientists scratching their heads. Thimerosal is an ingredient that helps keep vaccines pathogen free. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a noted vaccine skeptic, has falsely stated the ingredient is a contributing factor in causing autism. In recent decades, the preservative largely has been phased out of vaccines, even as autism rates continue to climb. Republican Congressperson Kat Cammack is making headlines for blaming her doctors' reluctance to end her life-threatening pregnancy on Democrats.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/why-thimerosal-back-ofcs-agenda-14555	2025/06/26
We Need To Talk About The Republican Linemaker Blaming Democrats For Her Doctors' Reluctance To End Her Pregnancy	Reproductive rights	In a remarkable display of cognitive dissonance, the lawmaker blamed liberal "harmongering" for her issues at the hospital, suggesting the left's messaging around abortion bans ultimately made doctors paranoid (but apparently not the heavy consequences that come with breaking the abortion bans). "We have an individual who is here seeking confirmation to one of the highest judicial offices in the land. I am asking quite legitimate questions about potential misconduct in office. Some of it has nothing to do with the substance of pleadings but has to do with administrative matters, like seeking the removal of a criminal career chief prosecutor. Some of it has to do with administrative matters like case assignment. And the fact that I can't get anything resembling a straight answer in the circumstances we're in right now, I think signals a really bad moment for this committee."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bill-republican-linemaker-blaming-democ	2025/06/26
Trump Judicial Nominee Torched for Refusing to Answer Basic Questions	Political Cesspool	As part of a sweeping domestic policy bill, Republicans proposed adding work requirements for "at-risk" adults ages 19-64 with exceptions, including for those with dependents under 14, like Mathews. But GOP lawmakers have also included provisions in their so-called "One Big Beautiful Bill" to crack down on the health care provider tax that states charge health care providers to help fund Medicaid, particularly in rural areas. Under the new proposal, the federal government would limit reimbursement to states, with some conservatives citing "abuse" of the program by undocumented migrants in blue states.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-judicial-nominee-torched-refusig-	2025/06/26
HHS faces new accusations of presenting nonexistent research, adding to alarming pattern	Information Blackout	A great many people here and around the world — physicians, researchers, international public health agencies, the public at large, et al. — need to be able to rely on federal health officials in the United States. That's becoming increasingly difficult.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hhs-faces-big-7hs-faces-accusations-153	2025/06/26
Kennedy remake of CDC vaccine panel has US insurers reassessing sources of expertise	Government- CDC	Health insurers are considering new expert sources to help determine which vaccines to pay for as anti-vaccine activist and now U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. begins to revise government recommendations for inoculations, according to multiple insurance industry insiders and experts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kennedy-remake-cdc-vaccine-panel-111	2025/06/26
Rural communities brace for Medicaid cuts in Republicans' big bill	Health- Medicaid	Two industry organizations, two industry consultants and two insurers told Reuters that the insurance industry would continue covering vaccines recommended by the CDC panel, known as the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. But if ACIP drops recommendations, insurers may seek risk from professional medical associations and weigh other scientific evidence, they said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfp-communities-brace-medicaid-cuts-2	2025/06/26
Fired, rehired and fired again, some NOAA employees get letters demanding money	Government- NOAA	Some former employees of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who were fired, rehired and fired again this spring say they have received direct notices from the federal government to pay it back for health care coverage. Those workers also say the notices are for coverage they never had.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fired-rehired-fired-again-noaa-174210191	2025/06/26
CDC director nominee grilled on vaccines, public health in confirmation hearing	Government- CDC	The Wednesday confirmation hearing for President Donald Trump's pick for the director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Susan Monarez, included moments where she shared her stances on several major public health issues, which — while not controversial for CDC leaders in the past — potentially put her at odds with her boss, Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., should she be confirmed.		
'Aligator Alcatraz' rises in the Everglades. See new immigration detention camp	Political Cesspool	Monarez also stood apart from Kennedy on her views on autism, and whether there is any link between the neurological disorder and childhood vaccinations — which Kennedy has long raised as a potential reason for rising rates of autism diagnoses. "I have not seen a causal link between vaccines and autism," Monarez said when asked by Sanders if she agrees with the American Medical Association's stance "that there is no scientific proven link between vaccines and autism."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/aligator-alcatraz-rises-everglades-se-2c	2025/06/26
GOP bill would grant Trump rights to deploy National Guard for immigration enforcement	Nazi checklist	Monarez has served in a number of leading government public health roles under multiple presidents on both sides of the aisle. She has spent nearly two decades focused on technology and public health, including leading a center created by former President Joe Biden to develop groundbreaking cancer treatment. A fleet of 18-wheelers lugging generators, lights and heavy machinery on Tuesday trucked deep into the Florida Everglades as construction of the newest immigration detention center, dubbed "Aligator Alcatraz" by Florida officials, began to rise west of Miami.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-bill-grant-trump-deploy-204054809	2025/06/26
L.A. immigration detention facilities a 'ticking time bomb,' immigration lawyer says	Nazi checklist	New legislation aims to codify the president's authority to deploy National Guard units for immigration enforcement, as part of a broader effort to crack down on illegal immigration and stiffen penalties for those who assault immigration officers. The bill, authored by Rep. Pat Haggan, R-N.C., would allow the president to federalize and deploy the National Guard when states refuse to cooperate, like Gov. Gavin Newsom in California. It also stipulates that those who assault immigration officers receive the death penalty or life in prison if an officer is killed.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/l-immigration-detention-facilities-ticking-t	2025/06/26
The Supreme Court Picks Trump Over the Rule of Law	Supreme Court	Immigration lawyers in L.A. tell CBS News, they've been receiving more and more calls about medical needs that aren't being addressed at the Metropolitan Detention Center. One lawyer, who chose not to identify herself because she has clients inside the detention center, said there are reports of "inhumane" conditions — food shortages, cramped confinement, freezing temperatures and environments that are a "ticking time bomb."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-picks-trump-over-100000	2025/06/26
Giuliani, Lewandowski among new members of Homeland Security advisory council	Political Cesspool	The Supreme Court dealt a severe blow to the American rule of law on Monday night by clearing the way for the Trump administration to deport migrants and other noncitizens to random countries where they have no ties or connections, effectively rewarding the White House for its defiance of court orders to the contrary.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/giuliani-lewandowski-among-members-hy	2025/06/26
Opinion - Behind the mask: What are ICE agents hiding?	Nazi checklist	Without any explanation, however, the high court sided with the Trump administration and stayed the lower court orders until further notice, in a 6-3 decision. The conservative majority's intervention will allow the administration to carry out further removals to countries like Libya and South Sudan, despite the ongoing legal challenges—and despite the White House's own misconduct.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-behind-mask-ice-agents-130000	2025/06/26
Dollars falls to three-year low after report Trump may name next Fed chair early	Economy- Dollar	The bill, authorized by Rep. Pat Haggan, R-N.C., would allow the president to federalize and deploy the National Guard when states refuse to cooperate, like Gov. Gavin Newsom in California. It also stipulates that those who assault immigration officers receive the death penalty or life in prison if an officer is killed.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025jun26/us-dollar-falls-to-3y	2025/06/26
'Is this AT?' surfing woman in awe after 'best air ever' pulled off by 18-year-old Australian	Weird world	Immigration lawyers in L.A. tell CBS News, they've been receiving more and more calls about medical needs that aren't being addressed at the Metropolitan Detention Center. One lawyer, who chose not to identify herself because she has clients inside the detention center, said there are reports of "inhumane" conditions — food shortages, cramped confinement, freezing temperatures and environments that are a "ticking time bomb."	https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2025jun26/australian-huge-vigil-at	2025/06/26
Meta boss praises new US army division enlisting tech experts as 'robotic' colonels	Dystopian	The Supreme Court dealt a severe blow to the American rule of law on Monday night by clearing the way for the Trump administration to deport migrants and other noncitizens to random countries where they have no ties or connections, effectively rewarding the White House for its defiance of court orders to the contrary.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025jun25/meta-exec-us-ar	2025/06/26
Canadian Citizen Dies at ICE Detention Center in Florida	Government- ICE	The Supreme Court dealt a severe blow to the American rule of law on Monday night by clearing the way for the Trump administration to deport migrants and other noncitizens to random countries where they have no ties or connections, effectively rewarding the White House for its defiance of court orders to the contrary.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/26/us/canadian-dies-ice-custody-flor	2025/06/27
Senate Republicans	Government Spending	Much as before, the new approach would shift a percentage of the cost of providing S.N.A.P. benefits to the states based on the percentage of erroneous payments they report in a given fiscal year. But Republicans primarily howled how that rate of payment would be computed under the system, which would take effect in 2028.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/26/us/politics/republican-bill-food-sta	2025/06/27
Abortion Bans May Be Making Second-Trimester Abortions More Likely	Reproductive rights	The study, published in the American Journal of Public Health on Thursday, found that the proportion of abortions that took place at or after 13 weeks of pregnancy jumped from 8% before a ban was enforced to 17% afterward. The average point in pregnancy when the people who participated in the study were able to obtain an abortion also rose, from 7.7 weeks gestation pre-ban to 8.6 weeks gestation post-ban.	https://t.me.com/7297338/abortion-bans-second-trimester-travel-border	2025/06/27

		But scarcely a month in the job, the onetime Democratic congressman and presidential candidate is confronting the limits of her sway with Donald Trump as he celebrates his decision to bomb Iranian nuclear sites, mutes about regime change in Tehran, and posts footage on social media of B-2 bombers to the tune of the parody song "Bomb Iran," which includes the lyric "Time to turn Iran into a parking lot." Gabbard has so alienated Trump that she may be endangering the existence of her office altogether, which the president has mused about scrapping. "She touched the third rail—she testified that the intelligence community doesn't assess that Iran is sprinting toward a bomb," a former U.S. official who worked closely with Gabbard told us. "It's hard to overstate how many people she angered by doing that, and the amount of work required to get back into their good graces."		
Tulsi Gabbard Chooses Loyalty to Trump	Political Cuespool	Her statements left some longtime associates and admirers marveling at how quickly she had fallen in line—a sign, they said, that voices of restraint within the administration had gone quiet and that Gabbard's peace-at-all-costs approach was a bad fit for the administration's more martial orientation. For more than 40 years, the United States—a nation that putatively cherishes freedom—has had one of the largest prison systems in the world. Mass incarceration has been so persistent and pervasive that reform groups dedicated to reducing the prison population by half have often been denied as made up of fantasies. But the next decade could see this goal met and exceeded: After peaking at just more than 1.6 million Americans in 2009, the prison population was just more than 1.2 million at the end of 2023 (the most recent year for which data are available), and is on track to fall to about 800,000—a total decline of roughly 40 percent.	https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2025/06/tulsi-gabbard-trump/	2025/06/27
AMERICA'S INCARCERATION RATE IS ABOUT TO FALL OFF A CLIFF	ACAB	That tractor trailer is finally slowing down, decades after the "great crime decline" began in the 1990s. Until 2009, the lengthier sentences handed down during the preceding crime wave and the tendency of released prisoners to be re-incarcerated kept imprisonment rising even as crime declined. But the falling crime that the U.S. experienced in the 1990s and 2000s is now finally translating into a shrinking prison population.	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/06/prisoner-population/	2025/06/27
BRACE YOURSELF FOR WATERY MAYO AND SPICY ICE CREAM	RFK JR BS	These natural and synthetic substances, called emulsifiers, are added to processed foods to give them the textures that Americans have come to love. They've also become targets of a Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s push to remove many food additives from the American diet. The "Make America Healthy Again" report, published in May, says foods emulsifiers with other additives, some of which it says are linked to mental disorders, metabolic syndrome, and cancer. Online, the Health and Human Services department is helping drive America's choice of healthy problems. For next February's Winter Games in Italy, organizers hope AI can help streamline the time-consuming contingency planning and scheduling that comes with unpredictable snow conditions. For the L.A. Summer Games in 2028, the organizers hope AI will help manage more than 130 Olympic sports taking place across a broad swath of Southern California (plus softball and canoeing in Oklahoma City). For me, it is, "How can we actually use AI to help the operations of the games globally?" Olympics COO and CTO Iñaki Corrao told Axios in an interview.	https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2025/06/ma-na-emulsifiers-h/	2025/06/27
Exclusive: Olympics have big AI plans	Technology-ai	"The bottom in home sales appears to be over with the possibility of a strong upswing once mortgage rates decline." NAR chief economist Lawrence Yun said in a statement — though he cautioned that the market is seeing higher-than-normal cancellation rates and last-minute cold feet. In other words, even the little bit of good news comes with a big caveat.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/27/olympics-ai-broadcasts-training/	2025/06/27
The housing market is in the absolute dumps	Economy-Housing	There's not much to like in real estate right now: news of ICE enforcement actions at home building sites, tariffs raising the price of construction materials, and of course, weak demand in general. "It's less about mortgage rates, and more about economic uncertainty," says Eric Finnigan, vice president of demographics research at John Burns, the real estate consulting firm. The Supreme Court on Thursday allotted low-income patients' rights to choose their health providers while giving conservative-led states a bigger opening to exclude Planned Parenthood affiliates from their Medicaid programs.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/27/ice-trump-tariffs-home-sales/	2025/06/27
Supreme Court reframes Medicaid patients' rights	Supreme Court	The 6-3 decision by the court's conservative majority potentially adds more obstacles to care, on top of financial barriers or poor health, and comes as Congress debates major changes to Medicaid that could cause millions of people to lose health coverage. While the arguments before justices were narrow in scope, the ruling has huge ramifications for women trying to access reproductive care. Medicaid covers 1 in 5 women of child-bearing age and is the biggest source of coverage for women with low incomes, covering more than 4 in 10, per KFF.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/27/supreme-court-reframes-patients-ry/	2025/06/27
House GOP fumes at changes to Trump bill: "insulting and disgusting"	Government Spending	House Republicans are looking on with a combination of horror and frustration as President Trump's "big, beautiful bill" morphs into something closer to a hulking monstrosity in their eyes. — The Senate parliamentarian has ruled out provisions to cut Medicaid and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, weaken environmental regulations and bolster President Trump's immigration crackdown.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/26/trump-spending-bill-house-repub/	2025/06/27
America's older population is growing as its younger cohort shrinks	Population	Some of these provisions are long sought-after hobby horses that were added to the bill to over the votes of specific House Republicans. Others are key pay-laws meant to offset some of the cost of renewing the Trump tax cuts, which deficit hawks in the House say are necessary to honor a budget deal they cut with the Senate GOP. The U.S. population aged 65 and up grew by 13% between 2020 and 2024, the Census Bureau says, while the number of those under 18 fell by 17%. The U.S. median age hit a new record high of 39.1 in 2024, up from 38.5 in 2020.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/26/america-older-younger-population/	2025/06/27
Revenge tax being yanked from "big, beautiful bill," Bassett says	Government Spending	Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has asked Congress to remove a controversial "revenge tax" provision of the "big, beautiful bill" after striking a deal on global corporate taxes, he said Thursday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/26/trump-revenge-tax-budget/	2025/06/27
Trump's "big, beautiful bill" What's in, what's out	Government Spending	The Senate parliamentarian has ruled out a planned weekend of male-to-break votes. Heat records were broken in more than 280 locations across the U.S. this week, with more extreme temperatures expected.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/27/section-899-bill-trump-parliamentarian-af/	2025/06/27
Hundreds of heat records set across U.S. this week	Environment-Heat	Some 282 locations in the U.S. broke daily heat records this week, while another 121 set previous highs, NOAA data shows. The Trump administration's unprecedented decision to sue all 15 federal judges in Maryland for slowing his deportation agencies breaches a dangerous new phase in his push to stifle the judiciary, legal experts warn.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/26/heat-wave-weather-eastern-us/	2025/06/27
Bizarre DOJ lawsuit fuels Trump's war against judicial branch	Trump Bullyshit	"This is ... in many ways a bizarre lawsuit that seems designed to pick a fight with the judicial branch," said Alicia Bannon, the director of the Brennan Center for Justice's judiciary program. "It's clearly another example of the administration trying to send a message to the judiciary that it thinks that it's crossing lines," she added. Medicaid patients had have a right to freely choose their medical provider, the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 on Thursday, in a case that carries major implications for Planned Parenthood.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/26/trump-doj-sues-at-maryland-federal-judges/	2025/06/27
Supreme Court ruling on patients' rights 'could devastate Planned Parenthood'	Supreme Court	The first abortion-related case of President Trump's second term could result in the defunding of Planned Parenthood, which derives a significant chunk of its funding from the safety net program and is the nation's biggest provider of abortion services.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/26/planned-parenthood-socius-decision/	2025/06/27
An Israeli restaurant owner now runs a controversial U.S.-backed Gaza food program	Middle east conflict	An Israeli entrepreneur who runs trendy restaurants around the world is now promoting a new food distribution group in the Gaza Strip that is drawing international controversy — as Gaza health officials report hundreds of Palestinians killed and thousands wounded by Israel troops while approaching the group's food distribution sites.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/26/npr-1-54315301/gaza-food-aid-sh/	2025/06/27
Asked to Dag (negative): National Park content visitors gave their own 2 cents instead	National Parks	The signs, which invite people to send comments anonymously using a QR code, phone number, email or web address, have appeared in response to an executive order President Trump issued in March titled "Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History." It specifically calls for the removal of content from monuments and properties within the Department of the Interior that "inappropriately disparages Americans' past or living." NPR reviewed dozens of comments submitted from June 4 to 12 regarding signs placed in parks across the country. According to The Coalition to Protect America's Parks, a multi-page PDF containing these comments was leaked by a national park employee who took screenshots of the comments pages on their computer and then shared the PDF with parks advocacy groups.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/26/npr-1-5444322/national-park-trump-sign/	2025/06/27
Obfuscated? Damaged? Inoperable? What's known about Iran's nuclear facilities	Middle east conflict	Some are supportive. "The park rangers and volunteers go above and beyond to tell the full American story," stated a comment about Catoctin Mountain Park in Maryland. Following nearly two weeks of strikes by American and Israeli forces, there's no doubt that the key parts of Iran's nuclear program have been dealt a blow. But how bad was it? A leaked Defense Intelligence Agency document claims the damage to one site could have been minimal, while the head of the CIA has said that Iran's overall nuclear program had been "severely damaged."	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/26/npr-1-5443566/obfuscated-damaged-in/	2025/06/27
What's that in the sky? We're not sure, but the fireball was very bright!	Weird world	President Trump, for his part, insists that the program has been destroyed. The object was likely either a meteor or space junk, with most sightings of the streak of light and fireball coming from Georgia and South Carolina around 12:30 p.m., the National Weather Service office in Peachtree City, Georgia, said on social media. Someone in Henry County, Georgia, reported a rock coming through their roof about the time they heard the sonic boom from the fireball. It left behind a hole in the ceiling about the size of a golf ball and a crater in a laminate floor, the weather service said.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/26/npr-1-5448142/fireball-was-very-bright/	2025/06/27
U.S. uninsured rates could resurge if Trump's budget bill passes	Government Spending	More than 26 million Americans lacked health insurance in the first six months of 2024, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The uninsured are mostly low-income adults under age 65, and people of color, and most live in the South and West. The uninsured rate in the 10 states that, like Georgia, have not expanded Medicaid to nearly all low-income adults was 14.1% in 2023, compared with 7.6% in expansion states, according to KFF, a health information nonprofit that includes KFF Health News. Health policy researchers expect the number of uninsured to swell as the second Trump administration and a GOP-controlled Congress try to enact policies that explicitly roll back health coverage for the first time since the advent of the modern U.S. health system in the early 20th century.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-health-news/2025/06/27/npr-1-5446/	2025/06/27
Trump says the U.S. has signed a deal with China on trade, without giving details	Economy-Tariffs	It was unclear if the latest agreement was different from the one Trump announced two weeks earlier that he said would make it easier for American industries to obtain much-needed needed magnets and rare earth minerals. That pact cleared the way for the trade talks to continue, while the U.S. agreed to stop trying to evict visas of Chinese nationals on U.S. college campuses. China's Commerce Ministry said Friday that the two sides had "further confirmed the details of the framework." But its statement did not explicitly mention U.S. access to rare earths, minerals used in high-tech applications that have been at the center of the negotiations.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/27/npr-1-5448577/trump-us-china-trade-r/	2025/06/27
Shin's untested, unknown — and has the power to veto Trump's "big, beautiful bill." Who is the Senate parliamentarian?	Government Spending	For all of the different factions that must sign off on whatever ends up in the final bill, one of the most important people Republicans will need to win over isn't a member of their party at all. A little-known bureaucrat called the Senate parliamentarian ultimately has final say on what can and can't go into this kind of legislation, not based on her political beliefs, but on her judgment of what the Senate rules allow. Republicans will now have to either rewrite each of these sections of the bill in a way that satisfies the parliamentarian or be forced to abandon them completely so they don't prevent the entire package from becoming law.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/shin-s-untested-unknown-and-has-the-po-20250627.html	2025/06/27
The clock's ticking on codifying DOGE cuts into law	Fuck that department	With just over three weeks to go before a critical deadline, the push to codify DOGE cuts is hitting resistance on Capitol Hill. Several GOP senators sound skeptical about the \$9.4 billion in cuts to foreign aid and public broadcasting funding that the Trump administration is asking Congress to approve, raising the prospect of a high-profile setback for the DOGE project just weeks after Elon Musk and President Donald's public feud.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/clocks-ticking-codifying-doge-cuts-17493-20250627.html	2025/06/27
Senators diverge sharply on damage done by Iran strikes after classified briefing	Middle east conflict	Senators emerged from a classified briefing Thursday with sharply diverging assessments of President Donald Trump's bombing of three Iranian nuclear sites, with Republicans calling the mission a clear success and Democrats expressing deep skepticism. Democrats remained doubtful and criticized Trump for not giving Congress more information. Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York said the briefing "raised more questions than it answered."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-officials-first-classified-briefing-240-20250627.html	2025/06/27
Now a GOP accounting maneuver hides \$3.8 trillion in	Government Spending	As Senate Republicans barrel toward votes in the coming days on President Trump's Big Beautiful Bill, they are using a controversial budget maneuver to hide \$3.8 trillion in red ink. This Senate-preferred accounting approach is known as using a "current policy baseline" and takes the stance that extending current tax rates should be counted as having zero cost even if they are set to expire. What doesn't change is the underlying fact that those changes are projected to add trillions to the national debt if they become law.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/how-a-gop-accounting-maneuver-hides-20250627.html	2025/06/27

		Many of these statements are factually incorrect. For example, in a newscast aired on June 12, 2025, Kennedy told Fox News viewers that 97% of federal vaccine advisers are on the take. In the same interview, he also claimed that children receive 92 mandatory shots. He has also widely claimed that only COVID-19 vaccines, not other vaccines in use by both children and adults, were ever tested against placebo and that "nobody has any idea" how safe routine immunizations are.			
Is a physician who has looked at hundreds of studies of vaccine safety, and here's some of what RFP, Jr. said wrong	Health-Vaccines	In 1986, the childhood vaccine schedule contained about 11 doses protecting against seven diseases. Today, it includes roughly 50 injections covering 16 diseases. State school entry laws typically require 30 to 32 shots across 10 to 12 diseases. No state mandates COVID-19 vaccination. Where Kennedy's "92" mandatory shots "figure comes from is unclear, but the actual number is significantly lower.			
		Those 11 doses in 1986 delivered more than 3,000 antigens and 1.5 milligrams of aluminum over 18 years. Today's complete schedule delivers roughly 160 antigens – which is a 95% reduction – and 5.4 milligrams of aluminum in the same time frame. A single ampicillin inoculation in 1900 exposed a child to more antigens than today's complete series.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/physician-looked-hundreds-studies-12	2025/06/27	
In surprise move, RFP, Jr.'s vaccine committee votes to recommend RSV shot for infants	Health-Vaccines	In their first vote since appointed by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the eight members of a vaccine committee voted to recommend a shot that protects infants against respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV.			
		RSV infects nearly everyone by the time they're 2. It causes cold symptoms, affecting the breathing passages and lungs, according to the CDC. In the United States, about 58,000 children younger than 5 are hospitalized for RSV each year, and several hundred die.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/surprise-move-rf-jr-vaccine-130645129	2025/06/27	
Wrongly Deported Dad Begs to Stay, Jailed as Trump Fiasco Takes Weird Twist	Immigration	Fears of being arrested by ICE are keeping Kilmar Abrego Garcia behind bars – despite a federal judge ruling Wednesday that he could be released on his own recognizance. The ruling appeared to grant Abrego Garcia partial freedom for the first time since he was arrested in Maryland on March 12, days before he was one of over 200 migrants flown to a notorious El Salvador prison. However, ICE agents were spotted outside the Tennessee courthouse where he appeared Wednesday, and his own lawyers asked that he remain in custody to protect him from deportation ahead of his trial.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wrongly-deported-dad-begs-stay-223539	2025/06/27	
J.D. Vance Defines the 'Trump Doctrine'	Trump Bulshit	"What I call the Trump Doctrine is quite simple," Vance elaborated at the Ohio Republican Dinner on Tuesday night. "No. 1, you articulate a clear American interest, and that's—in this case—that Iran can't have a nuclear weapon. No. 2, you try to aggressively diplomatically solve that problem. And No. 3, when you can't solve it diplomatically, you use overwhelming military power to solve it, and then you get the hell out of there before it ever becomes a protracted conflict."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/jd-vance-defines-trump-060824073.html	2025/06/27	
‘This is not a matter of opinion’: State AGs instruct hospitals to continue providing emergency abortions, despite state law	Reproductive rights	Democratic state attorneys general issued an urgent warning to hospitals across the U.S. that they must continue to provide emergency abortions despite state laws.			
		The 21 attorneys general issued the letter on the anniversary of the reversal of Roe v Wade and after the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services rescinded guidance to hospitals about how to follow federal law on emergency reproductive care.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hot-matter-opinion-state-ags-222729042	2025/06/27	
Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Tells Fox News The Rotten Truth About His Anti-Fluoride Crusade	RFK JR BS	Because the science is very clear that water fluoridation can prevent cavities, and because oral hygiene affects overall health, many people mocked Kennedy for minimizing the potential of his anti-fluoride crusade, which is expected to harm low-income children the most.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/robert-f-kennedy-jr-tells-fox-news-205949452.html	2025/06/27	
		"We've insisted on a dashboard. They have to be public about what they're doing," he told Laura Ingraham on Wednesday. "We want to know, for example, by the end of this year, can you do these examinations instantaneously?"			
		"Like a credit card," Oz, who boasts an estimated \$200 million net worth, continued. "When you put it into the machine to buy something, they don't prior authorize you. You either have money in the bank or you don't."			
Multi-millionaire Trump official Dr. Oz appears not to know how credit cards work	Political Cesspool	Credit card companies do prior authorization on every transaction to determine whether money can be spent, which includes checking if the card is valid, that there's enough credit available, and if there are any signs of fraud.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/multi-millionaire-trump-official-dr-1559292	2025/06/27	
		Individuals also borrow and spend money on their payment cards that they do not physically have in the bank.			
Trump's 'big, beautiful bill' might be unraveled and a mess – but it will still probably pass	Government Spending	President Donald Trump's "big, beautiful bill" – which he on Thursday dubbed the "ultimate codification" of the MAGA agenda – is a paradox that shows how power works in a broken political system in which he's the single greatest force.			
		Growing numbers of Republican lawmakers required to pass the measure hate it. The public doesn't want it – according to a Quinnipiac University poll released earlier this month, voters oppose the measure by 53% to 27%. The survey is no outlier.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-big-beautiful-bill-might-040024370	2025/06/27	
		Bohnhak recently held an office hours event at a public library to take questions from his constituents. In audio obtained by the Heartland Signal, one Marquette resident mentioned how their community is now "a healthcare desert" after the only Planned Parenthood clinic in the Upper Peninsula closed in April, and asked Bohnhak whether he supported "reproductive freedom." While the Republican lawmaker said he supports "reproductive clinics" that provide contraceptives or pre-cancer screenings, he wouldn't support a clinic that offers abortion care.			
Michigan GOP Lawmaker When Asked If He Supports Women's Bodily Autonomy, 'I Don't'	Reproductive rights	The resident responded, "So you don't support a woman's autonomy over her own body?"	https://www.yahoo.com/news/michigan-gop-lawmaker-asked-supports-	2025/06/27	
		"I don't," Bohnhak answered, making sure there was no room left for confusion.			
		Edward Coristine, the 19-year-old nicknamed "Big Balls" who was working in the Department of Government Efficiency, has landed a new role at the Social Security Administration.			
‘Big Balls’ now working at Social Security Administration after departing DOGE, report	Government-SSA	"Edward Coristine joined the Social Security Administration this week as a special government employee," spokesperson Stephen McGraw told WRED. "His work will be focused on improving the functionality of the Social Security website and advancing our mission of delivering more efficient service to the American people."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/big-balls-now-working-social-503216202	2025/06/27	
		Montana Republican Rep. Ryan Zinke said Thursday he'll vote against the Senator's version of the GOP repeal over a provision that would mandate the sale of up to 1.2 million acres of public lands.			
Zinke says he's a 'no' on Senate megabill amid public land sales push	Government Spending	Zinke's internal disagreements on the public land sales measure poses yet another complication in negotiations over a bill on which House Republicans can only afford to lose three votes.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/zinke-says-no-senate-megabill-19322125	2025/06/27	
		"I agree with my colleagues that the federal government has mismanaged federal lands for decades. But I don't agree with their solution," said Zinke, who was Interior Secretary during Trump's first term, in a post on the social platform X.			
		Thursday's ruling will make it easier for GOP-led states to deny Planned Parenthood and similar organizations access to federal funds to which they are otherwise legally entitled. The majority's hyper-narrow approach could have broader policy implications, as well. But the most alarming part of the majority's decision came from Justice Clarence Thomas, who urged his colleagues to dramatically limit civil rights claims against state and local officials in federal court.			
The Most Fearful Part of the Supreme Court's Planned Parenthood Ruling	Supreme Court	In a solo concurring opinion, Thomas argued that the court should "reconsider" more than a half-century of precedents on Section 1983's scope. He argued that previous generations of justices had interpreted the Reconstruction-era law too broadly and invited future lawsuits that would allow the court to reverse course.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/most-fearful-part-supreme-court-2041360	2025/06/27	
		U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s new vaccine advisers alarmed pediatricians Wednesday by announcing inquiries into some long-settled questions about children's shots.			
Kennedy's new vaccine panel alarms pediatricians with inquiries into long-settled questions	RFK JR BS	Opening the first meeting of Kennedy's handpicked seven-member panel, committee chairman Martin Kulbicki said he was appointing a work group to evaluate the "cumulative effect" of the children's vaccine schedule – the list of immunizations given at different times throughout childhood.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kennedys-vaccine-advisers-meet-first-14	2025/06/27	
A Cat Went to Sleep in an Inactive Washing Machine, and Woke Up During a 45-Minute Wash Cycle with 3,000 Spins	Weird world	An Australian cat likely left one of his nine lives behind in the wash, after surviving a 55-minute cycle in a washing machine.	https://www.yahoo.com/it/feature/articles/cat-went-sleep-inactive-washin	2025/06/27	
House GOP advances bill 'gutting' government watchdog	Government-GAO	House Republicans advanced legislation on Thursday that seeks to cut funding for the Government Accountability Office (GAO) by roughly 50 percent for fiscal 2026, prompting outcry from Democrats who say the move is counterproductive to GOP efforts to root out waste in government.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-gop-advances-bill-gutting-0002145	2025/06/27	
		President Donald Trump made false claims about the war in Ukraine, US inflation, and the past fight against the ISIS terror group during his Wednesday news conference at the NATO summit in the Netherlands.			
Fact-checking Trump's NATO news conference	Trump Bulshit	Trump also repeated his unproven assertion that the U.S. weekend military strikes on Iranian nuclear sites had left them "obliterated." As CNN reported Tuesday, an early US intelligence assessment found the core components of the program had not been completely destroyed and that the strikes had only set back Iran's nuclear program only by months. (The US continues to collect intelligence on the impact of the strikes and later assessments could come to different conclusions.)	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fact-checking-trump-nato-news-1559023	2025/06/27	
		Gorsuch's majority opinion went out of its way to address the dissent from Jackson: "Finding 'pure textualism' 'insufficiently pliable to secure the result they seek, they invoke the statute's 'primary purpose' and 'legislative history.'"			
		"It is imperative that we interpret statutes consistent with all relevant indicia of what Congress wanted, as best we can ascertain its intent," Jackson wrote in her dissent. "By 'finding' answers in textualism, and not bothering to consider whether those answers align with other sources of statutory meaning, pure textualists can easily disguise their own preferences as 'textual inevitabilities.'"			
Jackson's dissent isn't heroic. It exposes big problem with Supreme Court. Opinion	Supreme Court	What Jackson fails to understand is that if the Supreme Court does interpret the text of a statute to be more narrow than Congress intended, the lawmakers can follow up and clarify what they meant with new legislation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/jacksons-dissent-arg-heroic-exposes-08	2025/06/27	
		Judges should stick to the text of statutes whenever possible, and if their determination of what the text means is out of step with what Congress intended, then Congress can pass legislation correcting the original language of a statute.			
		as many as 35,000 Ukrainian children are still missing and thought to be held in Russia or Russian-occupied territories, according to an American team of experts, with families saying they are being forced to take desperate and risky measures to try to rescue them.			
‘Basically impossible to get them back’: Russia’s mass abduction of Ukrainian children is a war crime, say experts	War crimes	After Russian forces occupied Natalia's home city of Kherson on the eastern border of Ukraine, in September 2022, a neighbour advised her to send her sons to a children's camp in Anapa, a seaside resort town in Russia.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/27/ukraine-ukrainian-children	2025/06/27	
		"The 21-day trip was free and they were meant to return to Kherson at the end. The boys wanted to go too, but it was a big mistake on my part to allow it," she says.			
Gritzy with checkered past swims miles to Canadian island – and into hot water	Weird world	In late 2022, Ukrainian forces liberated Natalia's city, but her children were in a camp on the other side of the frontline and Russia would not let them return home.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jun/27/canada-trillish-c	2025/06/27	
		But a few old grizzly bear recently took a far more challenging route, braving strong currents and frigid water to swim nearly three miles across the Malaspina Strait.			
		The exhausted young bear, named "Tex" by locals, hauled himself ashore on 25 May, unleashing a fierce dispute between residents, conservation officers and First Nations over his future – and prompting a broader debate over the relationship between the Canadian province and its wildlife. On a hub of logging and mining, Texada Island is now home to 1,200 residents and the one grizzly bear, who was last spotted just after sunset on 23 June.			
Former CIA director says people must understand 'how dangerous a world we live in right now' in the wake of Trump's Iran strike	Warning	Leon Panetta, the former director of the CIA during Barack Obama's first term, has warned that President Donald Trump's decision to bomb Iran – and the intelligence disputes surrounding it – only serve to emphasize "how dangerous a world we live in right now."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/leon-panetta-secretary-of-state-and-national-security-adviser-marco-rubio-secretary-of-defense-pete-hegseth-chairman-of-the-joint-chiefs-of-staff-gen-dan-caine-and-cia-director-john-rutcliffe-all-spoke-to-senators-in-the-senative-compartmented-information-facility-scipf-	2025/06/27	
		But Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard was missing from the briefing, which came after multiple news outlets reported on a Defense Intelligence Agency assessment, first reported by CNN, that questioned whether the strikes destroyed the core components of the Iran nuclear program.			
Gabbard no-show at Senate briefing leaves gaping hole in Trump's claim Iran's nuclear program is 'obliterated'	Political Cesspool	The US Department of Defense is significantly expanding a militarised zone along the southern border in Texas, granting troops the authority to detain individuals for potential federal prosecution on charges of trespassing within a national defence area.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/tulsi-gabbard-no-show-at-senate-briefing-leaves-gaping-hole-in-trumps-claim-iran-s-nuclear-program-is-obliterated-	2025/06/27	
		The Air Force announced on Monday the announcement of a winding 250-mile (400-kilometre) stretch of the border. This expansion comes amid a broader buildup of military forces initiated under President Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the border.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/military-zone-rig-6	2025/06/27	
US Department of Defense expands militarised zone along Texas border	Nazi checklist				

More Americans now favor providing undocumented migrants pathway to legal status over deportation, poll finds	Immigration	More Americans now favor providing undocumented migrants a pathway to legal status over deportation, a new poll finds. The sentiment was backed by 64 percent of those surveyed and that percentage has increased since President Donald Trump entered office, according to the Quinnipiac University poll of registered voters, while 31 percent said they preferred deportation.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/un-politics/indocu-20250627	2025/06/27	
Trump Mobile removes 'made in the USA' tag from its gold smartphones as critics question price tag	Trump Bullshit	Six months ago, the same poll found that 55 percent favored providing undocumented migrants with a pathway to legal status in the U.S.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/trump-mobile-gold-20250627	2025/06/27	
This paint 'sweats' to keep your house cool	Weird world	Scientists in Singapore have developed a new type of paint that reflects sunlight and cools surfaces by slowly evaporating water. Unlike other commercially available cooling paints, which are designed to repel water to protect the underlying material, the new one even works in hot, humid places, offering a low-energy way to stay cool, researchers report June 5 in Science.	https://www.sciencenews.org/article/this-paint-sweats-keep-your-house	2025/06/27	real world, science, inventions, heat, cooling, climate crisis
Eight of America's weirdest museums revealed, from video games to potatoes	Weird world	In response, Hong and two other material scientists from Nanyang Technological University developed a cement-based paint that combines three cooling strategies: radiative cooling, evaporative cooling, which our skin uses, and solar reflection. In the study, the scientists painted three small houses: one with regular white paint, one with commercial cooling paint that uses only radiative cooling and one with their new formula. After two years of sun and rain in Singapore, the first two paints had turned yellow. But 'our paint was still white,' says coauthor Jipeng Fei. Unlike other colors, while helps materials maintain their high reflectivity and cooling performance.	https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/weird-museums-america-b277	2025/06/27	
An Alaska brown bear has a new shiny smile after getting a huge metal crown for a canine tooth	Weird world	There's the museum passionately devoted to a type of condiment, one that celebrates a popular variety of vegetable, a museum containing parts of Einstein's brain and one that's a mecca for lovers of a certain pre-cooked meat.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/alaska-bear-crown-20250627	2025/06/27	
Rah tohi Burglar in Scooby-Doo suit broke into highway convenience store in early morning raid, cops say	Weird world	An Alaskan brown bear at the Lake Superior Zoo in northeastern Minnesota has a gleaming new silver-colored canine tooth in a first-of-its-kind procedure for a bear. The 800-pound (360-kilogram) Tundra was put under sedation Monday and fitted with a new crown — the largest dental crown ever created, according to the zoo.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/rime/scooby-doo-20250627	2025/06/27	
Commuter traffic stops for whales on Australia's humpback highway	Weird world	A suspected burglar dressed in a Scooby-Doo suit broke into an Alabama highway convenience store in an early morning raid, cops say. Tuscaloosa Police asked for the public's help in identifying the masked man, while also throwing in a few references from Scooby-Doo, the media franchise about a group of fictional mystery-solving teenagers and their talking dog named Scooby-Doo.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/rime/scooby-doo-20250627	2025/06/27	
Chevy Corvette Z06 Theft Falls When Car Gets Stuck, Driving Out of Showroom Window	Weird world	The ferry was late, but not because of the usual traffic. Sydney commuters watched from an idling boat this month as humpback whales the size of buses surfaced nearby, halting the vessel's passage across the harbor. The curious mammals seemed to be watching them back. In June and July, it's not uncommon for whales to stop water traffic in Sydney. Writer heralds the opening of the so-called humpback highway, a migratory corridor along Australia's east coast used by about 40,000 of the massive creatures as they travel from feeding grounds in freezing Antarctica to tropical lagoons off Queensland.	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	
2 bears escape wildlife park enclosure, devour a 7-day supply of honey, then fall asleep	Weird world	In a scene seemingly ripped from a Gone in 60 Seconds outtake, a man has reportedly been arrested for allegedly attempting to steal a 2025 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 from a California dealership by driving straight out of the showroom. According to a video posted on the PMTVLA YouTube channel, the suspect reportedly smashed through the dealership window on an e-scooter and then attempted to drive the Z06 out through the glass, only to wind up defeated when the C8 became stuck halfway out the window.	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	
'Get ready to sweat! The animal mega-marathon stampeding from the Congo to the Arctic	Weird world	Miah and Lucy, both aged four, got out of their enclosure at Wildwood Devon in southwestern England on Monday afternoon. The pair made a beeline for their food store where they scoffed snacks, including the seven-day supply of honey, a park statement said. The park released video of Lucy devouring the food and "looking very pleased with herself".	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	
First footage reveals orcas using tools in a stunning, first	Weird world	The bears "posed no threat to the public at any point" although visitors on site were escorted to a secure building as a precaution.	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	
'Minor Traffic Accident' Led Federal Agents To Blast Into American Family's Home: Reports	ACAB	During the hour-long drama, the bears were "continuously monitored both on the ground and via CCTV" until they were returned to their enclosure by keepers and promptly "let asleep." Wildwood added.	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	
Supreme Court Decision On Birthright Citizenship Could Cause Social Security Number Chaos	Citizenship	When a puppet gets broken, the team, referred to as doctors, speak of it as an injury and mend it in their hospital. One day when we step out of our kudu, his head falls off and a stick flies out of his thigh. "It'd be gentle," says Ukwadima's Siphio Ngwile, wielding a drill. "It's not just a puppet," says technical director Muzah Alubeh, explaining the level of care they take. "It's a life." As the Herds moves across borders, new animals will be added, with puppet-making workshops formed along the route, from Stockholm to Wigan. By the time the production reaches the UK, where it will rampage through London and kick off the Manchester International Festival, the pack of puppets will be 100-strong.	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	
'Post-apocalyptic' medical staff struggle as gangs fight over aid supplies in Gaza	Dystopian	Alongside the volunteers, the troupe includes 42 young artists from 19 countries. Known as E-Co (Emerging Company), they have been recruited to lead the production together, and are traveling, learning, performing and helping Ukwadima teach participants across the European leg of the journey. Ochai Ogaba, a Nigerian choreographer who guides our herd's other kudu with enviable ease, is one of them. "I come from a place where climate change is not talked about," he says. "Being a part of this project has unlocked my responsibility to look after this world."	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	
Trump accuses Powell of keeping interest rates 'artificially high'	Economy-Interest	Over the course of just two weeks in 2024, Weiss and his team documented 30 examples of these curious interactions. They found that the southern resident orcas — a distinct population of killer whales — were detaching strands of kelp from the seafloor to roll between their bodies in a behavior the scientists dubbed "allokelping." Allokelping could be a form of grooming for skin hygiene, as well as a way to socially bond with other members of the pod, the researchers reported in a new paper published Monday in the journal Current Biology.	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	
U.S. will send tariffs letters in coming days, deals not needed, Trump says	Economy-Tariffs	The discovery marks the first time cetaceans — marine mammals including whales, dolphins and porpoises — have been observed using an object as a tool to groom.	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	
Here comes the bridal gown tariff	Economy-Tariffs	A group of armed federal immigration agents in Huntington Park, California, blasted their way into a family's home Friday morning while searching for a man they accused of charging into a law enforcement vehicle, according to several media outlets.	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	
Trump says he's terminating trade talks with Canada, effective immediately	Economy-Tariffs	Ramirez told NBC Los Angeles she heard the explosion — which blew off her door and shattered the windows — a little after 6 a.m. Friday.	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	
Defense Department will stop providing crucial satellite weather data	Environment-Climate Crisis	She said she and her two children, ages 1 and 6, were the only people inside the house at the time, which she shares with her boyfriend, Jorge Sierra-Hernandez.	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	
Weather forecasters say a second tropical storm has formed along coastal Mexico	Environment-Hurricane	For decades, whenever a baby is born in the U.S., hospitals have notified state vital records agencies, which have in turn notified the Social Security Administration, that a new person needs a Social Security number. The so-called "enumeration at birth" policy is automatic for the government and simple for parents, who merely check a box on a hospital form.	https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/6517122/chevy-corvette-z06-theft-20250627	2025/06/27	

Fact check: Trump makes big false claims about his big domestic policy bill	Fact check	In a White House speech on Thursday, Trump falsely claimed Medicaid is "left the same" by the bill. In fact, both the version of the legislation that was narrowly passed by the House in May and the latest version now being contemplated by the Senate contain major Medicaid policy changes and funding cuts that are expected to result in millions of people losing insurance coverage. Trump also falsely claimed that the bill includes "no tax" on Social Security benefits. The legislation would not actually fulfill Trump's campaign promise to completely eliminate taxes on Social Security benefits, though it would temporarily give seniors a substantially bigger tax deduction. And Trump falsely claimed that "there'll be a 68% tax increase" if Congress doesn't approve the bill; there is no credible estimate of anything close to a 68% hike.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fact-check-trump-makes-big-120024568/	2025/06/30		
Fresh blow for Musk's DOGE as it loses power to award \$500B in federal funds	Fuck that department	The US DOJ's Service, the reappointed government agency tasked with carrying out Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency agenda to cut a trillion dollars in federal spending, has reportedly lost access to a key government website responsible for distributing roughly \$500 billion in annual awards, the latest blow to the initiative after Musk's acrimonious split from the Trump administration earlier this month.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fresh-blow-musk-doge-loses-193927040/	2025/06/30		
Senate's "big, beautiful bill" would add \$3.3 trillion in new debt, CBO	Government Spending	The Senate reconciliation package being debated this weekend would add nearly \$3.3 trillion in budget deficits over the next 10 years, according to a new estimate by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The Senate's version would add far more debt than the \$2.8 trillion in estimated deficits in the version the House passed in late May.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/29/senate-big-beautiful-bill-deficits-debt	2025/06/30		
GOP megabill narrowly wins first test in the Senate. Here's what's in it	Government Spending	Senate Republicans voted to advance their massive tax and spending bill late Saturday night after hours of delays and negotiations. Republican Sens. Thom Tillis (R-C.) and Rand Paul (R-ky.) voted against a motion to start debate on the bill. The vote was 51 to 49. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wisc., originally voted no but switched his vote at the last minute, preventing the need for Vice President J.D. Vance to break a tie. Vance spent hours in the Capitol in the event that his vote was needed.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/28/gop-174388/senate-big-beautiful-bill	2025/06/30		
Senate GOP Restores Medicaid Cuts to Trump Tax Package	Government Spending	Senate Republicans restored major Medicaid cuts to Donald Trump's signature economic legislation, re-fashioning a key provision to overcome a procedural obstacle.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/senate-republicans-restore-medicaid-cuts-193927040/	2025/06/30		
What's in Trump's "big, beautiful bill" nearing a final vote in the Senate	Government Spending	After the House narrowly approved the legislation that addresses the president's tax, defense, border and energy priorities last month, Senate Republicans have been putting their imprint on the bill. But GOP leaders are seeking a middle ground to appease the upper chamber without alienating House Republicans, who will have to approve the Senate's changes before the bill can head to the president's desk for his signature. The Senate voted Saturday to advance the measure, overcoming a key hurdle as the upper chamber works toward final passage.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/whats-trumps-big-beautiful-bill-17244342/	2025/06/30		
Surprise Tax in G.O.P. Bill Could Cripple Wind and Solar Power	Government Spending	Senate Republicans have quietly inserted provisions in President Trump's domestic policy bill that would not only end federal support for wind and solar energy but would impose an entirely new tax on future projects, a move that industry groups say could devastate the renewable power industry. The tax provision, tucked inside the 940-page bill that the Senate made public just after midnight on Friday, stunned observers.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/29/climate/gop-bill-adds-surprise-tax	2025/06/30		
Where's our money? CDC grant funding is moving so slowly layoffs are happening	Government-CDC	According to two CDC staff members with knowledge of the agency's budget, the CDC has yet to receive its full funding for the 2025 fiscal year. NPR agreed not to name the staff members because they were not authorized to speak to the media.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health-news/2025/06/28/nx-1-5442	2025/06/30		
Who is in charge at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention?	Government-CDC	Who is in charge at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? The answer is more complicated than it may seem. With no confirmed or acting CDC director, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has direct control over the agency, allowing him to sign off — or not — on vaccine recommendations, according to legal experts. Yet Kennedy, the secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), testified before a Senate committee in May that someone else is running the agency — creating confusion that could lead to legal challenges.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/29/who-is-in-charge-at-cdc	2025/06/30		
Since Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was created after the 9/11 attacks, its agents have operated with vastly more enforcement power, less transparency and fewer guardrails than local police.	Government-ICE	Under Trump, critics say, ICE has become the closest thing the U.S. has to a secret police force. ICE agents aren't required to wear body cameras, can cover their faces, don't have to provide badge numbers or identify themselves, can arrive in unmarked cars and don't need a warrant from a judge to detain someone. Like those with other federal enforcement agencies, they can ignore rules that govern local police departments, particularly those local agencies with histories of abuse or that operate under court-imposed restrictions on racial profiling. In some cases, ICE agents can even arrest U.S. citizens — but they aren't supposed to place them in immigration detention units. Even so, a few U.S. citizens have been detained in recent ICE raids because of agents' mistakes or negligence.				
Allegations of abuse by ICE agents rarely are investigated because they typically involve immigrants who are removed from the U.S., Wolf said.	Government-ICE	Allegations of abuse by ICE agents rarely are investigated because they typically involve immigrants who are removed from the U.S., Wolf said.				
Axios Explains: Inside ICE's superpowers	Government-ICE	Donald Trump's administration is on pace to have one of the worst years for deaths in immigrant detention in decades following the recent deaths of a Canadian citizen and a Cuban man in federal custody. His death would bring the total to at least 12 dead in ICE custody since Trump took office.	https://www.axios.com/2025-06-29/axios-explains-inside-ice-superpower	2025/06/30		
At least 11 people have died in ICE detention under Trump, as administration on pace for deadliest year in decades	Government-ICE	All told, 15 people have reportedly died in detention this fiscal year, which includes the final months of Joe Biden's administration.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-2025-06-29/	2025/06/30		
Trump Admin Says ICE Agents are the Real Victims. Amid Violent Immigration Raids	Government-ICE	Since President Donald Trump took office in January, violent ICE arrests have been caught on camera across the country. In the clips, many of which have gone viral, agents are seen smashing the window of a car with a pregnant woman inside, vigorously beating a man who is curled up on the asphalt, and tossing tear gas canisters near a toddler and a baby. The Department of Homeland Security has presented ICE agents themselves as the real victims here. DHS spokeswoman Tricia McLaughlin says assaults against ICE agents have risen 500 percent since the beginning of the year.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-admin-says-ice-agents-140050555/	2025/06/30		
Joh. Corps shutdown would displace thousands of young trainees	Government-Job Corp	The Trump administration's move to shutter the nation's largest job training program for low-income youth has been blocked — at least for now — by a federal judge.				
2 dead in Idaho after gunman ambushes firefighters responding to brush fire, Sheriff	Gun Violence	U.S. District Judge Andrew Carter ruled that the administration lacked congressional authority to abruptly terminate the 60-year-old program, issuing a preliminary injunction while the lawsuit proceeds.	https://www.axios.com/2025/06/29/job-corps-shutdown-young-trainees	2025/06/30		
'Explosive increase' of ticks that cause meat allergy in US due to climate crisis	Health-Environment	Two people are dead after firefighters were ambushed by a gunman, or multiple gunmen, while responding to a brush fire in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, officials said.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/firefighters-ambushed-gunman-responding	2025/06/30		
Many forget the damage done by diseases like whooping cough, measles and rubella. Not these families	Health-Vaccines	Law enforcement is investigating whether the fire could have been intentionally set in order to lure first responders to the scene. Kootenai County Sheriff's Lt. Jeff Howard told ABC News. Blood-sucking ticks that trigger a bizarre allergy to meat in the people they bite are exploding in number and spreading across the US, to the extent that they could cover the entire eastern half of the country and infect millions of people, experts have warned. Lone star ticks have taken advantage of rising temperatures by the human-caused climate crisis to expand from their heartland in the south-east US to areas previously too cold for them, in recent years marching as far north as New York and even Maine, as well as pushing westwards.	https://theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/29/one-ate-ticks-hore	2025/06/30		
After decades in the US, Iranians arrested in Trump's deportation drive	Immigrants	The ticks are known to be unusually aggressive and can provoke an allergy in bitten people whereby they cannot eat red meat without enduring a severe reaction, such as breaking out in hives and even risk of heart attacks. The condition, known as alpha-gal syndrome, has proliferated from just a few dozen known cases in 2009 to as many as 450,000 now.	https://apnews.com/article/iran-immigration-arrests-us-trump-deportatio	2025/06/30		
ICE arrests of US military veterans and their relatives are on the rise - a country that I fought for	Immigrants	In the time before widespread vaccination, death often came early. Devastating infectious diseases ran rampant in America, killing millions of children and leaving others with lifelong health problems. These illnesses were the main reason why nearly one in five children in 1900 never made it to their fifth birthday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-arrests-us-military-veterans-1826351/	2025/06/30		
Opinion - Deportation nation: Trump 2.0 is gunning for new records in immigration prosecutions	Immigration	Over the next century, vaccines virtually wiped out long-feared scourges like polio and measles and drastically reduced the toll of many others. Today, however, some preventable, contagious diseases are making a comeback as vaccine hesitancy pushes immunization rates down. And well-established vaccines are facing suspicion even from public officials, with Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a longtime anti-vaccine activist, running the federal health department.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-deportation-nation-trump-2-1200/	2025/06/30		
Opinion - Red states have launched a hostile takeover of public universities	Information Blockout	Mandana "Dorna" Kashanian lived in the United States for 47 years, married a U.S. citizen and raised their daughter. She was gardening in the yard of her New Orleans home when U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers handcuffed and took her away, her family said. Kashanian arrived in 1978 on a student visa and applied for asylum, fearing retaliation for her father's support of the U.S.-backed shah. She lost her bid, but she was allowed to remain with her husband and child if she checked in regularly with immigration officials, her husband and daughter said. She complied, once checking in from South Carolina during Hurricane Katrina. She is now being held at an immigration detention center in Basile, Louisiana, while her family tries to get information.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-red-states-launched-hostile-1200/	2025/06/30		
Hard to imagine a worse time to deport Afghan refugees, human rights advocates say	International Relations	As the Chronicle reported, Thomas was born on a US army base in Germany to an American citizen father, who was originally born in Jamaica and is now dead. Thomas does not have US, German or Jamaican citizenship — but Trump's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ice) agency deported him anyway to Jamaica, a country in which he had never set foot.	https://www.npr.org/sections/goingstoahead/sota/2025/06/28/g-a1-74742/a/	2025/06/30		

		Katrine and other female soldiers, all of whom spoke to The Associated Press on June 11 on the condition that only their first names be used because of operational security, volunteered for military service earlier this year. Until now, that was the only way women were allowed to partake in military service, although women have been able to enlist as full-time members of the armed forces since the early 1970s.			
Women can be drafted into the Danish military as Russian aggression and military investment grows	International-Denmark	The Scandinavian country is seeking to increase the number of young people in the military by extending compulsory enlistment to women for the first time. Men and women can both still volunteer, and the remaining places will be filled by a gender-neutral draft lottery.	https://apnews.com/article/denmark-female-conscription-military-e5070	2025/06/30	
		Amr Saïed Ibrahim, Iran's ambassador to the United Nations, said on Sunday that the Islamic republic's nuclear enrichment "will never stop" because it is permitted for "peaceful energy" purposes under the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. The enrichment is our right, an inalienable right, and we want to implement this right," Iravani told CBS News, adding that Iran was ready for negotiations but "unconditional surrender is not negotiation. It is dictating the policy toward us."			
Iran's nuclear enrichment 'will never stop', nation's UN ambassador says	International-Iran	But Iravani said Tehran is "ready for the negotiation, but after this aggression, it is not proper condition for a new round of the negotiation, and there is no request for negotiation and meeting with the president".	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/29/iran-nuclear-enrichment	2025/06/30	
		First, a top official with the United Nations's nuclear watchdog told CBS News that Iran's production capabilities would be able to enrich weapons-grade uranium within a few months, (in the event Iran's government orders production of a nuclear-tipped missile. Then, The Washington Post revealed that U.S. intelligence sources intercepted a call between top Iranian officials commenting on the strikes and describing them as less destructive than Tehran was expecting.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-1	2025/06/30	
UN watchdog and intercepted Iran call undermine Trump's boasts about ending nuke program	International-Iran	The Jerusalem District Court cancelled this week's hearings in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's long-running corruption trial, accepting a request the Israeli leader made citing classified diplomatic and security grounds.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/court-cancels-israel-pm-netanyahu-1246	2025/06/30	
Court cancels Israel PM Netanyahu's trial hearings this week	International-Israel	video	https://www.yahoo.com/news/russia-launches-biggest-air-attack-11463	2025/06/30	
Russia launches biggest air attack on Ukraine since start of war	International-Russia	House Republican leadership is actively discussing new ways to restrict the classified information that all lawmakers can receive, after the White House indicated it will limit intelligence sharing with Congress going forward. Democrats are warning that would threaten their ability to do their jobs, and some Republicans also say they would be against further restrictions.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-gop-leadership-discussing-ways-1	2025/06/30	
House GOP leadership discussing new ways to limit classified information on Capitol Hill	Political-Cespool	The response to Lozano's arrest highlights a new strategy emerging after large-scale protests overtook downtown Los Angeles earlier this month. Instead of focusing on marches outside federal buildings, residents of sprawling L.A. County are zeroing in on their own blocks and neighborhoods to show their opposition to Trump's mass deportation efforts.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/protesters-los-angeles-shifting-tactics-126	2025/06/30	
Protesters in Los Angeles are shifting their tactics as ICE detentions spread fear	Protest	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has opened a new chapter of federal vaccine policy that invites questions on issues long considered to be settled and that pushes anti-vaccine priorities into mainstream government guidelines. Over the course of a two-day meeting this week, Kennedy's handpicked panel of vaccine advisers said they would launch an investigation into the cumulative effect of the childhood and adolescent vaccine schedules and consider new recommendations for shots that have long been on the market. "Vaccines are not all good or bad," said Martin Kulldorff, the committee's new chair and a former Harvard University professor. "No questions should be off-limits."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-opens-chapter-us-16000771.html	2025/06/30	
RFK Jr. opens new chapter in US vaccine policy	RFK JR BS	Police in southern California arrested a man suspected of posing as a federal immigration officer this week, the latest in a series of such arrests, as masked, plainclothes immigration agents are deployed nationwide to meet the Trump administration's mass deportation targets. The arrest is one of several cases involving people allegedly impersonating immigration officials, as the nationwide crackdown on undocumented immigrants intensifies. Experts have warned that federal agents' increased practice of masking while carrying out immigration raids and arrests makes it easier for imposters to pose as federal officers.			
		Around the country, the sight of ICE officers emerging from unmarked cars in plainclothes to make arrests has become increasingly common. The high court's order on Friday did not explain why the court wants to hear oral arguments again in Louisiana v. Cates during its next term that is expected to start in October, although it signaled there may be details in a follow-up order coming in "due course."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/28/civilians-impersonal	2025/06/30	
US sees spike of arrests of civilians impersonating ICE officers	Secret Police	"This is on the surface a fairly easy case factually to decide," says Michael LI, a redistricting expert at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law. "The Supreme Court almost never holds over cases for argument and the fact that it's doing so in this case is puzzling." Friday's ruling quickly sparked questions about how the dispute over birthright citizenship will play out now — and how the ruling on universal injunctions might affect other efforts to push back on executive policies, under President Trump and future presidents. "Nationwide injunctions have been an important tool to prevent blatantly illegal and unconstitutional conduct," the National Immigration Justice Center's director of litigation, Kerri Zwick, said in a statement sent to NPR. The decision to limit such injunctions, she said, "opens a pathway for the president to break the law at will."	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/28/us-1-5445336/supreme-court-louisiana	2025/06/30	
Where the Voting Rights Act stands after the Supreme Court punts on a Louisiana case	Supreme Court	Current legal standing for birthright citizenship in the U.S. extends back to the 1860s, when the 14th Amendment of the Constitution was ratified, stating, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States."			
		"Any executive order purporting to limit birthright citizenship is just as unconstitutional today as it was yesterday," Wendy Weiser, vice president for democracy at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law School, told NPR. "There is nothing substantively in the decision that undercuts those lower court opinions. The opinion just undercuts the tools available to the courts to enforce that constitutional mandate."	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/27/us-1-5448863/birthright-citizenship-aw	2025/06/30	
What is birthright citizenship and what happens after the Supreme Court ruling?	Supreme Court	Summary	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/27/us-1-5448863/birthright-citizenship-aw	2025/06/30	
The Supreme Court gives Trump a wave of victories in a blockbuster final week	Supreme Court	On Friday alone, she was part of a conservative 6-3 majority in three of the five rulings, including the birthright citizenship case. The others saw the court rule in favor of religious conservatives who objected to LGBTQ story books in elementary schools and uphold a Texas restriction on adult-content websites.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/criticism-maga-world-amy-coney-090000	2025/06/30	
After criticism from MAGA world, Amy Coney Barrett delivers for Trump	Supreme Court	An industry-backed researcher who has forged a career sowing doubt about the dangers of pollutants is attempting to use artificial intelligence (AI) to amplify his perspective. Louis Anthony "Tony" Cox Jr., a Denver-based risk analyst and former Trump adviser who once reportedly claimed there is no proof that cleaning air saves lives, is developing an AI application to scan academic research for what he sees as the false conflation of correlation with causation. A notorious cybercriminal group has shifted its attention to the aviation industry, successfully breaching the computer networks of multiple airlines in the United States and Canada this month, according to the FBI and private experts responding to the hacks. The hacking hasn't affected airline safety, but it has top cyber executives at major airlines across the United States on alert because of the hacking suspects: A network of young cybercriminals called "Scattered Spider" who are known for their aggressive efforts to extort or embarrass their victims.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/warped-cybercriminal-group-targets-us-1	2025/06/30	les, danger,
Inside a plan to use AI to amplify doubts about the dangers of pollutants	Technology-AI	An explosion and fire at a pharmaceutical factory in India's southern state of Telangana killed at least eight people and injured several others, authorities said Monday. "It was an explosion in a spray dryer unit of the factory, which is used to process raw material into fine powder for making drugs," Rao said.	https://apnews.com/article/india-pharmaceutical-factory-fire-telangana-1	2025/06/30	
Rampant cybercriminal group targets US airlines	Technology-Cybercrime	A gold mine party collapsed in eastern Sudan, killing 11 miners, the state-run company in charge of the project said Sunday. Zohran Mandani shrugged off President Trump's attacks on him and denied he's a communist during a Sunday interview in which the progressive New York City mayoral candidate said he doesn't think there should be billionaires.	https://apnews.com/article/sudan-gold-mine-collapse-864e1cca08369f	2025/06/30	
At least 8 killed in an explosion and fire at a pharmaceutical factory in southern India	Tragic	Mandani said on NBC News' "Meet the Press" he's "had to start to get used to the fact that the president will talk about how I look, how I sound, where I'm from, who I am, ultimately, because he wants to distract from what I'm fighting for."			
A gold mine collapse kills 11 workers in Sudan	Tragic	He added, "I'm fighting for the very king people that he ran a campaign to empower, that he has since then betrayed. And when we talk about my politics, I call myself a democratic socialist in many ways inspired by the words of Dr. King from decades ago who said, "Call it democracy or call it democratic socialism."	https://www.abcnews.com/2025/06/29/trump-mandani-nyc-funds-mayor-c	2025/06/30	
Trump, Mandani must 'behave' if elected NYC mayor, or face funding cuts	Trump Bullshit	The Trump administration has, for the first time ever, built a searchable national citizenship data system. The tool, which is being rolled out in phases, is designed to be used by state and local election officials to give them an easier way to ensure only citizens are voting. But it was developed rapidly without a public process, and some of those officials are already worrying about what else it could be used for. ... Such integration has never existed before, and experts call it a sea change that inches the U.S. closer to having a roster of citizens — something the country has never embraced. A centralized national database of Americans' personal information has long been considered a third rail — especially to privacy advocates as well as political conservatives, who have traditionally opposed mass data consolidation by the federal government.			
The Trump administration is building a national citizenship data system	Trump Bullshit	Legal experts told NPR they were alarmed that a development of this magnitude was already underway without a transparent and public process. The University of Virginia (UVA) received "explicit" notification from the Trump administration that the school would endure cuts to university jobs, research funding and student aid as well as visas if the institution's president, Jim Ryan, did not resign, according to a US senator.	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/29/us-1-5402608/citizenship-trump-privac	2025/06/30	
Trump sent 'explicit' threat to cut funds from University of Virginia, senator says	Trump Bullshit	Warner said he understood that the former UVA president was told that if he "tried to fight back, hundreds of employees would lose jobs, researchers would lose funding, and hundreds of students could lose financial aid or have their visas withheld."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/29/trump-threats-univ	2025/06/30	
Rising summer heat increases risk of child deaths in hot cars	Warning	So far this year, nine children have died after being left unattended in vehicles in California, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, New Mexico, New Jersey and North Carolina, according to Kids and Car Safety, which collects data on hot car deaths. Five died in June. And last year, 39 children in the U.S. died after being left in hot cars.	https://abcnews.com/US/wireStory/rising-summer-heat-increases-ri	2025/06/30	
Severe heat waves hit Southern Europe as authorities warn against wildfire risks	Weather-Heat	Major heat waves across Southern Europe have pushed temperatures above 40 C (104 F) in countries including Italy, Spain and Greece, as local authorities issued fresh warnings against the risk of wildfires. Severe heat waves were recorded in Italy, Greece, Spain and Portugal before the weekend, with locals and tourists alike taking shelter from the sweltering conditions. Two-thirds of Portugal were on high alert on Sunday for extreme heat and wildfires, with temperatures expected to top 42 C (107 F) in Lisbon. In Italy, a few regions — Lazio, Tuscany, Calabria, Puglia and Umbria — were planning to ban some outdoor work activities during the hottest hours of the day in response to the record-high temperatures. Italian trade unions pushed the government to expand such measures at a national level. The list of climate-related disasters in the US was long last week as vast swathes of the country sweated under a brutal heatwave. ... These incidents – and many more – were the result of the highest temperatures across the northern and middle swath of the US at this early summer date in some cases since the late 19th century. Nearly 130 million people were under extreme heat warnings or heat advisories on Thursday, according to NOAA's Weather Prediction Center, with 282 locations breaking daily heat records this week, with another 121 equalling with previous highs. NOAA data showed.	https://www.theguardian.com/international/2025/jun/28/us-heatwaves-ht	2025/06/30	
		A new study published in the scientific journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, found that stalled atmospheric patterns have tripled over the last 70 years.	https://www.theguardian.com/science/journal/Proceedings-of-the-National-Academy-of-Sciences-found-that-stalled-atmospheric-patterns-have-tripled-over-the-last-70-years	2025/06/30	climate crisis

		Topped irrigation, crumbled grain bins and acres of destroyed crop are part of what's been dealing with since the storm struck the farm and a wide swath of land across central and east central North Dakota and even well into Minnesota.			
Once in a generation storm destroys grain storage and crops across North Dakota	Weather-Storms	Thompson plans to replant his edible beans and some of his soybean acres as soon as the weather cooperates and plans to use an earlier maturity seed to make up for the shorter time frame of the growing season. Surprisingly, Thompson's corn crop and hard red spring wheat were able to withstand the storm and appear to be doing well. Thompson had trees that fell, irrigation that had ripped and other damage. But he does consider himself to be one of the lucky ones. At the city's Museum of Flight, the South African artist Ralph Ziman premieres a MIG-21 covered in tens of millions of beads to spur conversation about weapons of war Most retired planes settle for an afterlife at a boneyard or disassembly facility. A defunct MIG-21 fighter jet that recently arrived at Seattle's Museum of Flight is not most planes.	https://www.inform.com/news/north-dakota/once-in-a-generation-storm	2025/06/30	
Make beads, not war: a bedazzled fighter jet lands in Seattle	Weird world	While many decommissioned vessels collect rust, the Soviet-designed aircraft is blanketed from top to bottom, inside and out, in tens of millions of glass beads that explode in a riot of color.	https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2025/jun/29/mig-21-project	2025/06/30	
Felt Canisack in An EV? Scientists Say You're Not Imagining It And They Know Why	Weird world	According to scientists who spoke to The Guardian, those green-beamed EV riders aren't imagining it. Humans could very well find themselves experiencing motion sickness in an electric vehicle even when its full performance is not being deployed, despite having spent decades traveling in a combustion-powered car without an issue. If the length of our skirts speaks to the stock market – short hemlines in boom times, long when they're sad – breasts are political. Thirty years after the French Revolution, Eugène Delacroix painted Liberty Leading the People with a lithe, bare-breasted Liberty holding the French flag, leading her people to freedom. A century and a half later, women burning their bras at the 1968 protest against the Miss America pageant became one of the defining images of the feminist movement – never mind the fact that it never happened. (Protesters threw cups of Playboy, and some brae, in a trash can, but starting a fire on a sidewalk was illegal.) Intriguingly, decades when big breasts are in fashion seem to coincide with times of regression for women. Think about it. The 1920s: flat-chested flapper dresses and emancipation. The 1950s: Jayne Mansfield and women being pulled away from the workplace and back into the home. The 1970s: lean torso under T-shirts, and the women's liberation movement.	https://www.cnn.com/2025/06/felt-canisack-in-an-ev-science-hike	2025/06/30	
A marker of luxury and arrogance': why gravity-defying boots are back - and what they say about the state of the world	Weird world	In 2024, murders fell by as little 14% across the U.S., according to analyses by the data firm AH DataLytics and the Council on Criminal Justice, a nonpartisan think tank. Official data from the FBI goes only through 2023 but shows similar drops. Early analyses from AH DataLytics suggest the drop may be even bigger in 2025.	https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2025/jun/28/a-marker-of-luxury	2025/06/30	
Murders are down nationwide. Researchers point to a key reason	Crime	If you meet people's needs, he says, they're less likely to turn to violence.	https://www.npr.com/2025/06/30/mx-a1-5448852-murders-down-nationw	2025/07/01	
Trump flying down to open Florida's 'Alligator Alcatraz' detention center Tuesday	Dystopian	President Donald Trump is planning to visit a site in the Everglades where Florida officials want to detain migrants, which they have nicknamed "Alligator Alcatraz." Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis previewed the president's visit for the formal opening, saying the site "will be ready for business" by Tuesday. "What'll happen is you bring people in there. They ain't going anywhere once they're there, unless you want them to go somewhere, because good luck getting to civilization. So the security is amazing," DeSantis said, brining at the allegations that swim in the wetlands surrounding the abandoned airport site, approximately 45 miles from Miami.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/politics/trump-j	2025/07/01	
Trump's clean-energy grenade rattles high-tech industries	Economy-environment	Critics say President Trump's megabill amounts to an alien siren in the battle for the future of energy. The consequences for U.S. jobs, electricity prices and the AI arms race could reverberate for decades. The "One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act," which would gut key Biden-era clean energy subsidies and potentially impose new taxes on solar and wind projects, could reach Trump's desk as soon as this week. "A massive strategic error is being made right now to damage solar/battery that will leave America extremely vulnerable in the future," Musk tweeted Sunday, after the Senate unveiled new changes to the bill. The Senate's version of the giant tax and spending bill might eliminate tax credits for electric vehicle purchases even sooner than the House version. The draft that the Senate released over the weekend sets a single termination date: Sept. 30th, three months from now.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/01/trump-clean-energy-tax-credits-one	2025/07/01	
Senate considers ditching the EV tax credit even earlier than planned	Economy-environment	Meanwhile, the Trump-aligned American Energy Alliance celebrated the prospect of rapidly terminating EV tax credits. "Eliminating green giveaways on the backs of American taxpayers is shortsighted and neglectful," the group's president, Tom Pyle, wrote in a statement. When two South Korean companies announced a multibillion-dollar investment to build solar panel and electric battery factories in northwest Georgia, federal subsidies helped close a deal to diversify the local economy. The factories promised thousands of new jobs, transforming the manufacturing base in Cartersville, once a cotton mill town before an AnhuiSue-Busch brewery arrived in the 1960s and a tire plant in 2006.	https://www.npr.com/2025/06/30/mx-a1-5451711/e-tax-credit-megabill	2025/07/01	
A Georgia town that solidly backed Trump could fall victim to his tax bill's green energy cuts	Economy-environment	But now Republicans in Congress want to gut the subsidies for projects across the country in a tax cut bill they days from final passage. President Donald Trump's signature legislation could harm Cartersville despite it being in overwhelmingly Republican Bartow County, which backed Trump with 75% of the vote all three times he appeared on the ballot.	https://agnews.com/articles/georgia-cartersville-solar-electric-vehicle-bu	2025/07/01	
Ford workers told their CEO 'none of the young people want to work here. So Jim Farley look a page out of the founder's playbook'	Economy-Wages	Ford CEO Jim Farley learned from older employees that some young workers at the carmaker were taking shifts at Amazon to make ends meet, he said at the Aspen Ideas Festival. Farley said he drew on founder Henry Ford's decision to raise factory wages to \$5 a day in 1914 to make temporary workers into full-time employees. Young people have previously eschewed manufacturing jobs due to low wages.	https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/companies/ford-workers-told-their-ceo	2025/07/01	
As light pollution increases, West Texas works to protect the world's largest 'dark sky reserve'	Environment-Light pollution	From the observatory's perch high up in the Davis Mountains of Far West Texas—some 6,800 hundred feet above sea level—you can see just how far the desert floor stretches out and the nighttime sky almost feels within reach. Under tonight's starry shroud, couples embrace, heads tilt toward the sky and children skip from telescope to telescope to catch a glimpse of the celestial show. About 75,000 people attend the observatory's "star-parties" throughout the year and take in the region's famously dark skies. "It makes me feel kind of small – not insignificant, but small, just part of this whole cosmos that we live in," said Cameron Howitt. Recent research shows the night sky in North America is getting brighter every year – on average, researchers say, you can see about 10 percent fewer stars than the year before. But the Big Bend area in Texas has fended off the light glow that washes out stargazing nights. The deep ocean covers most of the planet. Gerard Barron wants his company to be the first to mine it.	https://www.npr.com/2025/07/01/mx-a1-5398493/light-pollution-west-texa	2025/07/01	
This company wants to be the first to mine the ocean floor, with Trump's help	Environment-Mining	That "big game" is a remote stretch of the Pacific Ocean, believed to hold massive amounts of minerals like nickel and cobalt. It would become the target of his latest firm, The Metals Company. The "big, beautiful bill" slashes food and health benefits for the poorest Americans, while giving tax cuts to higher earners – blowing a hole in the nation's safety net, according to healthcare experts and advocates for lower-income people. Experts say the cuts could unleash a tidal wave of pain – overcrowded emergency rooms, an increase in chronic health care issues, more medical debt, and more folks going hungry. If the \$4 trillion bill passes into law, it would be the biggest cut to the social safety net in decades, as the Washington Post noted.	https://www.npr.com/2025/06/30/mx-a1-5450336/ocean-nickel-cobalt-gac	2025/07/01	
Big, beautiful bill pushes millions of people away from social safety net	Government-Spending	The Senate scheduled for a tense overnight session that dragged into Tuesday, with Republican leaders searching for ways to secure support for President Donald Trump's big bill of tax breaks and spending cuts while lending off proposed amendments, mostly from Democrats trying to defeat the package. An endgame appeared to be taking shape. Senate Majority Leader John Thune of South Dakota spent the night reaching for last-minute agreements between those in his party worried the bills reductions to Medicaid will leave millions without care and his most conservative flank, which wants even deeper cuts to Social Security, with the tax cut side. In a twist, Republican senators insist they don't know how or why the Tax was inserted into the bill they're rushing to pass. No senator is taking credit for or defending it. And at least one wants it removed. "It's a secret, I guess," Graham told NBC News on Monday evening. "I don't know where it came from."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/megabill-mystery-solar-wind-tax-0157056	2025/07/01	
A megabill mystery: New solar and wind tax comes as a surprise to Republican senators	Government-Spending	Nearly 12 million people would lose their health insurance under President Trump's "big, beautiful bill," an erosion of the social safety net that would lead to more unmanaged chronic illnesses, higher medical debt and overcrowding of hospital emergency departments. "We are going back to a place of a lot of uncompensated care and a lot of patchwork systems for people to get care," said Ellen Motz, a managing director at Manatt Health who oversees the ACA federal marketplace during the Biden administration. Just three days after he helped save a 9-year-old girl from a shark attack, 31-year-old Luis Alvarez was arrested for allegedly driving without a valid driver's license. He is now facing potential deportation, according to news reports, and ICE says he's alive in the country illegally since 2022.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/01/least-cost-health-coverage-losses	2025/07/01	
What's at stake from GOP megabill's coverage losses	Government-Spending-health	Just three days after he helped save a 9-year-old girl from a shark attack, 31-year-old Luis Alvarez was arrested for allegedly driving without a valid driver's license. He is now facing potential deportation, according to news reports, and ICE says he's alive in the country illegally since 2022.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/man-rushed-help-9-yld-220050021.html	2025/07/01	
Man Rushed to Help 9-Year-Old Shark Attack Victim, Days Later, ICE Arrests Him and Says He's in This Country Illegally	Government-ICE	Like in other parts of LA, many Huntington residents have been terrified amid reports of masked federal agents detaining immigrants, or those that look like immigrants, on the street, in parking lots, at swap meets or large stores and soldiers deployed into the city against the wishes of local officials and the governor. "It is a campaign of domestic terror that is being imposed on our residents on a daily basis," Flores said. "It is a level of psychological warfare that I've only seen in theaters of war. It's terrifying seeing it being dispensed here to my city."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/01/california-huntington	2025/07/01	
California mayor on Trump's immigration raids: 'It is a campaign of domestic terror'	Government-ICE	As the weather has worsened, there have been fewer federal scientists to alert the public of it. Cuts to the weather service by Trump and the so-called "department of government efficiency" (Doge) have left NWS local forecast offices critically underfunded throughout this year's heightened severe weather. In April, an internal document reportedly described how cuts could create a situation of "degraded" operations – shuffling down core services by one unit until it reaches an equilibrium that doesn't overtake its remaining employees. The changing climate is also making simultaneous weather disasters more likely, such as overlapping tornadoes and flash floods – crimping emergency preparedness officials and compounding the effects of funding cuts. After recent moves by the US Department of Health and Human Services to restrict the approval and use of some vaccines – and signs that more changes might be coming – some states and private partnerships are scrambling to ensure that vaccines will still be available to those who want them. "When you start splintering the message from the federal government down states and local health departments, people end up being left in everybody. They don't know who to believe," said one official familiar with several ongoing efforts who spoke on the condition they not be named because they weren't authorized to share the details of those plans. The Justice Department is aggressively prioritizing efforts to strip some Americans of their U.S. citizenship. Department leadership is directing its attorneys to prioritize denaturalization in cases involving naturalized citizens who commit certain crimes – and giving U.S. attorneys wider discretion on when to pursue this tactic, according to a June 11 memo published online. The move is aimed at U.S. citizens who were not born in the country, according to data from 2023, close to 25 million immigrants were naturalized citizens. The Trump administration has codified its efforts to strip some Americans of their US citizenship in a recently published justice department memo that directs attorneys to prioritize denaturalization for naturalized citizens who commit certain crimes. According to the memo, those subjected to civil proceedings are not entitled to an attorney like they are in criminal cases. And the government has a lighter burden of proof in civil cases than they do in criminal ones. The directive gives justice department attorneys wider discretion on when to pursue denaturalization, including in instances of lying on immigration forms, cases where there is financial fraud or medical fraud in favor of the US or against private individuals, and cases referred by a US attorney's office or in connection with pending criminal charges.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/01/trump-huntington-city	2025/07/01	authoritarian creep, two-tiered justice, rights under review,
Trump's justice department issues directive to strip naturalized Americans of citizenship for criminal offenses	Immigrants		https://www.npr.com/2025/06/30/mx-a1-5445388/denaturalization-trump	2025/07/01	
DOJ announces plans to prioritize cases to revoke citizenship	Immigrants				
Trump's justice department issues directive to strip naturalized Americans of citizenship for criminal offenses	Immigrants				

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What to know about the DOJ revoking citizenship of naturalized Americans	Immigration	However, another provision requires that the child and both parents all have Social Security numbers. The bill's authors said it's to make sure benefits only go to those living in the U.S. with valid legal status. Michael Mines, director of civic engagement for La Unión del Pueblo Entero, said that right now, having only one parent with a Social Security number is enough for a family to qualify — and this new burden will hurt families with mixed immigration status.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/30/trump-naturalized-citizenship-doj-im	2025/07/01	
Abrego Garcia's release delayed over deportation concerns	Immigration		https://www.axios.com/2025/09/30/abrego-garcia-release-delayed-doj	2025/07/01	
Families with mixed immigration status would lose child tax credit under GOP tax and spending bill	Immigration	Over 100 US companies hiring remote workers ended up funding Kim Jong Un's weapons programs, DOJ says	https://www.btr.org/border-immigration/2025-09-30/families-with-mixed	2025/07/01	
Republican-led states advance Trump's agenda with new laws taking effect Tuesday	International Relations	The Justice Department said on Monday that it had seized hundreds of computers and accused 13 people of tricking US companies into paying salaries to North Korea. For most states, Tuesday is the start of a new fiscal year, when numerous laws take effect. Some of the statutes in Trump-won states this year mirror executive orders and other directives he signed early in his second term.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/over-100-us-companies-hiring-04564382	2025/07/01	
Workers living in fear of ICE raids in Los Angeles are hiding, like Anne Frank	News	Ongoing raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in Los Angeles have reportedly driven members of the city's Latino population into hiding, with one man claiming "It's like Anne Frank."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ice-raids	2025/07/01	
Trump Border czar Has Gruesome Response to Man Dying in ICE Custody	Political Cesspool	"I'm unaware of that. I'm not aware of that. I mean people die in ICE custody, people die in county jail, people die in state prisons," Homan replied, brushing off that a man had just died on his watch. Sen. Amy Klobuchar (Minn.), the top Democrat on the Senate Agriculture Committee, questioned why only two states should receive "special treatment" in a GOP-backed plan to reduce federal dollars for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the coming years.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-border-czar-gruesome-response-2	2025/07/01	
Top Democrat questions 'special treatment' for Alaska, Hawaii in GOP SNAP proposal	Political Cesspool	Republicans are floating changes to that plan that would create special carveouts for Alaska and Hawaii amid internal GOP pushback. But senators signal the exemption could be at risk as Democrats question "special treatment" for the states. Much like President Donald Trump, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem is no stranger to taking advantage of the trappings of elected office to make a quick buck or glitz up her surroundings. In 2021, public records showed that the then governor of South Dakota spent almost \$70,000 installing a sauna, chandeliers, and luxury decor in the governor's mansion. Last year, she was sued by a consumer protection group after producing undisclosed advertisements for a Texas dental group. The secretary has more recently sported a \$50,000 watch while touring a Salvadoran torture prison. She also sold a Gucci purse stuffed with over \$3,000 in cash stolen from her at a D.C. restaurant earlier this year. Noem's salary as governor was \$130,000, but it wasn't her only source of income while leading South Dakota. According to a Monday report from ProPublica, she received tens of thousands of dollars from a dark money group, possibly in violation of campaign finance laws.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/top-democrat-questions-special-treatment	2025/07/01	
Kristi Noem Secretly Pocketed Cash From Dark Money Group, Report	Political Cesspool	Tax records reviewed by ProPublica show that in 2023, during Noem's tenure as governor of South Dakota, a group listed as "American Resolve Policy Fund" paid Noem \$80,000 that never made it onto her public ethics disclosures. Ahead of the July Fourth holiday and the country's 249th birthday, three-quarters of Americans say democracy is under serious threat, according to a new NPR/PBS News/Market poll. Nearly three-quarters also see politically motivated violence as a major problem.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kristi-noem-secretly-pocketed-cash-1502	2025/07/01	
Poli: Most feel democracy is threatened and political violence is a major problem	Political Violence	The U.S. is grappling with what it means to be American, who is essential to its story, who belongs, who doesn't and which direction the country should take — all while Americans are expressing very little faith in its political leadership, the survey finds.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/01/npr-st-5455247/poli-democracy-trump-a	2025/07/01	
Moderates flee Congress	Politics-Moderates	Congress has gotten so miserable that the traditional "I'm sad to leave" has now become "not a hard choice" to retire. Exhausted lawmakers are choosing retirement over bipartisan dealmaking that their own parties clearly don't want. The clanging of pots and pans. The steady thud of beating drums. The honking of passing cars with waving flags sticking out of the window. Bands playing traditional Mexican songs. Speakers shouting into megaphones. Chants coming from dozens of people. All unfolding into the middle of the night outside the Home2 Suites by Hilton in Montebello, California, in late June.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/01/congress-retirements-bipartisanship	2025/07/01	
Late-night noise latest tactic used in LA immigration protests. No sleep for ICE	Protest	The goal of this latest protest? Make as much noise as possible to try and keep U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers from sleeping and force them elsewhere. The Supreme Court on Monday threw out appellate rulings in favor of transgender people in four states following the justices' recent decision upholding a Tennessee ban on certain medical treatment for transgender youths.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/night-noise-latest-tactic-used-100410570	2025/07/01	
Supreme Court throws out appellate rulings in favor of transgender people in 4 states	Rainbow Threats	Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. gave a rambling interview on The Tucker Carlson Show Monday, going deep into anti-vaccine rhetoric, accusing Anthony Fauci of "creating" COVID-19, and admitting that the Trump trade wars are "hurting" people and businesses.	https://apnews.com/article/supreme-court-transgender-rights-health-a7	2025/07/01	
The Most Bait 'I Moments From RFK Jr.'s Tucker Carlson Diatribes	RFK JR BS	The U.S. Supreme Court declined on Monday to hear a case involving a Massachusetts public school teacher who sued on free speech grounds after her school fired her in what she called retaliation for social media posts made prior to her employment. The Mahmoud court held that the free exercise clause of the First Amendment requires public schools to give notice to parents and excuse absences to children when parents claim that using particular books interferes with their ability to instruct their children in religion. The parents who sued the Montgomery County school board asserted that simply seeing teachers use books depicting LGBTQ+ adults and children living life happily—dressing as they prefer or receiving love and acceptance from their families or getting married—undermines the parents' efforts to instruct their children that "mankind has been divinely created male and female," that "gender" cannot be unlearned from biological "sex"—to the extent the two are even distinct—without rejecting the dignity and direction God bestowed on humanity from the start; that "sexuality is expressed only in marriage between a man and a woman for creating life and strengthening the marital union"; and "that all humans are created as male or female, and that a person's biological sex is a gift bestowed by God that is both unchanging and integral to that person's being." (Mahmoud quotes these beliefs from the plaintiffs' pleadings.)	https://www.yahoo.com/news/most-bait-i-moments-rfk-jr-211310810.htm	2025/07/01	
US Supreme Court won't hear free speech fight over teacher fired for social media posts	Supreme Court	An Iran-linked cyberattack group that hacked President Trump's 2024 campaign is threatening to release another trove of emails it has stolen from his associates, including White House chief of staff Susie Wiles and Roger Stone. Reuters first reported the threat on Monday that the Cyberspace and Infrastructure Security Agency on X called a "calculated smear campaign" — which came the same day as the Trump administration released a report warning that "Iranian Cyber Actors" may target U.S. firms and "operators of critical infrastructure."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-wont-hear-135207110	2025/07/01	
Supreme Court Rules Some Americans Have a Constitutional Right to Insist on Theocracy	Supreme Court	The two veteran firefighters, along with a third who was critically injured, were ambushed by a lone gunman who started a wildfire in the state's north Sunday, investigators said. Kostenek County Fire and Rescue Chief Frank Harwood, 42, and Coeur d'Alene Fire Department Battalion Chief John Morrison, 52, were identified as the fallen firefighters during a Monday evening briefing.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-rules-americans-constitu	2025/07/01	
Iran-linked hackers threaten to release emails stolen from Trump associates	Technology-Security	And the president vowed legal action against Democratic members of Congress and journalists he blamed for publishing parts of a U.S. intelligence assessment of the effects of the three attacks. The administration spent the past week denying it was one-sided, incomplete, and aimed at producing a narrative critical of the Trump White House. President Donald Trump has the chance to accelerate his political momentum and tighten his power grip on the country by driving his most significant piece of second-term legislation through Congress and taking a July Fourth victory lap. The measure, dubbed the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" with the president's trademark provocative hyperbole, is Trump's attempt to engineer lasting change through legislation in an administration that is also wading huge and questionable executive power.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/01/iran-trump-axies-email-hack-threat	2025/07/01	
Firefighters shot in Idaho ambush identified	Terrorism	In the face of this widespread public disapproval and the GOP's inter-party squabbling over the bill, the White House is pushing "test checks" insisting that the legislation would not hurt low-income families or the economy at large, and that it is not just a dressed-up tax break for billionaires at the expense of everyone and everything else. Fewer Americans cast their ballots by mail during last year's election, while more voters embraced casting their ballots in-person before Election Day.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/01/idaho-shooting-firefighters-killed-316	2025/07/01	
Trump threatens to force journalists to reveal who leaked report undermining his narrative on Iran bombing	Trump Bullshit	The commission, however, noted that the share of mail voting last year is still "larger than the percentage of the electorate that voted by mail in pre-pandemic elections." Turnout has also stayed above pre-pandemic levels. During the 2024 election, nearly 65% of the citizen voting age population participated in the general election, which is the second highest turnout in the last five presidential elections. Indian customs officers in Mumbai said they stopped a plane passenger arriving from Thailand with a wriggling cargo of live snakes — the third such seizure this month. "Customs officers ... killed yet another wildlife smuggling attempt. 16 live snakes ... seized from passenger returning from Thailand," customs officers said. They said it took place at Chhatrapati Shivaj Maharaj International Airport in India.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-threatens-force-journalists-reveal-1	2025/07/01	
Trump aims to change the nation and further cement his power as deadline looms for 'big, beautiful bill'	Trump Bullshit	Parents of 1,200 children in the Australian state of Victoria are being advised to get them tested for infectious diseases after a childcare worker was charged with more than 70 offenses including sexual assault. Officials issued the call after Victoria Police announced the arrest of Joshua Dale Brown, 26, who is accused of sexually abusing eight children between the ages of 5 months and 2 years at a childcare center in Melbourne in 2022 and 2023.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-aims-change-nation-further-04002	2025/07/01	
White House Pushes B.S. About 'Big Beautiful Bill' as Popularity Craters	Trump Bullshit	Summary Gov. Ron DeSantis said Tuesday the facility would be ready to receive people as soon as Wednesday. And Trump said he'd like to see similar facilities constructed "in many states." "The incredible thing is picking the site [...] it might be as good as the real Alcatraz, so I really think it could last for as long as they want to have it. You could morph this into the prison system."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-pushes-b-bill-214935168.htm	2025/07/01	
Mail in voting rates dropped but early in-person voting is a hit, federal report shows	Voting	"[It's] not that far away from jails that take years to build," he added. So you'd be able to bring people in, they'll get processed, they have an order of removal, then they can be queued and the federal government can fly — right on the runway, right there, you literally drive them 2,000 feet, put them on a plane and then they're gone, said DeSantis.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/01/npr-st-5452536/mail-in-ballot-early-in-p	2025/07/01	
Plane passenger caught with 16 live snakes, including a rhino rat snake	Weird world	Unhmer said last week that the facility will mostly consist of tents and trailers, with no brick-and-mortar construction required. He said it was on track to open with some 5,000 beds — about half of its overall capacity — by early July, which officials confirmed during Tuesday's tour. At a press conference following the tour, Trump was equally dismissive of concerns about conditions in the Everglades, where the daily heat index in July regularly exceeds 100° (°F BC). "It might be as good as the real Alcatraz. A little controversial, but I couldn't care less," he said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/plane-passenger-caught-16-live-11241592	2025/07/01	
Hundreds of children told to test for disease in Australia after childcare worker charged with child sex abuse	Cesspool-Abuse		https://www.yahoo.com/news/hundreds-children-told-test-disease-1025	2025/07/02	
How Trump's birthright citizenship ban could impact all 50 states on July 27	Citizenship		https://www.kuon.org/stories/what-the-birthright-citizenship-ban-means	2025/07/02	
Florida says 'Alligator Alcatraz' is temporary, Trump isn't so sure	Dystopian		https://www.axios.com/local/miami/2025/07/01/florida-alligator-alcatraz	2025/07/02	
Trump tours 'Alligator Alcatraz' a day before its first arrivals are expected	Dystopian		https://www.npr.org/2025/07/01/npr-st-5453078/trump-alligator-alcatraz	2025/07/02	
Trump celebrates harsh conditions for detainees on visit to 'Alligator Alcatraz'	Dystopian		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/01/trump-alligator-alcatraz	2025/07/02	
Senate passes big changes to student loans in reconciliation bill	Economy-Student Loans	Democrats are already vowing to make President Trump's "big, beautiful bill" a centerpiece of their strategy for taking back the House of Representatives in 2026. "From now until November 2026, the DCCC will continue to communicate the harm this bill will cause," the memo says. "Republicans will lose the majority in 2026 and the Big, Ugly Bill will be the reason why."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-passes-big-changes-student-loans-203f	2025/07/02	
Dems plot to use Trump's "big, beautiful bill" to oust GOP in 2028	Elections 2028		https://www.axios.com/2025/07/01/trump-democrats-big-beautiful-bill-4f	2025/07/02	

Hurricane Flossie tracker. See projected path of storm	Environment-Hurricane	Hurricane Flossie has formed in the Eastern Pacific and continues to strengthen off the coast of southwestern Mexico, according to the National Hurricane Center. Hurricane center forecasters said early Tuesday morning, July 1, Flossie is located about 155 miles south-southwest of Manzanillo, Mexico with maximum sustained winds near 85 mph with higher gusts, making it a Category 1 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hurricane-flossie-forms-eastern-pacific-11	2025/07/02			
Taxes, energy, and healthcare: 3 ways Senate's Trump megabill impacts the business world	Government spending	A centerpiece of the bill — and far away the source of the most expensive provisions — surrounds taxes. The effect on the energy sector could be profound, especially after a last-minute series of changes turned the bill even further against the clean energy industry while offering new support for fossil fuels.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/taxes-energy-and-healthcare-3-ways-a	2025/07/02			
Trump asserts dominance with 'big, beautiful bill' Senate passage: 5 takeaways	Government Spending	The bill has long been expected to phase out Biden-era clean energy tax credits, but the final Senate bill now aims to shut them down faster than expected. Healthcare negotiations went until nearly the literal last minute with the overall package is set to trim the government's Medicaid spending by around \$600 billion in the years ahead.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-asserts-dominance-big-beautiful-11	2025/07/02			
ICE Finally Admits Truth About Dramatic Spike in Assaults of Agents	Government-ICE	Corners of the sector, like rural hospitals, are set to be most directly impacted. Bipartisan opposition to Medicaid cuts. This move out of its midterm ramifications take shape. Thune earns leadership stripes as GOP majority holds. "CORRY" "DIO" "MATT" Musk returns with promise to oppose GOP. Back to the House as July 4 deadline looms.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-finally-admits-truth-dramatic-1653465	2025/07/02			
MAGA Melts Down at CNN Over ICE Coverage: 'DOJ Needs to Look at This'	Government-ICE	According to USA Today, law enforcement experts say that, by employing "practices that many American police departments have largely disavowed," immigration enforcement agents "are exacerbating tense situations" and "provoking unnecessarily dangerous encounters." For the segment, CNN reporter Claire Duffy sat down with the "ICEBlock" app's creator, Joshua Aaron, who explained the program allows users to anonymously mark sightings of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents on a map, with alerts then sent out to other users within a five-mile radius.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/maga-melts-down-cnn-over-1023036911	2025/07/02			
New NOAA document spells out further deep Trump cuts	Government-NOAA	"It's disgusting," border czar Tom Homan said on the Benny Johnson podcast Monday after the host accused the network of "pushing an app to track ICE agents to help criminal aliens evade being detained."	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/01/noaa-document-deep-trump-cuts	2025/07/02			
New rules to remove safety devices from semi-trucks could let them zoom down the nation's highways at top speed	Health and Safety	"This is horrendous that a national media outlet would be out there trying to forecast law enforcement operations throughout the country," Homan went on. "It's incredible where we're at as a country and I think the Department of Justice needs to look at this and see if they crossed a line."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rules-remove-safety-devices-semi-16110	2025/07/02			
Judge blocks Trump admin from ending Haitian immigrant protections early	Immigration	A new NOAA document sheds further light on the Trump administration's proposed cuts and changes for the weather and climate agency. Most notably, the proposal would eliminate NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), which performs and coordinates climate research. Some of OAR's functions would be transferred to the National Weather Service, but others would be cancelled.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/02/haitian-migrants-trump-tps-judge-bj	2025/07/02			
July 4th events across LA area canceled over ICE raid fears	Immigration	The U.S. Department of Transportation has scrapped a rule mandating speed-limiting devices on heavy-duty trucks, allowing them to race along the nation's highways at top speed. The devices in question, also known as governors, place a limit on the maximum speed at which large trucks can travel by preventing their engines from running any faster than a preset number of revolutions per minute. This typically means they cannot go faster than 55 to 70 mph in the interest of safety and improving fuel efficiency.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/01/ice-raids-july-4th	2025/07/02			
Immigration raids leave crops unharvested, California farms at risk	Immigration	A federal judge on Tuesday blocked the Trump administration's early rollback of protections for Haitian immigrants in the U.S. The move, for now, preserves the Biden administration's extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for an estimated 520,000 Haitians, who would have been eligible for deportations next month.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/immigration-raids-leave-crops-unharvested	2025/07/02	economy, culture of fear		
DOJ memo pushes for broader effort to revoke, naturalized US citizenship	Immigration	"Secretary Noem does not have statutory or inherent authority to partially vacate a country's TPS designation," O'conn wrote, calling the action "unlawful."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doj-memo-pushes-broader-effort-171455	2025/07/02			
The White House took down the nation's top climate report. You can still find it here	Information Blackout	The website that hosts the most recent edition of the National Climate Assessment has gone dark. The sprawling report is the most influential source of information about how climate change affects the United States. The next edition was supposed to be released in 2027, and about 400 volunteer authors had started working on it. That work stopped after all the federal staff who coordinate it were let go in April.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/07/01/nx-1-5452501-national-climate-asses	2025/07/02			
Trump says Israel has agreed to terms for 60-day Gaza ceasefire	Middle east conflict	An archived version of the most recent edition is available through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. All five editions of the National Climate Assessment that have been published over the years will also be available on NASA's website, according to NASA spokesperson Bethany Stevens. NASA doesn't yet know when that website will be available to the public.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/01/trump-israel-gaza-ceasefire-hamas	2025/07/02			
How Republicans got Murkowski to yes on Trump's megabill	Political Cesspool	President Trump announced Tuesday that Israel has agreed to an updated proposal for a 60-day ceasefire in Gaza that would secure the release of some hostages. He urged Hamas to accept the deal, warning on Truth Social that "it will not get better — IT WILL ONLY GET WORSE."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republians-got-murkowski-yes-trumps-2	2025/07/02			
They Didn't Have to Do This	Political Cesspool	But Murkowski — at times fretful in a blanket or carrying around legislative text and pen to her colleagues — was able to extract key concessions for her state as she huddled on the floor with leadership, staff and fellow Alaska GOP Sen. Dan Sullivan. She won victories on clean energy tax credits, delaying changes to food aid for her state and the promise of massive revenues from oil and gas drilling leases, among other priorities she can take back home. In the end, she voted for a bill that makes up the core of her party's domestic agenda.	https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2025/07/01/trump-beautiful-bill-bj	2025/07/02			
Here's how Trump's megabill will affect you	Political Cesspool	"I held my head up and made sure that the people of Alaska are not forgotten in this, but I think that there is more that needs to be done, and I'm not done," Murkowski told reporters immediately after the vote. "I am going to take a nap, though."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-megabill-affect-192355857.html	2025/07/02			
Study: 14 million lives could be lost due to Trump aid cuts	Pro-life	Like the Mafia wannabes, congressional Republicans have talked themselves into a plan so incomprehensibly reckless that to describe it is to question its authors' sanity. As of today's 50–50 Senate vote, with Vice President J. D. Vance breaking the tie, the House and Senate have passed their own versions of the bill. The final details still have to be negotiated, but the foundational elements are clear enough: Congress is about to impose immense harm on tens of millions of Americans — taking away their health insurance, reducing welfare benefits, raising energy costs and more — in order to benefit a handful of other Americans who least need the help. The bill almost seems designed to generate a political backlash.	https://www.rpr.org/sections/poats-and-soda/2025/07/01/nx-1-545261	2025/07/02			
What to know about Fourth of July anti-Trump protests	Protest	Here's what we know about how the Senate bill will affect ... people on Medicaid: millions will lose coverage ... people who need help affording food: fewer will get it ... people with Affordable Care Act policies: more difficulty getting covered ... people who aren't on Medicaid, Obamacare or SNAP: may still feel the cuts ... state governments: would have to pick up the slack ... taxpayers: might not notice the tax cut extensions ... senior citizens: would get a temporary tax break ... people with student loans: would see some big changes ... private colleges with big endowments: would see a big tax hike ... someone buying a car: could deduct interest payments ... parents: will get a bigger tax credit for each of their children ... babies: would get a nest egg from the government ... workers who receive tips or overtime pay: would get a temporary tax break ... people planning on solar and wind tax credits: will have to hurry ... immigrants: may no longer qualify for benefits ... the wealthy, generally: will get wealthier ... millionaires who lose their jobs: could no longer collect unemployment ... people worried about the national debt: also not happy ... Trump's border wall: could finally be built.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/01/july-4-free-america-trump-protests-u	2025/07/02			
States sue Trump administration for sharing health data with DHS	Pushback	Local groups are organizing a Thursday protest outside of Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida, featuring a "Trump baby" balloon, the Palm Beach Post reported.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/07/01/nx-1-545265	2025/07/02	privacy, culture of fear		
Wisconsin's big abortion case will be decided this week. Here are potential outcomes	Reproductive rights	Twenty states, led by California, sued the Trump administration Tuesday after federal health officials shared sensitive data about Medicaid recipients with the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees immigration enforcement. "The Trump Administration has upended longstanding privacy protections with its decision to legally share sensitive, personal health data with ICE," said California Attorney General Rob Bonta in a statement announcing the lawsuit.	https://www.wisn.com/government-politics/2025/06-12/wisconsin-s-big	2025/07/02			
Texas capital murder case attempts to severely punish abortion pill use by treating a fetus as a person	Reproductive rights	The data transfer, which happened last month, was first reported by The Associated Press. Top Health and Human Services officials directed the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) to share data with DHS from California, Illinois, Washington and Washington, DC, about millions of their Medicaid recipients, according to the AP's report.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-capital-murder-case-attempts-1000	2025/07/02			
The Republican spending bill is a disaster for reproductive rights	Reproductive rights	Those jurisdictions allow some low-income immigrants, including some without legal status, who do not qualify for Medicaid to access state-funded health programs. The Wisconsin Supreme Court is expected to issue a decision on a major abortion case Wednesday. It's a challenge brought by Democratic Attorney General Josh Kaul to an 1849 law that some say bans abortion in the state.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republians-spending-bill-disaster-reprod	2025/07/02			

		Now, a new ProPublica data analysis adds empirical weight to the mounting evidence that abortion bans have made the common experience of miscarriage — which occurs in up to 30% of pregnancies — far more dangerous. It is based on hospital discharge data from Texas, the largest state to ban abortion, and captures emergency department visits from 2017 to 2023, the most recent year available. After Texas made performing abortions a felony in August 2022, ProPublica found, the number of blood transfusions during emergency room visits for first-trimester miscarriage shot up by 54%.			
A 'striking' trend: After Texas banned abortion, more women newly died to death during miscarriage	Reproductive rights	The number of emergency room visits for early miscarriage also rose, by 25%, compared with the three years before the COVID-19 pandemic — a sign that women who don't receive D&Cs initially may be returning to hospitals in worse condition, more than a dozen experts told ProPublica. The first brain death during pregnancy in which the fetus was delivered after time on life support, more accurately called organ support, occurred in 1981. The process is extraordinarily intensive and invasive, because the loss of brain function impedes many physiological processes. Health teams, sometimes numbering in the hundreds, must stabilize the bodies of "functionally decapitated" pregnant women to buy more time for fetal development. This requires vital organ support, ventilation, nutritional supplements, antibiotics and constant monitoring. Outcomes are highly uncertain.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/striking-trend-bans-banned-abortion-110	2025/07/02	
Keeping brain-dead pregnant women on life support raises ethical issues that go beyond abortion politics	Reproductive rights	Over the past 50 years, critics of postmortem pregnancy have argued that it constitutes gender-based violence and violates bodily integrity in ways that organ donation does not. Some have compared it with Nazi pronatalist policies. Others have attributed the practice to systemic sexism and racism in medicine. Postmortem pregnancy can also compound intimate partner violence by giving brain-dead women's murderers decision-making authority when they are the fetus's next of kin.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/keeping-brain-dead-pregnant-women-12	2025/07/02	
Judge halts RFK Jr.'s health agency restructuring	RFK JR BS	A federal judge in Rhode Island on Tuesday ordered HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to halt his reorganization of federal health agencies, in response to a lawsuit brought by 19 Democratic-led states. The states argued that Kennedy's changes stopped health agencies from carrying out legally required functions, such as food safety inspections and infectious disease prevention.	https://www.axios.com/2025-07-01/court-halts-rfk-health-agency-structu	2025/07/02	
RFK Jr. singled out one study to cut funds for global vaccines, is that study valid?	RFK JR BS	Their attorneys generally say HHS is violating the Constitution's requirements on separations of power and running afoul of administrative procedure laws. The 2017 study was published in the peer-reviewed journal <i>Etiologic Medicine</i> , which is part of <i>The Lancet</i> , a highly regarded medical publication. The researchers looked at just over 1,000 children who received the DTP vaccine in the early 1980s. The issue is not whether the DTP vaccine works. It is universally acknowledged to be highly effective at preventing these three deadly diseases. Instead, the researchers behind the 2017 study were fascinated by a different issue: Did the DTP vaccine cause children to get sick and die from other causes? Vaccine experts interviewed by NPR point to several problems with the study: First: The data is old — really old. Second: Two of the key researchers later came out with a different finding Third: The study methods are not ideal Fourth: Today's vaccines are different Fifth: "If there was a problem, we would probably know it"	https://www.npr.org/sections/goats-and-soda/2025/07/01/g-a-1.747520f	2025/07/02	
"Something for everyone": Trump praises Senate's 'big, beautiful bill'	Trump Bullshit	Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) will need more than Thune's vote of confidence to convince House moderates and conservatives to pass the Senate version of the budget bill before their self-imposed July 4 deadline. Changes the Senate made are deeply unpopular with both ideological ends of Johnson's caucus, with conservatives decrying how much it would add to the deficit and moderates worried about its deeper cuts to Medicaid. Given his razor-thin majority, Johnson faces a challenge getting the measure over the finish line.	https://www.axios.com/2025-07-01/trump-thune-johnson-big-beautiful-b	2025/07/02	
Trump's megabill: What are the next steps and hurdles after Senate passage	Trump Bullshit	Summary	https://www.axios.com/2025-06-30/big-beautiful-bill-how-to-pass-trump	2025/07/02	
Senate passes Trump's 'big, beautiful bill' after 11th-hour tactic	Trump Bullshit	The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the bill would add roughly \$3.3 trillion to the national debt over the next 10 years. CBO also estimates the changes to Medicaid would result in nearly 12 million fewer people with health insurance over the next decade. "Today, Senate Republicans betrayed the American people and covered the Senate in utter shame," Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) told reporters after the vote. "This vote will haunt Republicans for years to come."	https://www.axios.com/2025-07-01/senate-passes-trumps-big-beau	2025/07/02	
Lighthouse of Alexandria Rises Again as Giant Blocks Resurface After 2,000 Years	Weird world	After centuries beneath the waves, 22 massive stone blocks from the ancient Lighthouse of Alexandria have been recovered from the seafloor, marking a major step in efforts to digitally reconstruct one of the Seven Wonders of the World.	https://greeksreporter.com/2025/07/01/lighthouse-alexandria-giant-block	2025/07/02	
US vet uses cod skin to save bald eagle in time for Fourth of July	Weird world	A veterinarian saved the life of a badly injured American bald eagle using a pioneering fish skin graft procedure more commonly used for human wound, releasing the bird back into the wild in a symbolic act ahead of the Fourth of July holiday. He House voted 219-213 overnight Wednesday, after hours of delay, to advance President Trump's "big beautiful bill" for debate before a final vote. GOP leaders had to overcome pushback over changes the Senate made to the legislation.	https://www.thequardian.com/us/news/2025/07/02/cod-skin-bald-eagle	2025/07/02	
House nearing final vote on Trump's 'big, beautiful bill'	Brutal Burden Bill	In a possible sign of movement, one key Republican, Ohio Rep. Warren Davidson, announced on X Wednesday evening that he'd support the bill. It isn't perfect, but it's the best we'll get," he wrote, adding that he would support the rule and final passage. Davidson was one of two Republicans who voted against the bill when the House first voted on the measure in May. The nearly 900-page bill, which the House is expected to vote on July 2, includes a rash of lesser known provisions that would directly impact Americans' lives, from increasing the child tax credit to punishing new solar energy facilities. Here are some provisions in the bill that haven't received much attention so far: Benefits for the rich Child tax credit Cheaper gun silencers Moving space shuttle to Houston Mars mission Tax credits for whaling captains 'Trump account' for kids Student loan changes Green energy programs Changing foreign workers	https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-convenes-trumps-big-beautiful-b-13	2025/07/03	billionaire bootlicker bill
Student loans, gun silencers and a space shuttle: See surprises found in Senate tax bill	Brutal Burden Bill	According to Senator Ted Cruz, school vouchers are "the Civil Rights Issue of the 21st century." The Texas Republican argues that vouchers are key to providing educational opportunities for young people. On the contrary, expanding vouchers and eliminating public education will actively harm young people—especially Black, Latino, and indigenous students. President Donald Trump's so-called "Big, Beautiful Bill" currently includes a provision hidden in the tax code that offers an unprecedented 100% tax deduction for donations to third-party organizations that hand out private school vouchers. The push to create a national private school voucher program is part of a long legacy of efforts to return to the separate and unequal educational landscape of the pre-civil rights era. Since the 1960s, white segregationists pushed for private school vouchers to avoid the desegregation mandates of Brown v. Board of Education and maintain a discriminatory and unequal system of education.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/student-loans-gun-silencers-space-1930	2025/07/03	Bloated bigot bill, billionaire bootlicker bill
Trump's 'Big Beautiful Bill' Will Devastate Public Schools	Brutal Burden Bill	The speaker said he "might keep [the vote] open a little while" because "among those 'no' votes I've got a couple of folks that are actually off-site right now, had to attend family affairs or events this evening, and so some of them are on the way back."	https://www.axios.com/news/trumps-big-beautiful-bill-devastate-14340	2025/07/03	
Mike Johnson wages war of attrition against GOP rebels on 'big, beautiful bill'	Brutal Burden Bill	"This is not normal," said Harris Epsteinsteiner, associate director of economic analysis at the Yale Budget Lab. "This pace of legislating is not what you would expect to see of a careful, well-thought out set of policies that are designed to grow the economy, help people save and help people invest."	https://www.axios.com/2025-07-03/mike-johnson-big-beautiful-bill-trump	2025/07/03	
5 under-the-radar pieces of Trump's 'big, beautiful bill' that may impact your life	Brutal Burden Bill		https://www.axios.com/2025-07-03/big-beautiful-bill-gambling-food-star	2025/07/03	
Fact-checking Trump's remarks at 'Alligator Alcatraz' on immigration and Medicaid	Dystopian	Fact check	https://www.cbs.org/news/hour/politics/fact-checking-trumps-remarks-at	2025/07/03	
Kilmar Abrego Garcia describes 'severe beatings' and 'psychological torture' in Salvadoran prison	Dystopian	Kilmar Abrego Garcia, whose illegal deportation by the Trump administration captured national attention, is now offering a chilling account of his mistreatment in a Salvadoran prison, claiming he suffered "severe beatings," "sleep deprivation, malnutrition and other forms of torture at the hands of his jailers. The Salvadoran prison where Abrego was initially housed, known as the Anti-Terrorism Confinement Center or by its Spanish-language acronym CECOT, is reputed to be rife with gang violence and human rights abuses. But there are few first-hand accounts of treatment there except El Salvador's president, Nayib Bukele, has vowed that its prisoners will never be released. The symbolism of the leader of the world's most important democracy, who idolizes foreign dictators, enshrining over a detention camp may stir dark fears it echoes. But that's not worrying the White House. It loves the optics and is evoking cartoonish imagery of a draconian outpost in a wilderness patrolled by razor-boothed reptiles and venomous snakes. — But Trump's visit to "Alligator Alcatraz" is the latest in a series of graphic photo ops and buzzy plans the administration has conjured to highlight headline immigration and law and order policies that are a foundation of his MAGA creed. Some come close to glorifying violence and rough justice. At times, it seems like looking tough is even more important than being tough: the posturing may be compensating for a deportation rate that senior White House officials such as Stephen Miller have deemed disappointing.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kilmar-abrego-garcia-describes-severe-0	2025/07/03	
Trump's visit to a migrant camp called 'Alligator Alcatraz' stirs dark echoes	Dystopian	A growing number of local law enforcement officials are alarmed about their jails and prisons holding immigration detainees without warrants, saying it exposes their departments to legal risks. Over the past decade most of ICE's arrests involved people who already were in law enforcement custody, according to a review of 10 years of data from Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC). But with ICE arrests soaring to more than 2,000 a day under Trump, local jail and prison officials are increasingly concerned about being liable for detainees' care — particularly when ICE leaves them in local facilities for lengthy periods. The officials note that in the past, lawsuits filed on behalf of ICE detainees wrongly left languishing in local jails have cost local governments enormously — \$92.5 million in one New York City case involving 20,000 people who were held in prison for ICE without due process between 1997 and 2012.	https://www.axios.com/2025-07-02/local-officials-ice-detain-immigrants	2025/07/03	
Local officials grow wary of helping ICE detain immigrants	Government-ICE	The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund is demanding the federal government pay \$1 million in damages to a U.S. citizen who was arrested and detained while he was recording an immigration raid at a Home Depot in Los Angeles last month.	https://www.axios.com/2025-07-02/local-officials-ice-detain-immigrants	2025/07/03	
U.S. citizen seeks \$1M after arrest, detention for recording immigration raid at Home Depot	Government-ICE	MALDEF also said that Garcia's arrest and detention were racially motivated and that the government agents may have violated his constitutional protections for free speech, his right to remain silent, his freedom from unreasonable search and seizure and his right to due process. The government's top vaccine official working under Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. recently restricted the approval of two COVID-19 vaccines, disregarding recommendations from government scientists, according to federal documents released Wednesday. The new memos from the Food and Drug Administration show how the agency's vaccine chief, Dr. Vasey Prasad, personally intervened to place restrictions on COVID shots from vaccine makers Novavax and Moderna.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-citizen-seeks-1m-arrest-223248110	2025/07/03	
FDA vaccine official restricted COVID vaccine approvals against the advice of agency staff	Health- Covid	The memo, published on 11 June, instructed the justice department's civil division to "prioritize and maximally pursue denaturalization proceedings in all cases permitted by law and supported by the evidence." Immigration matters are civil matters, meaning that immigrants — whether they are naturalized citizens or not — do not have the right to an attorney in such cases. Muzaffar Chishti from the Migration Policy Institute, a non-partisan thinktank, explained that much of immigration law was based on discretion by government officials. To revoke a person's citizenship, US officials must demonstrate that they are not of "good moral character" — a subjective and broad term with little defined parameters.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fda-vaccine-official-restricted-covid-2318	2025/07/03	
Trump seizes on 'moral character' loophole as way to revoke citizenship	Immigration	The sharp belt in immigration this year threatens to slow down economic growth, particularly in the sectors and cities that relied on newcomers to the U.S. in recent years. Yano estimates in the long run, GDP will be 0.25% lower as a result. That's a relatively modest macroeconomic effect, but there's a wild card. The "big, beautiful bill" that passed the Senate contains about \$175 billion for even more immigration enforcement. That could mean an even bigger decline going forward.	https://www.thequardian.com/us/news/2025/07/01/trump-citizenship-denali	2025/07/03	
Immigration crackdown ripples through economy	Immigration		https://www.axios.com/2025-07-02/trump-immigration-crackdown-econ	2025/07/03	

		A generation of scientific talent is at the brink of being lost to overseas competitors by the Trump administration's dismantling of the National Science Foundation (NSF), with unprecedented political interference at the agency jeopardizing the future of US industries and economic growth, according to a Guardian investigation.							
Scientists warn US will lose a generation of talent because of Trump cuts	Information Blackout	The scientists warn that Trump's assault on diversity in science is already eroding the quality of fundamental research funded at the NSF, the premier federal investor in basic science and engineering, which threatens to derail advances in tackling existential threats to food, water and biodiversity in the US.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/03/national-science-fou	2025/07/03					
		Kierman, a 24-year-old transgender person from Colorado, feels drained from dealing with legislation that consistently limits the spaces and freedoms of people like him. Since he transitioned in 2016, it's been the same – first bathroom bills, then censorship in the education system – routine attacks on LGBTQ+ rights that Kierman feels have now just become part of living in the US.							
'Accelerated censorship': advocates criticize US supreme court ruling on LGBTQ+ books	Information Blackout	"Censorship relevant books are just the beginning in accelerated censorship," Sabrina Bialta, a senior member of PEN America, told the Guardian. "What's to stop schools from backing away from any books that may be offensive? We have already seen other topics like Black history disappear as districts try to avoid anything potentially controversial."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/03/supreme-court-lgbt	2025/07/03					
		For years, the National Hurricane Center has been improving the accuracy of its forecasts, and one short year ago, the United States was better at predicting storms' tracks than it had ever been. But the Trump administration has been cutting the forecasting staff and budgets. And now these satellite data will be missing too. The U.S. is rapidly losing state-of-the-art hurricane forecasting, just in time for hurricane season's busiest months.							
Hurricane Science Was Great While It Lasted	Information Blackout	The data were nice while we had them. After all, no one likes a surprise hurricane. When the sun goes down, convective storms over open ocean often grow stronger, juiced by the changing temperature dynamics. But that's also when types of storm surveillance that rely on what's visible are least able to determine what's going on. Infrared imaging can see in the dark, but the picture is typically low-resolution and grainy, and can obscure key shapes. When the sun comes up, forecasters can suddenly be looking at a fully formed storm eye. Forecasters dread the "sunrise surprise," which is exactly the sort of thing that the microwave imagery from SMMS is most helpful in preventing. It gives a clearer picture, even through clouds, and even in the dark.	https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2025/07/hurricane-science/	2025/07/03					
Nuke experts say Iran could become more dangerous after US attack	International-iran	Nearly two weeks after the U.S. and Israel attacked Iran's nuclear facilities, it remains unclear how much of a setback it dealt the country's ambitions to obtain the ultimate weapon. Some nuclear proliferation experts told ABC News they believe the strikes could lead to a "fork-in-the-road" moment that results in Tehran taking a more dangerous and secretive path to obtaining nuclear arms if it chooses to do so.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-israel-strikes-nuclear-experts-2311700	2025/07/03					
		President Trump's asylum ban at the U.S.-Mexico border enacted in an emergency immigration proclamation on his first day in office is "unlawful," a federal judge ruled Wednesday. Although U.S. District Judge Randolph Moss postponed his order from taking effect for 14 days to allow for appeal, the processing of asylum claims at the border would resume immediately if the ruling is not overturned.							
Trump's asylum ban at U.S.-Mexico border "unlawful," judge rules	Judicial Punishback	Trump administration officials have already said they'll appeal Moss' ruling that found the president exceeded his authority in a Jan. 20 proclamation that denied asylum protections at the border.	https://www.wacoa.com/2025/07/03/trump-us-mexico-border-immigrants/	2025/07/03					
		A watchdog group has called on the Defense Department's Inspector General office to probe whether the recent commissioning of four tech executives as part-time Army officers is in keeping with laws and practices against self-dealing.							
Tech execs from companies chasing defense contracts, etc. now Army officers. A watchdog is calling for an investigation.	Keyboard Colonels	The Democracy Defenders Fund sent the letter on Tuesday, requesting that investigators determine "whether the assignment of these officials to the Army Reserve is consistent with the Federal conflict of interest laws" and whether their appointments qualify as "trials of position and nonpublic information."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/tech-execs-companies-chasing-defense-	2025/07/03	Chr+Alt+Enlist. Beta testing the battlefield, armed and algorithmic, military industrial crossover, new chain				
		American contractors guarding aid distribution sites in Gaza are using live ammunition and stun grenades as hungry Palestinians scramble for food, according to accounts and videos obtained by The Associated Press.							
US contractors say their colleagues are firing live ammo as Palestinians seek food in Gaza	Middle east conflict	Two U.S. contractors, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity because they were revealing their employers' internal operations, said they were coming forward because they were disturbed by what they considered dangerous and irresponsible practices. They said the security staff fired were often unqualified, unvetted, heavily armed and seemed to have an open license to do whatever they wished.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-contractors-colleagues-firing-live-1048	2025/07/03					
84 Palestinians killed in Gaza, including 45 people, waiting for aid, authorities say	Middle east conflict	Airstrikes and shootings killed 94 Palestinians in Gaza overnight, including 45 who were attempting to get much-needed humanitarian aid, hospitals and the Health Ministry said Thursday.	https://apnews.com/article/israel-palestinians-hamas-war-news-07-03-2	2025/07/03					
		President Donald Trump has nominated a 30-year-old with little government experience — as well as a connection to a well-known Holocaust denier — to lead the independent agency that protects whistleblowers.							
Trump taps 30-year-old with little government experience and links to Holocaust denier to lead federal agency	Political Cesspool	Paul Ingrassia, nominated by Trump in May to lead the Office of Special Counsel, has a history of racist language and promoting conspiracy theories, including denying the Holocaust, according to a new report from	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald-trump-appoints-paul-ingrassia-to-lead-office-of-special-counsel/	2025/07/03					
		The Wisconsin Supreme Court's liberal majority struck down the state's 176-year-old abortion ban on Wednesday, ruling 4-3 that it was superseded by newer state laws regulating the procedure, a long-sought criminalize abortions only after a fetus can survive outside womb.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wisconsin-supreme-court-liberal-majority-	2025/07/03					
Wisconsin Supreme Court's liberal majority strikes down 176-year-old abortion ban	Reproductive rights	In a paper published Wednesday in the journal Science Advances, Dmitry Kobak of the University of Tübingen and his colleagues report that they found a way to track how often researchers are using artificial intelligence chatbots to write the abstracts of their papers. The A.I. bots, they say, tend to use certain words — like "delves," "crucial," "potential," "significant" and "important" — far more often than human authors do.							
		In 2024, there were a total of 454 words used excessively by chatbots, the researchers report. Based on the frequency of the A.I.-favored words, Dr. Kobak and his team calculate that at least 13.5 percent of all biomedical abstracts appeared to have been written with the help of chatbots. And as many as 40 percent of abstracts by authors from some countries writing in a few less selective journals were A.I.-generated.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/02/health/ai-chatbot-research-papers/	2025/07/03					
464 Hints That a Chatbot Wrote Part of a Biomedical Researcher's Paper	Technology, ai	Seven people were missing Wednesday following an explosion at a fireworks warehouse in rural Northern California that caused a massive fire that spread to farm fields and forced evacuations in the surrounding community, authorities said.							
Explosion at California fireworks warehouse sets off massive blaze, with 7 missing, officials say	Tragic	"The fire will take time to cool, and once it does, explosive experts must safely enter the site to assess and secure the area," the Yolo County Sheriff's Office said in a statement late Tuesday.	https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/explosion-at-california-fireworks-v	2025/07/03					
		Rescuers were searching Thursday for 32 people missing after a ferry sank the previous night near Indonesia's resort island of Bali. Four bodies have been recovered, and weather and sea conditions were improving during the morning, aiding the search for survivors.							
Rescuers search for survivors after ferry sinking near Bali, Indonesia	Tragic	So far, 29 people have been rescued, according to the National Search and Rescue Agency.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/07/03/box-41-5455541-bali-indonesia-ferry-sin	2025/07/03					
		A nine-year-old girl died in a hot car in Texas on Monday after her mother left her there while she went to work, local officials said.							
Three young children die in hot cars in four days after being left alone	Tragic	Her death followed the passing of a three-month-old infant boy in Mission in the same state on Friday and the death of a four-year-old in Brownsville on Saturday, both likewise trapped in overheated vehicles.	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/hot-car-d	2025/07/03					
		Trump Tower in Chicago has agreed to pay \$4.8 million for killing thousands of fish after years of pulling water from the river to cool its building.							
Chicago's Trump Tower to pay \$4m for killing countless fish as it cooled water from river for years to cool its building	Trump Bulthill	A federal judge previously ruled the Trump International Hotel and Tower in downtown Chicago was a public nuisance and an environmental hazard. It was pulling in 20 million gallons of water a day from the Chicago River, the plaintiffs said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chicago-trump-tower-pay-5m-160035652	2025/07/03					
		In the months leading up to the 2024 election, Donald Trump and his business empire faced a financial reckoning that threatened to hit the twice-impeached former president hard as he staked down several criminal indictments.							
		A devastating judgment in a sprawling civil fraud case pierced the heart of a decades-old narrative Trump has used to both boost his national profile and attract investments into his up-and-down real estate and branding enterprise. Trump still owes more than half a billion dollars, with growing interest, in the wake of that ruling.							
		But the president and his two eldest sons refocused the family business to attract lucrative partnerships once again — this time by betting big on cryptocurrency and the Trump branding itself while hoovering up investors who saw in his election their own financial victory, all the while personally enriching Trump himself.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-r	2025/07/03	corruption				
Trump's big empire was nearly bankrupt. Then he won the nomination and investors banked on his victory	Trump Bulthill	Jennifer and Scott of Tampa were visiting Crater of Diamonds State Park when they found a huge white diamond, later revealed to weigh 1.5 whopping 3.36 carats.	https://www.the-independent.com/life/crater-of-diamonds-state-pa	2025/07/03					
Couple visiting state park finds 3-carat diamond worth thousands	Weird world	Construction has begun on a floating swimming pool that will be located in New York City's East River.							
		Swimmers will immerse themselves in water taken directly from the East River and cleaned via a patented non-chemical filtration system. This water will then be pumped back into the surrounding river, thereby contributing to its health. It's claimed that the full-scale version of the pool will process around 1,000,000 gallons of water a day.							
		The pool will be accessed via a walkway connected to the shore, with operators able to reconfigure it for lap swimming, lounging, watersports, swim education classes, and children's activities", according to a statement.	https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/new-york-city-fl	2025/07/03					
		A slew of tax policies							
4 ways Trump's 'Big Beautiful Bill' could impact your wallet	Brutal Burden Bill	Student loan forgiveness repealed							
		Trump accounts							
		Work requirements for Medicaid and SNAP	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/4-ways-trumps-big-beautiful-16322827	2025/07/04					
The 2 House Republicans who voted no on Trump's sweeping domestic policy bill	Brutal Burden Bill	Rep. Thomas Massie of Kentucky and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania voted against the legislation alongside the entire House Democratic Caucus.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/2-house-republicans-voted-no-19515620	2025/07/04					
Who's in Trump's big bill that passed Congress and will soon become law	Brutal Burden Bill	Summary	https://www.yahoo.com/news/whats-trumps-big-bill-passed-184748790	2025/07/04					
		Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.)							
		"There will be a day that conservatives will rue the fact that some of them actually voted for this."							
		Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.)							
		"What do I tell 683,000 people in two years or three years when President Trump breaks his promise by pushing them off of Medicaid because the funding's not there anymore? The guys in the White House advising the president are not telling him that the effect of this bill is to break a promise."							
		Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine)							
		"My vote against this bill stems primarily from the harmful impact it will have on Medicaid, affecting low-income families and rural health care providers like our hospitals and nursing homes."							
		Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.)							
		"I know a lot of us are hearing from people back home about Medicaid. But they'll get over it."							
		Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.)							
		"This has been an unhappy episode here in Congress, this effort to cut Medicaid. And I think, frankly, my party needs to do some soul-searching. If you want to be a working-class party, you've got to deliver for working-class people."							
		Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)							
		"Do I like this bill? No."							
		Ron Johnson (R-Wisc.)							
		"This is grotesque what we're doing."							
Trump's Tax and Spend Bill is a Fiasco. Just Ask Republicans Who Voted for It	Brutal Burden Bill	"Mortgaging our children's future is wrong and immoral. We need to get off this unsustainable path and the 'big beautiful bill' doesn't even begin to take us off this path."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-tax-spend-bill-fiasco-203556205.html	2025/07/04					

		Repaying student debt is expected to shift as the bill guts loan forgiveness programs that have been in place for years and alters payment requirements that previously benefited disadvantage lower-income families. There are now just two repayment plans, including a standard repayment plan that allows borrowers to repay over 10 to 25 years based on their loan amounts regardless of income. The other is a "Repayment Assistance Plan" based on borrowers pay monthly payments between 1% and 10% of their discretionary income.			
What will student loans look like after Trump's spending bill is signed?	Brutal Burden Bill	As Both Magazine Editor-in-Chief Daniel Nichanian noted after the vote: "The Senate's small-state ultra-bias is never maddening than when one senator uses it to get benefits for her 740,000 constituents while openly acknowledging the bill she's supporting will harm the nation's 339 million other residents."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/student-loans-look-trumps-spending-915	2025/07/04	
Opinion Lisa Murkowski's megabill vote was everything people hate about politicians	Brutal Burden Bill	Florida lawmakers worried about "humanitarian concerns" were denied entry into the new detention center dubbed "Alligator Alcatraz." Thursday, just hours after the arrival of its first group of detainees.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-lisa-murkowski-megabill-vote-122	2025/07/04	
Lawmakers who tried to visit 'Alligator Alcatraz' amid humanitarian concerns were denied entry	Concentration Camps	The lawmakers were stopped by law enforcement officers from multiple Florida agencies and later, a general counsel from the Florida Division of Emergency Management cited a "safety concern" for the denial without offering specific details. Eskamani said: "If it's unsafe for us, how is it safe for the detainees?" Eskamani said she asked the attorney.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/group-lawmakers-attempt-visit-alligator-1	2025/07/04	
With: With 'Alligator Alcatraz,' Trump and DeSantis define their immigration policy as a racist face	Concentration Camps	The group's request to see the outer perimeter of the tent facility was also denied, Eskamani said. One could hardly put matters better than Nicole Lafond of Talking Points Memo, who described how DeSantis and Trump came together over their "shared passion: finding creative new ways to dehumanize immigrants, carried out with a frothy fist."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hillzik-alligator-alcatraz-trump-desantis-1	2025/07/04	
Trump Made Bizarre Request At Hospital After Assassination Attempt, Book	Dementia Don	Donald Trump asked the doctor treating him for his gunshot wound last July if he could have a CT scan inside because it's "like an 10 inch," according to a new book.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-made-bizarre-request-hospital-150	2025/07/04	
Full 'Idocracy,' Trump's Bankers Plan For White House, Event Gets Panned By Critics	Dementia Don	President Donald Trump on Thursday announced a very unusual plan for the nation's 250th anniversary next year: a mixed-marital arts fight on the grounds of the White House with up to 25,000 spectators in attendance. "We're gonna have a UFC fight, think of this, on the grounds of the White House," he said. "We have a lot of land there, we're gonna build a little — we're not, Dana's gonna do it, Dana's great, one of a kind."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/full-idocracy-trumps-bankers-plan-02574	2025/07/04	
What Trump Told Me About His Complete Domination of Congress	Dementia Don	But this time, with the Republican Party almost entirely remade at Trump's bidding, hardly any controlling was necessary. Yes, there were a pair of overnight vote-a-ramas and last-ditch negotiating standoffs, but it all felt awfully fast accept — as those on Capitol Hill July realized.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-told-me-about-his-complete-domination-congress	2025/07/04	
Trump Apparently Didn't Know His Own Bill's Extreme Medicaid	Dementia Don	Trump to form, Trump did it while exhibiting only the lightest interest in the policy details. He was very invested in delivering on his campaign tax promises and boosting immigration enforcement, but rarely much beyond that.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-apparently-didnt-know-his-own-bills-extreme-medicaid-1320	2025/07/04	
President Trump renews calls to deport 'bad' U.S. citizens	Dementia Don	President Trump has no idea what's actually in his sweeping, term-defining budget bill. NOTUS reported on Wednesday that House Republicans had to tell the president that his "big, beautiful bill" was indeed slandering Medicaid.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/president-trump-renews-calls-deport-142	2025/07/04	
The deadly 'big beautiful' budget bill will turn America into a morgue	Dystopian	During a recent visit to his so-called "Alligator Alcatraz," an ICE migrant detention center opening in the Florida Everglades, President Donald Trump again suggested the idea that the United States should deport some U.S. citizens who have committed certain crimes. While answering questions from the press at the detention center on Tuesday, Trump suggested that there are immigrants who are now citizens, as well as those born in the United States, who should be deported. He also managed to take a swipe at former President Joe Biden in the process.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/deadly-big-beautiful-budget-bill-1728370	2025/07/04	
Fears of COVID-Style Healthcare Chaos as Congress Backs Trump's Megabill	Dystopian	"As people become uninsured, health providers will become the emergency room because people will no longer have a primary care. Our ERs will be brimming over with patients that haven't had their routine health care, and that's going to increase wait times for everyone."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fears-covid-style-healthcare-chaos-1834	2025/07/04	
Wildfire explodes to more than 52,000 acres in 1 day	Environment-Wildfires	The Madsie Fire ignited Wednesday afternoon in San Luis Obispo County, according to Cal Fire. It has since grown to more than 52,500 acres and is 5% contained as of Thursday afternoon, fire officials said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/wildfire-explodes-more-52-000-1931396	2025/07/04	
The bizarre reason Trump and his team say they may try to prosecute CNN	Freedom of speech	The DHS secretary went on to describe the reporting that the administration didn't like as "illegal."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/madpooe-blogs-bizarre-reason-trump-1303	2025/07/04	
How Trump's bill will supercharge mass deportations, by funneling \$170bn to ICE	Government-ICE	The measure would authorize a level of immigration enforcement spending that analysts and advocates say is without precedent. Trump's so-called "big, beautiful bill" dedicates roughly \$170bn for immigration and border-related operations — a staggering sum that would make US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) the most heavily funded law enforcement agency in the federal government, and that critics warn will unleash more raids, disrupt the economy and severely restrict access to humanitarian protections like asylum.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/how-trumps-bill-will-supercharge-immigration-1	2025/07/04	
Vaccine Shortages, Viral Outbreaks, Widespread Illness, More Deaths	Health-Dystopian	It's September 2022. Routine childhood vaccines are now optional in the United States, and government officials, after hastily compiling an immense research registry of autistic people, have added the neurodevelopmental condition to the list of compensable vaccine injuries, thereby opening up vaccine makers to an onslaught of lawsuits. Facing decreased demand and increased litigation, some vaccine makers have pulled their shots from the domestic market entirely. Outbreaks are spreading across the country, sickening tens of thousands of people. too many are dying, especially children, pregnant people, and older adults. Something similar is unfolding around the world because the U.S. government ended vaccinations for millions globally. This is one scenario America faces if we continue down the path being backtracked by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and other anti-vaccine activists at the Department of Health and Human Services. And when I called up vaccine experts to ask whether my dystopian fears made me a doomer, they replied that this grim scenario was plausible—and that it could get even worse.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/vaccine-shortages-viral-outbreaks-widespread-illness-more-deaths	2025/07/04	
Republicans now own America's broken health care system	Health-Political	One recent analysis by a group of Harvard-affiliated researchers of the House Republicans' version of the budget bill (which included the same general outline, though some of the provisions have been tweaked in the Senate) concluded that 700,000 fewer Americans would have a regular place to get medical care as a result of the bill. Upward of 200,000 fewer people would get their blood cholesterol or blood sugar checked; 150,000 fewer women would get their recommended mammograms. Overall, the authors project that between 8,200 and 24,600 additional Americans would die every year under the Republican plan. Other analyses came to the same conclusion: Millions of Americans will lose health insurance and thousands will die.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-now-own-americas-broken-20	2025/07/04	
Supreme Court clears way for deportation to South. Sides of several immigrants with no lies there	Immigrants	The Supreme Court on Thursday cleared the way for the deportation of several immigrants who were on a flight to Miami bound for South Sudan, a war-ravaged country where they have no ties.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-clears-way-deportation-20	2025/07/04	
Trump, disappointed by call with Putin, to speak with Zelenskyy on Friday	International Relations	U.S. President Donald Trump said early on Friday he came away disappointed from a telephone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin because it does not appear the latter is looking to stop Russia's war against Ukraine.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-zelenskyy-discuss-pause-u-11114	2025/07/04	
Russia pounds Kyiv with largest drone attack, hours after Trump-Putin call	International-russia	Russia pummeled Kyiv with the largest drone attack of the war, injuring at least 23 people and damaging buildings across the capital hours after U.S. President Donald Trump spoke to Russia's Vladimir Putin, officials said on Friday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/russia-pounds-kyiv-drone-attack-triggers-fire-191000	2025/07/04	
Military sending 200 Marines to help ICE in Florida	Nazi Checklist	The Marine Corps is sending about 200 service members to assist Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Florida, in the Trump administration's latest use of the military to boost its immigration operations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/military-sending-200-marines-help-22411	2025/07/04	
Man charged with killing former Minnesota House speaker says he looks forward to 'truth' coming out	Political Violence	The man charged with killing former Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Norman and her husband on June 14, and wounding a state senator and his wife, said Thursday that he's looking forward to the facts coming out about what happened that day.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/man-charged-killing-former-minnesota-04	2025/07/04	
Trump addresses Brennan, Comey FBI investigation, Russia	Accountability / Legal Threats	The Marine Corps is sending about 200 service members to assist Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Florida, in the Trump administration's latest use of the military to boost its immigration operations.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/03/trump-comey-brennan-fbi-investig	2025/07/04	Trump, Comey, Brennan, DOJ, investigations
Study Author Slams ICE Barbs for 'Gross Manipulation' of FEMA Blame	Accountability / Political Theater	"I know nothing about it other than what I read today, but I will tell you, I think they're very dishonest people," Trump said when asked about the investigation by a reporter during a White House meeting with African leaders. "I think they're crooked as hell and maybe they have to pay a price for that." "I believe they are truly bad people and dishonest people," Trump added. "So whatever happens, happens."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/study-author-slams-ice-barbs-04800	2025/07/11	ICE, FEMA, disinformation, accountability, study rebuttal
Far-right conspiracy theories spread online in aftermath of the Texas floods	Cespool- Conspiracy	One of the study's authors however, has criticized Noem's use of its finding to seemingly condemn FEMA, claiming that they hoped their report would inspire officials to better the agency instead. Conspiracists and grifters on other platforms joined in. One YouTube with hundreds of thousands of subscribers posted breathless coverage of what he called "THE TRUTH of WEATHER MANIPULATION" in a segment which earned him close to 200,000 views alone.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/09/texas-floods-conspir	2025/07/09	
Yes, Right-Wingers Are Pushing Conspiracies About the Texas Flood	Cespool- Conspiracy	The online rush by right-wingers to attach conspiracies to practically every event of public note has created another grim reality for the families of victims, survivors, first responders and local officials: death threats.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-passengers-were-stranded-july-152	2025/07/10	Trump, tariffs, trade, rant, TACO
'Don't forget': mural brings attention to the January 6 rioters pardoned by Trump	Cespool-January Six	These are just three of the stories told on the Wall of Shame, a public installation by artist Phil Buehler that launched on 4 July in Bushwick, Brooklyn, New York. The giant red, white and blue mural aims to document and highlight the stories and alleged crimes of more than 1,575 people involved in the January 6 2021 attack on the US Capitol who were pardoned by Donald Trump.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/07/wall-of-shame-janu	2025/07/08	
A Viral Video Is Exposing The Massive Difference Between Christianity And 'MAGA Christianity'	Cespool-region	The project is the third in what might be called Buehler's art against authority trilogy, a series of collaborations with the non-profit Radio Free Brooklyn. It began in 2020 with the Wall of Lies, a 50ft mural displaying more than 20,000 lies told by Trump during his first term in office. The second installation, the Wall of Lies and Deniers, was a mural displaying the 381 Republican politicians running in the 2022 midterm elections who denied Democrat Joe Biden's legitimacy as president.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/desantis-warns-musk-against-third-15222	2025/07/10	cancer, NIH, healthcare, budget cuts, crisis
'Florida records more than 700,000 people as victims of human trafficking in 2024'	Civil Rights / Criminal Justice	More than 700,000 people fell victim to human trafficking in Florida last year, an alarming new study has revealed. Of that number, about 100,000 were children targeted for sex trafficking.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/11/florida-human-traff	2025/07/11	Florida, Human Trafficking, Criminal Justice, Data Transparency
New Lawsuit Says ICE Agents are Racially Profiling American Citizens	Civil Rights / Immigration	The "key objective of this report is to make the hidden and invisible visible to those who have the responsibility to act toward disrupting human trafficking in our communities, counties and state."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lawsuit-says-ice-agents-racially-2209209	2025/07/10	ICE, racial profiling, lawsuit, civil rights, immigration
		Red and her team analyzed anonymous data from 30 agencies, non-profit partners and public surveys to come up with the 2024 figures, which estimates 500,000 people were victims of labor trafficking. A significant number are believed to be undocumented migrants, who lack many of the legal protections of authorized workers and are considered especially vulnerable to exploitation. The Florida Policy Institute estimates there are almost 400,000 undocumented workers in key industries including tourism, agriculture and construction. Immigration advocates, lawyers, as well as the general population, are reporting a surge in racial profiling from law enforcement officials in L.A. Many of these targeted individuals are U.S. citizens or lawful residents, meaning ICE agents should have no right to try and seize them — but they still do. "We've been seeing...people who are U.S. citizens or lawful residents getting stopped, getting asked questions, even detained, or arrested," Professor Marissa Montes, director of Loyola Law School's Immigrant Justice Clinic, told Boyle Heights Beat. "This is something I had suspected was going to happen because of Trump's rhetoric and because the U.S. had a history of deporting U.S. citizens."		2025/07/10	

	Climate / Budget Cuts	Ted Cruz has had quite a week. On Tuesday, the Texas senator ensured the Republican spending bill slashed funding for weather forecasting, only to then tie on vacation to Greece where his state was hit by deadly flooding, a disaster critics say was worsened by cuts to forecasting.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ted-cruz-ensured-trump-spending-225311		
Ted Cruz ensured Trump spending bill slashed weather forecasting funding	Climate / Disaster	But before his Grecian holiday, Cruz ensured a reduction in funding to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (Noaa) efforts to improve future weather forecasting of events that cause the sort of extreme floods that are being worsened by the human-caused climate crisis.	2025/07/10	Ted Cruz, Trump bill, weather, climate, budget cuts	
“One wrong move could be fatal”: the divers risking their lives to save whales from ‘ghost nets’”	Climate / Conservation	The four to five metres-long juvenile humpback, accompanied by its mother, had a net stuffed with hooks wrapped around its fin and mouth. One wrong move could have been fatal for Lorea or the whale.			
“One wrong move could be fatal”: the divers risking their lives to save whales from ‘ghost nets’”	Climate / Conservation	Lorea is one of nine Guardianes del Mar (Guardians of the Sea), a grassroots African-Colombian collective from six coastal communities around Colombia's Gulf of Tribou, a biodiversity hotspot on the Pacific coast that spans 600,000 hectares of ocean, forest and mangroves. The region, where Chiricó marlin meets the ocean, is a UNESCO biosphere reserve and is designated a “hope spot” by the non-profit organisation Mission Blue for its ecological significance.	2025/07/11	Ocean Conservation, Ghost Nets, Divers, Marine Life, Whales	
Greg Abbott Was Asked Who's To Blame For The Texas Floods. And His Response Is Going Viral For Being ‘Tone-Deaf And Insane’	Climate / Disaster Response	You ask, I'm going to use your words: 'Who's to blame?' Know this. That's the worst choice of language.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/greg-abbott-asked-who-blame-1903076		Texas, flooding, Greg Abbott, disaster response, climate
	Climate / Disaster Response	“Let me explain one thing about Texas. And that is, Texas, every square inch of our state cares about football. You can be in Hunt, Texas, Huntsville, Texas, Houston, Texas, any size community, they care about football. High school Friday night lights, college football, or pro.”			
	Climate / Disaster Response	“Every football team makes mistakes. The losing teams are the ones who try to point out who is to blame. The championship teams are the ones who say, ‘Don't worry about it, man, we got this.’ We're going to make sure that we go score again and we're gonna win this game. The way winners talk is not to point fingers. They talk about solutions.”	2025/07/10		
Texas flooding death toll climbs to 119 as search for more people continues	Climate / Disaster Response	The number of people who have died from the flooding in Texas continues to rise, with at least 119 dead throughout the state, officials said on Wednesday morning.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/09/texas-floods-victims		
	Climate / Disaster Response	There are 161 people believed to be missing in Kerr county due to the flash floods, making up the majority of the 173 missing in the entire state. Camp Mystic, the all-girls Christian camp that was greatly affected by the flood, still has five campers and one counselor missing.	2025/07/10	Texas, flooding, disaster, death toll, emergency response	
The Epstein Files Anticlimax Is Exposing Trump For Who He Really Is	Climate / Disasters	The estranged Elon Musk, sensing Trump's vulnerability and eager to land blows against his former boss, has gleefully posted multiple times about the president's failure to release the files. (Musk had earlier also said that Trump was named in the files but appeared to back down to releasing the claim.) The result is not only just deserts—Trump and his allies getting what they deserve for coining up a conspiracy theorists like QAnon—but a potent rebuttal for Trump's second term, in which populist promises have fallen by the wayside in favor of corruption and plutocracy.	2025/07/10	wildfire, evacuation, shelter in place, injuries, climate	
Shooting images: Stranded drivers trapped, roads turned into rivers as flash floods hit Mass.	Climate / Disasters	Police officers and emergency crews in eastern Massachusetts were out in full force on Thursday morning, performing rescues and blocking off impassable roads as flash flooding hammered the area.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/shooting-images-stranded-drivers-trapped	2025/07/11	Massachusetts, floods, extreme weather, climate, rescue
	Climate / Disasters	As authorities work to understand the extent of the loss of human life—as of Friday at least 120 people were killed more than 160 missing—farmers and ranchers are working to assess damage to their properties, crops and animals. Many are facing the task of caring for livestock while salvaging what crops they can and cleaning up the wreckage.	2025/07/11		
“Texas floodwaters damaged crops and endangered livestock. Now farmers and ranchers are cleaning up”	Climate / Disasters	It's a double-edged sword: as some farmers turn to agribusiness or richer crops to weather unpredictable markets, climate change is also intensifying many of the natural disasters that can make it more difficult for those experiments to succeed. Even the larger operations are not immune, farmers who produce all kinds of crops must plan for emergencies.	https://apnews.com/article/climate-texas-floods-farmers-ranches-f7a36	2025/07/11	Texas, Floods, Climate Impact, Agriculture, Recovery
“Grand Canyon among US national parks evacuated due to wildfires”	Climate / Disasters	The Grand Canyon's North Rim in Arizona closed Thursday because of a wildfire on adjacent Bureau of Land Management land near Jacobo Lake that began Wednesday evening after a thunderstorm moved through the area.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/grand-canyon-evacuated	2025/07/11	Wildfires, National Parks, Grand Canyon, Evacuations, Climate Crisis
New data reveals the inadequacy of FEMA flood maps : NPR	Climate / Infrastructure	More cabins and buildings at Camp Mystic — the tragic site of more than two dozen deaths in the Texas flood — were at risk of flooding than what the federal government had previously reported, according to new analyses from NPR, PBS's FRONTLINE and site scientists.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/09/tx-cl-5460970/texas-flooding-	2025/07/11	FEMA, flooding, Texas, infrastructure, disaster planning
He seeded clouds over Texas. Then came the conspiracy theories.	Climate / Misinformation	Augusto Dorado knew when he founded a cloud-seeding start-up in 2023 that he'd have to contend with misunderstandings and conspiracy theories surrounding the technology. Still, he wasn't quite prepared for the sheer volume of online tory he has faced in the wake of the catastrophic Texas floods that have killed more than 100 people and nearly twice that many missing.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/seeded-clouds-over-texas-then-12433	2025/07/11	Texas, weather modification, cloud seeding, conspiracy theories
	Climate / Privatization	That's impossible, atmospheric scientists say. Cloud seeding, in which planes scatter dust particles through clouds to trigger rain and snow, remains a fledgling technology, the effects of which are too limited and localized to produce anything remotely like the 15 inches of rain that drowned swaths of South Central Texas over the Fourth of July weekend.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-appoints-fes-companies-stand-	2025/07/11	
Trump appoints how ties to companies that stand to benefit from privatizing weather forecasts	Climate / Privatization	The billionaire area is a financial firm, which recently left in the control of his adult sons, that stands to benefit if President Donald Trump's administration follows through on a decade-long Republican effort to privatize government weather forecasting.			
How to protect yourself from flash floods : NPR	Climate / Public Safety	What's drawn less attention is how the downsizing appears to be part of an effort to privatize the work of such agencies. In several instances, the companies poised to step into the void have deep ties to people tapped by Trump to run weather-related agencies.	2025/07/10	Trump, privatization, weather, climate, corruption	
	Climate / Public Safety	Flash flooding usually starts within three to six hours of heavy rainfall from hurricanes and thunderstorms, but can also follow a dam failure or melting ice. It can start with very little warning and escalate exponentially, with currents powerful enough to carry away cars and other debris.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/10/tx-cl-5463503/flash-flood-safety-tips	2025/07/11	floods, climate, safety, emergency preparedness, NPR tips
	Climate / Society	Once you have that plan — and share it with every member of your household — you should pack a go bag with things such as water, food, medications, laminated copies of important documents and phone numbers, cash, first aid supplies, signaling devices and an ax. Surv recommends keeping a smaller, separate emergency bag in your vehicle too.	2025/07/11		
“An Arizona man is handing out bottled water to neighbors in extreme heat. His HOA is forcing him \$100 every time”	Climate / Society	An Arizona man says his homeowners association is punishing him for a simple act of kindness: handing out free water to people during an extreme heatwave.			
Kerrville mayor says he wasn't aware of state resources that Gov. Abbott said were in place ahead of flooding	Climate / State Response	Marlin said he's received multiple \$100 fines from the Canyon Trails Homeowners Association and its management company, FirstService Residential, for placing a cooler full of bottled water on the sidewalk near his home.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/arizona-man-hoa-	2025/07/11	Arizona, Heat Wave, Climate, Mutual Aid, HOA
	Climate / State Response	Kerrville's mayor said he was unaware of any help sent by the state to his community ahead of the flood, a day after Gov. Greg Abbott said state had “assets, resources and personnel” in place two days before a flood tore through the Hill Country, claiming 120 lives as of Wednesday evening.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kerrville-mayor-says-wasnt-1162813075/	2025/07/11	Kerrville, Texas, Greg Abbott, flooding, emergency management
	Climate / State Response	“I haven't seen the governor's remarks ... I don't know what resources TDEM had in place at that time,” Herring said.	2025/07/10		
Multiple fatalities reported in Tropical Storm Chantal, flooding in North Carolina	Climate / Storms	The Raleigh-Durham area saw nearly 12 inches of rainfall in 24 hours, while neighboring areas reported at least nine inches, according to the Asheville Citizen Times, part of the USA TODAY Network.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/multiple-fatalities-reported-tropical-storm-	2025/07/10	Tropical Storm Chantal, flooding, North Carolina, storm, fatalities
	Climate / Storms	North Carolina Gov. Josh Stein said at a news conference on July 8 that officials from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services were still working to confirm the total number of fatalities from the flooding, but that there are “a handful of reported deaths to date.”	2025/07/10		
Before and after satellite images show devastating impact of Texas floods	Climate / Visual Evidence	Photos	https://www.yahoo.com/news/satellite-images-show-devastating-impact	2025/07/10	Texas, flooding, satellite images, disaster, climate
2025 Atlantic hurricane season forecast released	Climate / Weather	Researchers are predicting an above-average Atlantic hurricane season in 2025, likely producing stronger and more frequent storms than a typical year but at the same time with less intensity expected than last season. The annual prediction is closely watched in Florida and other coastal states at risk during hurricane season, which officially starts June 1.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/2025-atlantic-hurricane-season-above-14	2025/07/10	hurricane season, NOAA, climate, storms, 2025 forecast
	Climate / Weather	Planet-heating pollution tripled the death toll from the “quietly devastating” heatwave that seared Europe at the end of June, early analysis covering a dozen cities has found, as experts warned of worsening health crisis that is being overlooked.	2025/07/10		
Climate breakdown tripled death toll in Europe's June heatwave, study finds	Climate crisis	Scientists estimate that high heat killed 2,300 people across 12 major cities as temperatures soared across Europe between 23 June and 2 July. They attributed 1,500 of the deaths to climate breakdown, which has heated the planet and made the worst extremes even hotter.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jul/09/europe-june-heat	2025/07/09	
	Climate crisis	Before 2021, the typically temperate Pacific Northwest and western Canada seemed highly unlikely to get a killer heat wave, but they did. Tropical Hawaii once felt an ocean away from drought-fueled wildfires, until it wasn't. And many in inland North Carolina figured hurricanes were a coastal problem until the remnants of Helene blew in last year.	2025/07/09		
The US faces more frequent extreme weather events, but attitudes and actions aren't keeping up	Climate crisis	Climate change is making extreme weather events more frequent and intense, according to climate scientists and government data. But people and governments are generally living in the past and haven't embraced that extreme weather is now the norm, to say nothing about preparing for the realer future that's in store, experts in meteorology, disasters and health told The Associated Press.	https://apnews.com/article/texas-floods-extreme-weather-attitudes-pre	2025/07/09	
	Climate crisis	Detainees being held at the newly opened ‘Alligator Alcatraz’ detention center in Florida say conditions are dire, with scarce food, no water to bathe, and constant bright lights making it difficult to sleep.			
‘There is no water to take a bath’: Detainees describe conditions in Florida’s ‘Alligator Alcatraz’	Concentration Camps	But because of the quick turnaround to turn the former Dade-Collier Training and Transition Airport into a detention center, detainees are being housed in metal enclosures inside large tents while utilities are being provided by mobile units.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/no-water-bath-detainees-describe-16462	2025/07/09	
	Concentration Camps	“I don't know their motive for doing this, if it's a form of torture. A lot of us have our residency documents and we don't understand why we're here,” he added.	2025/07/09		
‘Gravely concerned’: Miami-Dade County mayor presses for access to Alligator Alcatraz	Concentration Camps	Amid allegations of deplorable conditions in Alligator Alcatraz, the mayor of Miami-Dade County is asking the federal and state government for access to monitor the immigration detention center in the Everglades.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gravely-concerned-miami-mayor-calls-16	2025/07/09	
	Concentration Camps	Cava is asking the federal government to provide a detailed report of all deaths at what have occurred in ICE custody in Florida this year and for a meeting with local officials, medical experts and local officials to discuss detention center conditions.	2025/07/09		
Giant bugs, heat and a hospital visit: Inside Alligator Alcatraz's first days	Concentration Camps	The calls from Alligator Alcatraz's first detainees brought distressing news: Toilets that didn't flush. Temperatures that went from freezing to sweltering. A hospital visit. Giant bugs. And little or no access to showers or toothbrushes, much less confidential calls with attorneys.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/giant-bugs-heat-hospital-visit-213719842	2025/07/09	
“Jane Birkin’s original Hermès bag sells at auction for \$8.8 million euro”	Culture / Fashion	The stories, relayed to the Miami Herald by the wives of detainees housed in Florida's makeshift detention center for migrants in the Everglades, offer the first snapshots of the conditions inside the newly opened facility, which began accepting detainees on July 2. They reveal detainees who are frightened not just about being deported, but also about how they are being treated by the government, which is saying little about what is taking place inside.	2025/07/11	Jane Birkin, Hermès, Fashion, Auction, Luxury	
“She was our pride”: Asia's oldest elephant dies at 100”	Culture / Culture / Obituaries	Sketched out on an air sickness bag, the first Birkin handbag — the prototype for fashion's must-have accessory — sold for a staggering 8.8 million euros (\$10.1 million), including fees, on Thursday in Paris to become the second most valuable fashion item ever sold at auction.	https://apnews.com/article/jane-birkin-birkin-bag-hermes-fashion-france	2025/07/11	Vietnam, Elephants, Obituary, Wildlife, Asia
MAGA influencer Charlie Kirk claims Texas flood death toll ‘would not have been as high if it wasn’t for DEI’	Culture / Culture / Obituaries	Vatsala, a 100-year-old luckless female elephant believed to be Asia's oldest, passed away in India's Panna Tiger Reserve on Wednesday.	https://www.independent.co.uk/us/briefing/news/vatsala-elfphant-dies-age-100/	2025/07/11	Charlie Kirk, DEI, disaster response, misinformation, Texas
	Culture / Culture / Obituaries	“This tragedy is just the latest example,” Kirk went on to “it's not just incompetence. This is DEI working to ruin the lives of innocent institutions, and more people likely died than otherwise would have because of DEI.”	https://www.yahoo.com/news/maga-influencer-charlie-kirk-claims-2007	2025/07/10	
	Culture / Culture / Obituaries	President Trump on Tuesday insisted the August 1 tariff deadline set this week in letters to U.S. trading partners is firm and won't change.	2025/07/10		
	Culture / Culture / Obituaries	It's the opposite of what he said Monday night.			
	Culture / Culture / Obituaries	The only certainty with tariffs is uncertainty.			
Trump says August 1 tariff deadline is firm, hours after saying it wasn't	Demerita Don	Trump imposed reciprocal tariffs on April 2, paused them for 90 days on April 9, and then — just days ahead of the July 9 deadline — said that August 1 was going to be the new target, even as his administration insisted the deadline hadn't changed.	https://www.axios.com/2025-07-08/trump-tariffs-august-1	2025/07/09	
	Demerita Don	In just the last 24 hours, he's formally set that deadline, then said it was flexible, then said it wasn't. “Do you know the word sheddler?” he asked. “It means sheddler.”	2025/07/09		
	Demerita Don	He called it a “desecration” to speak about Epstein during a time of “some of the greatest success and also tragedy with what happened in Texas.”			
On The Rails’, Trump’s Rambles In The Middle Of Cabinet Meeting Is 24-Ford Nervous	Demerita Don	... Then the conversation took a golden turn as Trump spoke at length about the room's moldings and whether they would look better with gold leaf or gold-colored paint.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/on-the-rails-trumps-ramble-middle-09005999	2025/07/09	
	Demerita Don	But while the loss of life has been catastrophic, former and current FEMA officials told NBC News that the relatively small geographic area affected means it's not a true test of what the agency, whose full-time staff has been shrunk by a third, is capable of doing in the wake of a disaster.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-floods-questions-femas-future-202	2025/07/10	
After Texas floods, questions about FEMA's future loom large	Demerita Don	The real tryout could come later this summer, they say, when there is always the threat that a hurricane could hit several states.	2025/07/10	FEMA, Texas floods, disaster response, oversight, climate	

Analysis: Trump calls wind, solar bad for power grid, Texas shows otherwise	Disinformation / Climate	President Donald Trump claims that rapid adoption of solar and wind power has made U.S. electricity unstable and expensive, justifying his bid to end most subsidies for renewable energy. But reliability has improved dramatically in the U.S. grid with the most renewable energy – in Texas – and electricity prices there are below the national average, according to regulatory filings and price data reviewed by Reuters. At the same time, some grids that rely primarily on fossil fuel generation have experienced reliability issues and surging prices.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-confirms-bas-administrator-time-11	2025/07/10	Texas flood, conspiracy, disinformation, right-wing, climate denial
Texas lawmakers failed to pass a bill to improve local disaster warning systems this year	Drooping the ball	Voter's closeup view of the havoc wreaked on his district has made a lasting impression, he said, and left him reconsidering a vote he made just a few months ago against a bill that would have established a statewide plan to improve Texas' disaster response, including better alert systems, along with a grant program for counties to buy new emergency communication equipment and build new infrastructure like radio towers.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-lawmakers-failed-pass-bill-224642/	2025/07/07	
Conservatives are asking Trump for another big tax cut	Economy / Tax Policy	Trump's tax and immigration law is projected to add more than \$4 trillion to the national debt over the next 10 years, according to widely cited tax rate while reducing spending on the Medicaid and clean energy subsidies. The legislation is the culmination of years of advocacy on the right, making permanent many of the 2017 tax cuts Trump approved during his first term, and it represents one of the most expensive new laws in decades.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/conservatives-asking-trump-another-	2025/07/11	Trump, tax cuts, conservative policy, economy
US shoppers feel the heat of Trump's trade war, the prices are going up	Economy / Trade	A recent study from analytics firm DataWeave showed that the prices of footwear, apparel and bags increased significantly from January to June. Footwear has gone up as much as 4% and apparel by nearly 2% in the last six months.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jul/10/trump-tariffs-price-in	2025/07/11	
“US will impose 35% tariffs on Canadian imports, Trump says in letter”	Economy / Trade	While retail executives have said the deal is better than the initial tariffs that were announced, it will still increase costs for retailers. Macy's recently adjusted down its earnings forecast, citing uncertainty around tariffs. The company's stock price is down 25% this year.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/10/us-canada-tariffs-trump	2025/07/11	Trump, trade war, inflation, consumer prices, tariffs
“Threats, delays and confusion: 10 key points to understand another week of Trump tariff turmoil”	Economy / Trade	Donald Trump has said the US will impose a 35% tariff on imports from Canada from the beginning of August, and threatened to impose blanket tariffs of 15% or 20% on most other trading partners.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/11/threats-delays-and-c	2025/07/11	Trump, Tariffs, Trade, Economy, Policy Chaos
Investors snap up growing share of US homes as traditional buyers struggle to afford one	Economy-Housing	Countries that do not receive a letter from Trump face larger tariffs than those that have a agreed a "reciprocal" deal at a rate of 10%.	https://apnews.com/article/real-estate-investors-home-sales-affordabil	2025/07/08	Trump, Tariffs, Canada, Trade War, Economy
An increasing share of American adults are going hungry	Economy-Hunger	In May, 15.6% of adults were food insecure, almost double the rate in 2021. At that time Congress had beefed up SNAP benefits and expanded the Child Tax Credit driving down poverty rates, and giving people more money for food.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/08/big-beautiful-bill-snap-hunger	2025/07/07	
Trump says 'no amnesty' for migrant farm workers after industry warns of disruption to food supply	Economy-Immigration	Demand for food is up 120% from three years ago at the Philadelphia-area food bank network where George Malyak is executive director.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/yes-writers-pushing-conspiracies-texas-	2025/07/10	Supreme Court, partisanship, bias, Democrats, law
America has two labor markets now	Economy-Labor	As soon as the government support pulled back in 2022, "we started to see the numbers go up," says Malyak, who is with the Share Food Network, which serves hundreds of thousands of people. Demand just continued to rise from there, along with grocery prices.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/08/unemployment-job-market-education	2025/07/07	
US court strikes down "click-to-cancel" rule designed to make unsubscribing easier	Economy-Laws	Farms hire migrant workers some of whom don't have legal immigration status. Last week, Trump disclosed establishing a program which could allow workers to get a permit to remain in the U.S. But on Tuesday, the president said there would be no such amnesty given when asked about comments made by Brooke Rollins, the agriculture secretary.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/08/court-click-to-cancel	2025/07/09	
Tariffs return to April rates on August 1 without deals, Bassett says	Economy-Tariffs	Americans live in separable economic realities: Those with a job are likely to stay employed, but those without one are likely to stay unemployed. Welcome to the low-tier, low-tier labor market. Private-sector layoffs are at historic lows, but that masks a dreadful outlook for unemployed workers or those unhappy with their current positions.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/08/trump-tariffs-letters-trade-war	2025/07/07	
Trump team moves goalposts on tariffs again	Economy-Tariffs	A federal rule designed to make canceling subscriptions as easy as signing up for them has been struck down by a US federal appeals court just days before it was scheduled to take effect. The US court of appeals for the eighth circuit vacated the Federal Trade Commission's "click-to-cancel" rule, which would have required companies to allow consumers to cancel subscriptions using the same method they used to sign up, after finding that the commission behind it failed to follow required procedures under the FTC Act during the rule-making process.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-team-moves-goalposts-tariffs-1554	2025/07/07	
Trump sends tariff letters, placing 25% levies on top allies	Economy-Tariffs	Countries that don't make trade deals with the U.S. by August 1 can expect tariff rates to return to the levels announced in April. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Sunday.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/08/trump-tariffs-letters-japan-korea	2025/07/08	
Trump saves Christmas from price hikes with extended tariff pause	Economy-Tariffs	Tariffs will revert back to their April 2 rates on Aug. 1 for countries that fail to fall down new trade deals with the United States. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Sunday, just three days before the Trump administration's July 1 deadline for tariffs to return.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/08/trump-tariffs-pause-august-christma	2025/07/09	
Copper prices hit record high after Trump previews 50% tariff	Economy-Tariffs	The U.S. started imposing tariffs by letter to a variety of countries Monday, pairing new rates with an explicit warning that even those could change at any time.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/08/trump-tariffs-copper	2025/07/09	Personal
Trump's trade blitz produces few deals but lots of uncertainty	Economy-Tariffs	Trump posted copies of the letters to Truth Social, starting with South Korea and Japan, both of which were hit with 25% tariffs, effective Aug. 1.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-tariff-deadline-japan-south-korea-trade	2025/07/09	
Trump sends tariff letters, placing 25% levies on top allies	Economy-Tariffs	Those tariff rates are similar to what the White House announced on the April 2 "Liberation Day," before swiftly passing the implementation for 90 days. He later posted similar letters to Myanmar (40% tariff), Laos (40%), Thailand (36%), Cambodia (36%), Serbia (35%), Bangladesh (35%), Indonesia (32%), Bosnia & Herzegovina (30%), South Africa (30%), Kazakhstan (25%), Malaysia (25%) and Tunisia (25%).	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/07/trump-tariffs-letters-japan-korea	2025/07/10	
World's top copper producer Chile in wait-and-see mode after Trump tariff bombshell	Economy-Tariffs	Christmas shoppers got a gift of sorts from the White House this week when the president pushed the tariff pause to August 1.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/worlds-top-copper-producer-chile-2056	2025/07/10	Trump, energy, wind, solar, Texas, climate policy
Amazon asks corporate workers to 'volunteer' help with grocery deliveries as Prime Day frenzy approaches	Economy-WTF?	The shift should give retailers more time to stockpile most goods ahead of the holiday season, potentially pushing some tariff-related price increases to next year.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jul/07/amazon-grocery-d	2025/07/08	
Buy now, pay later' purchases can now affect your credit score. Here's what that means	Economy-Credit score	Copper prices reached record highs Tuesday after President Trump signaled plans to impose a 50% tariff on the commodity.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/07/05/news-st-5448793/credit-score-buy-n	2025/07/07	
Trump ends student loan subsidy for 7.7 million people, who will soon see bills increase	Education / Student Loans	Copper futures were up more than 9.5% at 3.08pm to \$5.51 per pound.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-ends-student-loan-subsidy-1546	2025/07/07	Trump, student loans, education, subsidies, finance
Iowa Democrats plot 2028 comeback for caucuses in race for president	Elections / Democratic Strategy	At one point today, the commodity was up 13%, marking the "largest single-day price surge in records going back to 1968, according to Dow Jones Market Data," per WSJ.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/10/iowa-democrats-plot-2028-come	2025/07/11	Iowa, Democrats, 2028, caucuses, primaries
Megadrama hits Texas Senate race	Elections / GOP Infighting	White House trade adviser Peter Navarro predicted "90 deals in 90 days." Administration officials declared that other countries were desperate to make concessions to avoid the massive import taxes – tariffs – that Trump was threatening to plaster on their products starting July 9. But the 90 days have come and gone. And the tally of trade deals stands at two – one with the United Kingdom and one with Vietnam. Trump has also announced the framework for a deal with China, the details of which remain fuzzy.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/11/texas-senate-race-corynn-paxton	2025/07/11	Texas, Corynn, Paxton, Trump, 2028 elections, Senate
In some UK woodlands, every young tree has died. What's going wrong?	Environment / Climate Impact	"If you go to open your headlines closed Trading Markets to the United States, eliminate your tariff, and Non Tariff Policies and Trade Barriers, we will, perhaps consider an adjustment to this letter," both the letters to the South Korean and Japanese leaders say.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jul/10/britain-ancient-w	2025/07/11	
EPA Head Lee Zeldin: 'Americans Have Questions About Geoengineering And Contrails'	Environment / Conspiracy Legislation	Trump told reporters at the White House on Monday that the Aug. 1 deadline was "firm but not 100% firm," adding the U.S. would be open to listening to offers from other countries.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/epa-head-lee-zeldin-americans-162726	2025/07/10	EPA, Lee Zeldin, geoengineering, contrails, conspiracy
"Ecuador approves controversial law on protected areas, sparking legal threats"	Environment / Legal Battles	Chile, the world's No. 1 copper producer, is in wait-and-see mode after U.S. President Donald Trump announced a surprise 50% tariff on imports of the red metal, with the Andean nation blindsided while its top miner held out hope of exemptions.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/07/08/news-st-5157748/bobio-oil-gas-wells-plu	2025/07/09	
Midwest states east of 'hurricane alley' are hearing the brunt of severe storm season. Here's why	Environment-Climate crisis	Chile is the single biggest copper supplier to the U.S., a market that makes up less than 7% of its refined copper exports. Chile sends much of its copper to China, which dominates global copper refining.	https://www.kour.org/news/2025-07-01/hurricane-season-active-destro	2025/07/07	
Democrats retreat on climate: 'It's one of the more disappointing turnabouts'	Environment-Climate crisis	Copra employees of Amazon were asked on Monday to volunteer their time to the company's warehouses to assist with grocery delivery as it heads into its annual discount spree known as Prime Day.	https://www.polico.com/news/2025/07/07/democrats-climate-retreat-s	2025/07/07	
The U.S. has millions of oil gas and oil wells. Here's what it takes to plug them	Environment-Fossil fuels	The credit scoring company FICO recently announced it will add something new to some of its credit scores: data from buy now, pay later loans.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/08/trump-tariffs-letters-japan-korea	2025/07/10	Trade war, Trump, tariffs, consumer prices, economy
Democrats and climate groups 'too polite' in fight against 'malicious' fossil fuel giants	Environment-Fossil fuels	A FICO score is used by lenders to assess your creditworthiness and decide whether to offer you a loan or a credit card, and at what rate. And right now, your FICO score doesn't include data about any buy now, pay later loans. But starting in the fall, two of FICO's scoring products — out of the 15 or so it offers — will incorporate that data.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-super-neutral-principle-18	2025/07/10	

Tropical Storm Chantal brings heavy rains into northeastern South Carolina	Environment- Hurricane	Tropical Storm Chantal is forecast to bring heavy rains as it moves inland across northeastern South Carolina on Sunday. The storm was about 70 miles (112 kilometers) east of Charleston, South Carolina, early Sunday, and 85 miles (136 kilometers) southwest of Wilmington, North Carolina. Its maximum sustained winds were clocked at 50 mph (80 kph), and it was moving north at 8 mph (13 kph). https://www.npr.org/2025/07/09/mw-st-5456381/tropical-storm-chantal-g	2025/07/07		
'Could become a death spiral': scientists discover what's driving record die-offs of US honeybees	Environment- Insects	Aide went on to lose 75% of his bees. "It's almost depressingly sad," he says. "If we have a similar situation this year — I sure hope we don't — then we're in a death spiral." It deepened into the largest US honeybee die-off on record, with beekeepers losing on average 60% of their colonies, at a cost of \$60m (\$44m). Scientists have been scrambling to discover what happened; now the culprits are emerging. A research paper published by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), though not yet peer-reviewed, has found nearly all colonies had contracted a bee virus spread by parasitic mites that appear to have developed resistance to the main chemicals used to control them. Over 100 people have been injured while thousands more have been told to shelter in place after a wildfire broke through a portion of southern France. The fire began near Pierres-Mirabeau, north of Marseille, and spanned around 700 hectares (1,729 acres) of land, per AP and BBC. The blaze was reportedly sparked after a heat wave impacted various portions of Europe, leading to an elevated risk for wildfires. https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jul/08/record-us-bee-d	2025/07/08		
119 People Injured While Thousands More Ordered to Shelter in Place amid 'Apocalyptic' Wildfire Oklahoma TV station radar damaged in apparent attack by anti-government militia group IKGSM	Environment- Wildfires Extremism / Domestic Threats	The Oklahoma City television station reports Veterans on Patrol, which the Southern Poverty Law Center defines as an anti-government militia, is claiming responsibility and targeting other Oklahoma residents. Michael Lewis Arthur Meyer, the founder of Veterans On Patrol, told the station he posted a sign warning of other radars being targeted near weather radar. He said he believes the government is modifying the weather, according to the article. "They can embed their technology and civilian infrastructure in every home and every household utilizing the phones and their network towers to not only control the weather, modify the weather, but they can [target] individuals," Meyer said in the article. Three people have died in a mountain town in southern New Mexico that is a popular summer retreat after monsoon rains triggered flash flooding that was so intense an entire house was swept downstream, officials said. Two national guard rescue teams and several local teams already were in the area when the flooding began, Silva said, and more national guard teams were expected. https://www.yahoo.com/news/119-people-injured-while-thousands-1556 https://www.koou.org/local-news/2025-07-09/news8-radar-damaged-	2025/07/10	DeSantis, Musk, third party, 2024, election strategy	militia, Oklahoma, media, extremism, domestic terrorism
Three dead as flash flooding hits mountain town in New Mexico, officials say	Flooding 2025	The floods came just days after flash floods in Texas killed more than 100 people and left more than 180 people missing. The Trump administration announced Wednesday that it is issuing sanctions against an independent investigator tasked with probing human rights abuses in the Palestinian territories, the latest effort by the United States to punish critics of Israel's 21-month war in Gaza. The U.S. had not previously addressed concerns with Abanese head-on because it has not participated in either of the two Human Rights Council sessions this year. Including the summer session that ended Tuesday. This is because the Trump administration withdrew the U.S. earlier this year. https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/09/us-dogs-new-mexico https://www.npr.org/2025/07/10/mw-st-7981515/u-s-sanctions-united-pal	2025/07/09		UN, Gaza, sanctions, human rights, foreign policy
U.S. seizes sanctions against U.N. investigator probing abuses in Gaza. NPR	Foreign Policy / Human Rights				
Opinion - How Texas is wielding freedom of speech as a political weapon	freedom of speech Fuck that department	In 2018, it enacted legislation seeking to promote a robust and uninhibited exchange of ideas in its public colleges and universities. Apply called the Protected Expression on Campus Act, that law required higher education institutions to develop and promulgate policies protecting freedom of speech and assembly and to make those policies public. It prohibited them from preventing students or faculty from inviting speakers to campus because of the controversy their visits might cause, and mandated that students who interfere with the free speech activities of others be subject to university discipline. And it took the additional step of saying that outdoor spaces on campus would be "traditional public forums." Elon Musk loyalists at the Department of Government Efficiency are "fighting" to preserve their work and tensions with the White House following the billionaire's fallout with President Donald Trump, according to a report. DOGE's work is reportedly being scrutinized more closely by White House officials and drastic cuts are being revealed in some instances. The Department of Veterans Affairs has this week backed down from its plans to cut 83,000 jobs, spearheaded by DOGE, after public outcry. DOGE aggressively slashed the federal workforce and cut government programs in an effort to trim the federal budget. But the group's tactics were met with lawsuits and legal challenges. Musk left the federal government and then began an online fight with Trump over his proposed spending bill that is set to add billions to the national debt. Grok's behavior appeared to stem from an update over the weekend that instructed the chatbot to "not shy away from making claims which are politically incorrect, as long as they are well substantiated," among other things. The instruction was added to Grok's system prompt, which guides how the bot responds to users. XAI removed the directive on Tuesday. Patrick Hat, who teaches data ethics and machine learning at George Washington University, said he's not surprised Grok ended up spewing toxic content, given that the large language models that power chatbots are initially trained on unfiltered online data. https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-how-texas-wielding-freedom-speech-1 https://www.yahoo.com/news/elon-musk-doge-bro-war-white-house-1240470581	2025/07/08		
DOGE bros are at war with the White House on the agency's future amid Trump-Musk feud, report says			2025/07/10	crypto, Musk, Trump, DOGE, federal agencies	
Elon Musk's AI chatbot, Grok, started calling itself 'MechaHitler'	Fuck that guy	It's unclear if Musk — who in May said he would scale back his political spending — will actually try to turn his plan into reality. But he said his proposed party is spread at providing a political home to centrist voters — or, as he put it, the "80% in the middle." He then admitted it was somewhat unenviable to have another intelligence be far superior to his own, since it raised all sorts of questions no one had the answers for. "Will this be bad or good for humanity?" Musk asked, before predicting it would most likely be good. "But I somewhat reconciled myself to the fact that even if it wasn't going to be good, I'd at least like to be alive so I see it happen," he then added. https://www.npr.org/2025/07/09/mw-st-5456380/grok-elon-musk-antagon	2025/07/10		
Elon Musk wants to launch a competitive third party. It likely wouldn't be easy	Fuck that guy		2025/07/10	Elon Musk, AI, ethics, tech future, quotes	
Elon Musk says even if AI ultimately proves bad for humanity he still wants to be there to see it	Fuck that guy		2025/07/10		
Fortress Russia' has seized \$50 billion in assets over 3 years, research shows	Global / Authoritarian Economies	"But I somewhat reconciled myself to the fact that even if it wasn't going to be good, I'd at least like to be alive so I see it happen," he then added. Russian authorities have confiscated assets worth some \$50 billion over the past three years, underscoring the scale of the transformation into a "fortress Russia" economic model during the war in Ukraine, research showed on Wednesday. https://finance.yahoo.com/news/fortress-russia-confiscated-50-billion-9	2025/07/11		
'Shoot them in the leg': Kenyan president's anti-protest rhetoric hardens as death toll rises	Global / Protest & Repression	Kenya's President William Ruto, has ordered police to shoot protesters targeting businesses in the legs, in a sharp intensification of his rhetoric days after 31 people were killed in nationwide anti-government demonstrations. https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/09/shoot-them-in-the-leg-k	2025/07/10	Russia, asset seizure, authoritarianism, economy, sanctions	
High-risk HIV groups facing record levels of criminalisation as countries bring in draconian laws	Global Health / LGBTQ+ Rights	People at higher risk of HIV, such as gay men and people who inject drugs, are facing record levels of criminalisation worldwide, according to UNAIDS. For the first time since the joint UN programme on HIV/AIDS began reporting on punitive laws a decade ago, the number of countries criminalising same-sex sexual activity and gender expression has increased. In the past year, Mali has made homosexuality a criminal offence, where the law previously only banned "public indecency", and has also criminalised transgender people. Trinidad and Tobago's court of appeal has overturned a landmark 2018 ruling that decriminalised consensual same-sex relations, reinstating the colonial-era ban. In Uganda, the 2023 Anti-Homosexuality Act has "intensified the proscription of same-sex relations", and China has moved in a similar direction with the reintroduction of legislation that would increase sentences for gay sex. https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/jul/10/un-aids-hi	2025/07/10	HIV, criminalization, LGBTQ+, global health, human rights	
Trump Says He's 'Looking At' Federal Takeover Of Washington, D.C.	Government / Authoritarianism	President Donald Trump said Tuesday he's weighing a federal takeover of Washington, D.C., spouting bogus claims about rampant crime in the nation's capital, and hinted he could pursue the same with New York City. "We have tremendous power at the White House to run places when we have to," Trump then said before disclosing he's already "testing" a plan to take over Washington. FEMA Acting Administrator David Richardson has been absent during the federal response to the floods in Texas, prompting concerns about his leadership. Richardson hasn't visited the site of the floods, the deadliest in the U.S. in a quarter century, ending a longstanding tradition of FEMA leaders being publicly available following natural disasters. The Social Security Administration is pulling workers from its field offices to man the growing number of calls as its 1-800 number. The agency serves 72 million Americans, and in the last five months, it has received more than 8.6 million calls a month on average, according to data obtained by The Washington Post. These callers wait an average wait time of 90 minutes. The Supreme Court on Tuesday cleared the way for the Trump administration to fire federal workers. Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson dissented from the unsigned opinion, calling it the "wrong decision at the wrong moment, especially given what little this Court knows about what is actually happening on the ground." She warned that such an executive action "promises mass employee terminations, widespread cancellation of federal programs and services, and the dismantling of much of the Federal Government as Congress has created it." A man who opened fire at the entrance of a U.S. Border Patrol facility in McAllen, Texas, early Monday was fatally shot by law enforcement officials, according to the Department of Homeland Security. Two officers and a Border Patrol employee were injured as the 27-year-old man shot dozens of rounds at the building. Elbridge Colby, the Pentagon's top policy chief under Hegseth, has blindsided senior administration officials and foreign allies alike with a series of rapid-fire foreign policy moves, according to multiple people familiar with the matter who spoke to Politico. Colby, 45, who is spearheading the next National Defense Strategy slated for release in August, reportedly advanced the proposal that led Hegseth to pause military assistance to Ukraine, without first notifying the White House. The decision caught many within the administration off guard, CNN reported, and was later publicly reversed by President Donald Trump. The Education Department dismissed more than 3,400 civil rights complaints in about three months under the Trump administration, per a July court filing. The Education Department has pledged to clear its backlog of civil rights complaints despite closing half of the offices that investigate the allegations. President Donald Trump has avoided talking about his plan to scrap the federal disaster response agency after the catastrophic flash flood in Texas that killed more than 100 people, including children attending a girls-only camp. Asked shortly after the disaster whether he still intended to phase out the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Donald Trump said it wasn't the right time to talk about it. Nor did he mention such phasing a day after he'd met with his Cuba task force on Tuesday. Once-finger-ticks — an alligator-moated detention camp, deportations to war zones, denaturalization of immigrant citizens — are now being proudly embraced at the highest levels of the U.S. government. Trump's immigration toolkit has expanded since March, as his aides push for a dramatically higher pace of arrests and deportations. Trump federalized the National Guard in California and deployed troops in Los Angeles to protect federal ICE agents, giving the military a rare and highly contentious role in immigration raids. The Supreme Court has allowed the Trump administration to deport undocumented immigrants to non-origin countries — including war-torn nations such as South Sudan and Libya. Hundreds of migrants are being held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. This week, Trump claimed that "consequential work" is underway to reopen Alcatraz — the descript former island prison in San Francisco, now a tourist site. https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/supreme-court-trump-fire-federal-av https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/texas-border-patrol-facility-shooting- https://www.yahoo.com/news/hegseth-aide-31-ming-off-just-about-everyone-with-151721710.html https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/education-department-civil-rights-ca https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-avoids-talk-scrapping-fema-after-more-than-100-killed-in-texas-flash-flood-17021 https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/trump-migrants-alligator-camp-ra-de	2025/07/10	Trump, Washington DC, federal control, authoritarianism, politics	
---Where in the world is the FEMA head? Agency leader hasn't been seen to oversee week's sparking concerns---	Government / Emergency Response		2025/07/11	FEMA, Disaster Response, Texas Floods, Government Transparency	
---Social Security is pulling workers from its field offices to man the growing number of calls at its 1-800 number---	Government / Workforce		2025/07/11	Social Security, Customer Service, Staffing, Field Offices, Government	
Hegseth Aide "31-Ming Off Just About Everyone" With Rupture Decisions	Government- DOO		2025/07/10	Trump, courts, nominations, justice system, prosecutors	
Education Department tossed 3,400 civil rights complaints since mass layoff	Government- DOE		2025/07/09		
Trump avoids talk of scrapping FEMA after more than 100 killed in Texas flash flood	Government- FEMA		2025/07/09		
Trump ramps up deportation spectacles with new stunts and ICE funding	Government- ICE		2025/07/07		
Immigrants with no criminal convictions represent sharpest growth in ICE detention population	Government- ICE		2025/07/07		
Even over the Fourth of July weekend, ICE officials didn't stop their raids in LA: 'Troubling reminder of federal overreach'	Government- ICE	"He's not a criminal," he said. "He wasn't doing anything he wasn't supposed to. He came in to work on the Fourth of July." West Hollywood officials were also critical. "On a day meant to honor the ideals of liberty, democracy, and freedom from oppression, we instead confront a deeply troubling reminder of federal overreach. Independence Day should be a time for reflection and reverence, not fear and persecution," they said in a statement on the city website. https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ice-ba	2025/07/07		

		Federal immigration agents would be banned from wearing most face coverings but be required to wear visible ID during public enforcement operations, according to a proposal from Democratic U.S. Sens. Alex Padilla (D-CA) and Cory Booker (D-NJ).			
Bill would force ICE agents to ID themselves, ban most masks	Government-ICE	ICE agents are currently not required to wear body cameras, can cover their faces, don't have to provide badge numbers or identify themselves, can arrive in unmarked cars and they don't need a warrant from a judge to detain someone.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/ice-agents-masks-democrats-id-bill	2025/07/09	
Border Patrol official sends ominous message to Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass	Government-ICE	ICE agents operated with vastly more enforcement power, less transparency and fewer guardrails than local police and other federal agencies since ICE was created in 2003.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/border-patrol-official-sends-ominous-199	2025/07/09	
Kristi Noem Guts ICE Oversight as Detainee Deaths Surge	Government-ICE	Virtual images and media reports offered harrowing scenes of armed federal agents, flanked by members of the California National Guard, sweeping through MacArthur Park, a public space popular with the city's various immigrant communities. At one point, the masked, heavily armed agents in tactical gear disrupted playing children in a show of force that resulted in no arrests, according to Fox 11 Los Angeles. The DHS said the production—which included 17 Humvees and four tactical vehicles, according to The Associated Press, as well as officers on horseback—was part of "bringing enforcement operations."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kristi-noem-guts-ice-oversight-15200463f	2025/07/09	
Trump bill gives ICE \$45 billion for detaining immigrants - more than it received in the last 18 years combined	Government-ICE	At least 12 people have already died in ICE custody so far this year, the same number that died in all of 2024. Administration officials have brushed off these deaths as business as usual, but Michele Brant, a former Immigration Detention Ombudsman, told CNN that the death toll "could be much higher."	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/ice-agents-and-officers-abuse-morale-at-the-agency-since-trump-took-office	2025/07/10	
2 Catholic dioceses say immigrants can skip Mass over ICE raid fears	Government-ICE	The funding is more than the federal government spent on immigration detention during the previous three presidential administrations, combined, according to a Washington Post analysis. Aaron Reichlin-Melick of the American Immigration Council told Democracy Now! that the spending package, which contains about \$170 billion in wider immigration and border funding, raises ICE, "the single largest federal law enforcement agency in the history of the nation."	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/catholic-nashville-san-bernardino-ir	2025/07/10	
Trump loves ICE, its Workforce Has Never Been So Miserable	Government-ICE	At least two Catholic dioceses in the U.S. say immigrants fearful of detentions from ongoing immigration raids are not required to attend Sunday Mass.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/ice-agents-and-officers-abuse-morale-at-the-agency-since-trump-took-office	2025/07/10	
Trump's spending bill cuts Medicaid. Here's what it's called in your state	Government-Medicaid	The rare dispensations from the dioceses of Nashville and San Bernardino, California, signal how some local Catholic officials are responding to the growing panic that immigrants fear from the Trump administration's intensified immigration enforcement.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/ice-agents-and-officers-abuse-morale-at-the-agency-since-trump-took-office	2025/07/10	
How to retrain your brain to crave exercise more than screen time - NPR	Health/Behavior	I recently spoke with a dozen current and former ICE agents and officers about morale at the agency since Trump took office. Most spoke on the condition of anonymity, for fear of losing their job or being subjected to a polygraph exam. They described varying levels of dissatisfaction but weren't looking to complain or expecting sympathy—certainly not at a time when many Americans have been disturbed by video clips of masked and hooded officers seizing immigrants who were not engaged in any obvious criminal behavior. The frustration isn't yet producing mass resignations or major internal protests, but the officers and agents described a workforce on edge, vilified by broad swaths of the public and bullied by Trump officials demanding more and more.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/ice-agents-and-officers-abuse-morale-at-the-agency-since-trump-took-office	2025/07/10	
		Because states have varying names for their Medicaid programs, experts say Americans may not realize the cuts and work rules apply to them. So there could be a surprise factor when the changes finally come.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/ice-agents-and-officers-abuse-morale-at-the-agency-since-trump-took-office	2025/07/10	
		Scoring and using social media can feel good in the short-term because they activate the brain's reward pathways, leading to dopamine release and contributing to feelings of pleasure or reinforcement. However, once that spike subsides, dopamine levels dip below baseline, leaving you feeling badly again, prompting you to go back for more.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/ice-agents-and-officers-abuse-morale-at-the-agency-since-trump-took-office	2025/07/10	health, exercise, screen time, brain, habits
		1. Surf the urge to scroll 2. Stretch, squat, or dance while you surf 3. Savor your favorite activities 4. Give familiar movements a makeover 5. Turn worry into compassionate action 6. Take the news to-go	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/ice-agents-and-officers-abuse-morale-at-the-agency-since-trump-took-office	2025/07/11	
		The U.S. has closed its southern border again to livestock imports, saying a flesh-eating parasite has moved further north in Mexico than previously reported.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/08	
"US recloses border with Mexico as flesh-eating parasite moves north"	Health / Border Policy	American officials worry that if the fly reaches Texas, its flesh-eating maggots could cause large economic losses, something that happened decades ago. The U.S. largely eradicated the pest in 1970 by breeding and releasing sterile male flies to breed with wild females, and the fly had been contained in Panama for years until it was discovered in southern Mexico late last year.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	Parasite, Public Health, Border Policy, Mexico, Texas
"Seating nooks and memory shelves: the welcoming family home embracing dementia-friendly design"	Health / Innovation	McCormack sought guidance from architecture firm Loader Monelli on maximizing the layout, navigating conservation area restrictions and incorporating dementia-friendly design principles. For example, accessible kitchen shelving to allow her sister to navigate the space with some independence and open views through living spaces, so she feels connected but not surveilled.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	Dementia, Home Design, Accessibility, Aging, Healthcare Innovation
Feds investigate hospitals over religious exemptions from gender-affirming care	Health and religion	The Trump administration has launched investigations into health systems in what legal experts say is an effort to allow providers to refuse care for transgender patients on religious or moral grounds.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/09	
Near old Montana mine, special clinic for asbestos-related illness fights to survive	Health-Asbestos	But religious freedom groups that supported the health worker in the Michigan case, Valerie Kloosterman, say the investigation is a welcome recognition of existing protections for medical professionals to refuse to provide some types of care that conflict with their beliefs.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/08	
CDC winds down emergency response to bird flu	Health- Bird flu	The Environmental Protection Agency declared parts of Libby a Superfund site in 2002. Seven years later, the agency declared a public health emergency for the town — a first in U.S. history.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/08	
State laws to stop surprise ambulance bills face pushback from insurers	Health- Costs	A study found that 604 Libby residents had died of an asbestos-related cause from 1979 to 2011. Additionally, health providers in the town of 3,200 estimate that 1 in 10 residents have an asbestos-related illness.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/10	
As Secretary Suggests Replacing Migrant Farm Workers With 'People On Medicaid'	Health-Economy	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has ended its emergency response to the H5N1 bird flu and said Monday it will streamline future updates on the virus with routine reports on seasonal influenza.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/09	
US posts highest annual measles case tally in 33 years amid Texas outbreak	Health-Measles	States are trying to fill a gap left by the federal No Surprise Act, which covers air ambulances but not ground services, including ambulances that travel by road and water. This year, Utah and North Dakota joined 18 other states that have passed protections against surprise billing for such rides.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/08	
Despite RFK Jr.'s hesitancy the HHS is quietly looking at developing two new vaccines	Health- Vaccines	During a Tuesday press conference, Rollins insisted that "there will be no amnesty" for agricultural workers who aren't authorized to be in the U.S.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/10	
Healthcare expert warns of coverage shock under 'One Big Beautiful Bill'	Healthcare / Policy	She then suggested a doozy of a plan to replace deported farmworkers: A combination of "automation and 100% American participation," which she said could be provided by what she called the "34 million people, able-bodied adults, on Medicaid."	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	healthcare, Trump, insurance, policy, medical coverage
After voting for Trump's megabill, GOP Sen. Josh Hawley wants to prevent a key Medicaid cut from taking effect	Healthcare / Hypocrisy	HuffPost reached out to Rollins' office for clarity on her proposal. For one thing, the number of "able-bodied adults" on Medicaid who are available for farm labor gets a lot smaller when you dive into the details (her 34 million figure appears to include parents and people who are already working else where).	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	Medicaid, Josh Hawley, Trump bill, healthcare, budget
"They threw us out like garbage": Iran rushes deportation of 4 million Afghans before deadline	Human rights	The annual tally of measles cases in the US is the highest in 33 years, as an ongoing outbreak in west Texas continues to drive cases.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/07	
ICE Barbie Dodges Blame for Disastrous Texas Flooding on Trump's Watch	ICE Barbie	The latest figures mean Americans will have to look back to 1992 to find a worse year with the vaccine preventable disease. The official tally very likely undercounts the scope of the outbreak, experts told the Guardian.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/07	
US completes deportation of eight men to South Sudan after legal wrangling	Immigration	Despite the known specifications of its leader Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the Department of Health and Human Services quietly announced last month two new vaccines aimed at addressing "material threats to national health security."	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/07	
Undocumented builders face unchecked exploitation amid Trump raids: 'It's more work, less pay'	Immigration	The vaccines are intended to be developed for use against Marburg virus and Sudan ebolavirus, two hemorrhagic fevers in the same family as the Ebola virus, which can cause uncontrolled bleeding and death.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/09	
Supreme Court blocks contentious Florida immigration law	Immigration	The most immediate concern centers on Medicaid work requirements, which now require recipients to prove they've worked at least 80 hours per month to maintain eligibility.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/10	
"California surgical center staff demand to see warrant as ICE agents detain landscaper"	Immigration / Civil Rights	According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and KFF, an estimated 17 million Americans could go without health insurance due to Medicaid cuts and changes to the Affordable Care Act.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	ICE, Immigration, Civil Rights, California, Warrantless Arrest
"Inside the ICE offices where morale is 'miserable' and the deportation push has become 'mission impossible'"	Immigration / Internal Affairs	Four days after President Donald Trump signed his "big, beautiful bill" into law, one of the Republican sector lobbyists have publicly urged the Trump administration to soften their hardline stance on immigration. "While the need for safe and secure borders is paramount, mass deportation is not the answer," Buddy Hughes, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders, said in a statement.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	ICE, Immigration, Federal Workforce, Trump, Deportation
MAGA on 'amnesty watch' as Trump weighs migrant worker protections	Immigration / Labor	The state of Florida cannot enforce a controversial new law aimed at preventing undocumented immigrants from entering the state, the U.S. Supreme Court said Wednesday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	ICE, Immigration, Federal Workforce, Trump, Deportation
		Federal Immigration agents seeking to detain a Honduran landscaper chased him into a Southern California surgical center and quickly found themselves in a tense standoff as clinic staff demanded to see identification and a warrant.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	ICE, Immigration, Federal Workforce, Trump, Deportation
		The department said the surgery center staff "assaulted law enforcement" and attempted to obstruct the arrest. The private surgery center, which is about 35 miles (56 kilometers) east of Los Angeles, did not respond to a voicemail seeking comment.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	ICE, Immigration, Federal Workforce, Trump, Deportation
		Outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement offices, President Donald Trump showers "heroic" agents with praise. Inside, that adoration is nowhere to be found.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	ICE, Immigration, Federal Workforce, Trump, Deportation
		Despite Trump casting a bright light on the immigration enforcement agency, the reality inside ICE offices is very dark. With high expectations, shifting priorities and a heightened fear of losing their jobs, ICE agents in the low are in the pressure is high, officials told The Atlantic.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	ICE, Immigration, Federal Workforce, Trump, Deportation
		President Trump's base is on high alert over his mixed messages on protections for some undocumented workers, warning that any form of "amnesty" would violate a red line.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	ICE, Immigration, Federal Workforce, Trump, Deportation
		MAGA's promise of mass deportations as no-negotiable. Any attempt to water down the administration's immigration crackdown risks alienating his most loyal and fervent supporters.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	ICE, Immigration, Federal Workforce, Trump, Deportation
		Trump has spent weeks flirting with the idea of shielding undocumented workers in agriculture and hospitality — industries critical to the economy and to GOP donors — from deportation.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	ICE, Immigration, Federal Workforce, Trump, Deportation
		He has insisted there will be "no amnesty," but also suggested that some workers might be allowed to stay if their employers "take responsibility" for them.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/ice-winds-down-emergency-respon	2025/07/11	ICE, Immigration, Federal Workforce, Trump, Deportation

Masked and unmasked: The quiet rise of concealed immigration raids - NPR	Immigration / Policing	The arrests follow a pattern: masked agents, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other federal agencies, are assigned to work with ICE, using disguises and some some arrive in unmarked vehicles. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Tricia McLaughlin told NPR that agents are covering their faces to protect themselves from doxing and increasing threats. But civil rights groups and legal advocates say it's creating fear and undermining public trust.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/09/tx-1-54493110/ice-raids-masked-ag	ICE, immigration, enforcement, raids, civil liberties
Farmworkers detained, tear gas deployed at protesters in Ventura County immigration raid	Immigration / Policing	Dozens of farmworkers were detained and federal agents deployed tear gas at protesters during an immigration raid at a Ventura County agricultural business Thursday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/possible-immigration-raid-escalates-las	ICE, immigration, farmworkers, protest, tear gas
RFK Jr. cuts access to Head Start, free programs for undocumented immigrants	Immigration / Social Safety Net	Video from Sky5 showed a large federal law enforcement presence in the nearby fields, with witnesses saying agents were detaining workers.		
		Tensions during the immigration enforcement operation escalated in the afternoon when U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents began firing tear gas on a crowd that had started to gather.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/10/rfk-jr-immigrant-federal-prog	RFK Jr., immigration, education, Head Start, HHS
		Undocumented children will no longer be able to access federally funded Head Start programs for low-income families, Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., announced on Thursday as part of a sweeping redefinition of eligibility for the scheme.		
		The National Head Start Association criticized today's announcement, saying there was "no good reason" to deny low-income immigrant children access to initiatives like Head Start, which comprises a suite of early-childhood learning, health, and nutrition programs.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/10/rfk-jr-immigrant-federal-prog	RFK Jr., immigration, education, Head Start, HHS
		NCI, which has long benefited from enthusiastic bipartisan support, now faces an exodus of clinicians, scientists, and other staffers, some fired, others leaving in exasperation.		
		After years of accelerating progress that has reduced cancer deaths by a third since the 1990s, the institute has terminated funds nationwide for research to fight the disease, expand care, and train new oncologists. "We use the word 'stone attack' now regularly," one worker said of giant terminations. "It just happens from above."		
		After a mandate by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Government Efficiency to slash contract spending by more than a third, the cancer institute is cutting contracts to maintain precious biological specimens used in their research, according to three scientists. "The required contract cuts are going to be devastating," a senior scientist said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/analysis-trump-calls-wind-solar-1004492/	Trump, immigration, agriculture, labor, policy
World's premier cancer institute faces crippling cuts and chaos	Information Blackout	Donald Trump gave an ultimatum this week to Republican senators who are currently on the fence when it comes to supporting a recessions bill that includes drastic cuts to public broadcasting. Vote to defend NPR and PBS, or he will withhold his support for their reelection.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/trump-r	Trump, GOP, Media, NPR, PBS, Endorsements
Trump threatens GOP senators 'Vote to defend NPR/PBS or I'll withhold my endorsement'	Information Blackout	Thirty-one workers have been safely removed from an industrial tunnel under construction in Los Angeles after part of it collapsed on Wednesday, the Los Angeles Fire Department said.		
		The collapse occurred 5 to 6 miles (8 to 9.7km) from the tunnel's sole entrance in an industrial sector of the city. Aerial footage from local television showed workers being lifted up through the tunnel's entrance.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
Huge tunnel collapses in Los Angeles with 31 workers still inside	Infrastructure	With nearly every bank branch and ATM inoperable, people have become reliant on an unrestricted network of powerful cash brokers to get money for daily expenses — and commissions on those transactions have soared to about 40%.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
"Palestinians are paying high prices to get scarce cash in Gaza"	International / Gaza	Doctors in Gaza say they were forced to cram multiple babies into one incubator as hospitals warned that fuel shortages are forcing them to shut off vital services, putting patients' lives at risk.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
Desperate Gaza doctors cram several babies into one incubator as fuel crisis reaches critical point	International / Humanitarian Crisis	"Hospitals are rationing. Ambulances are stalling. Water systems are on the brink. And the deaths this is likely causing could soon rise sharply unless the Israeli authorities allow new fuel in urgently, regularly and in sufficient quantities," the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		President Trump has been touting his friendly relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin for nearly a decade, but he lamented Tuesday that Putin's warm words are ultimately "meaningless."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
Trump fires of Putin's "bullshit"	International Relations	"We get a lot of bullshit thrown at us by Putin. If you want to know the truth, he's very nice all the time, but it turns out to be meaningless," Trump said at a Cabinet meeting.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		President Trump on Wednesday launched a multi-front trade assault on Brazil, threatening it with massive new tariffs and demanding the end of criminal charges against a personal ally.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		Trump opened his letter to Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva with an explicit demand to end the trial of former president Jair Bolsonaro, an ally facing charges for allegedly plotting a coup.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		"This Trial should not be taking place. It is a Witch Hunt that should end IMMEDIATELY!" Trump wrote in the letter, a copy of which was posted to Truth Social.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
Trump goes after Brazil with sweeping tariff threats over Bolsonaro, tech	International Relations	Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva says the U.S. must respect his country — and he's ready to retaliate with retaliatory tariffs if President Donald Trump goes ahead with a threat to slap a 50% tax on Brazilian imports starting in Aug. 1.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
Lula to Trump: respect Brazil or face retaliatory tariffs - NPR	International Relations	Trump posted the warning in a letter on social media, citing what he called a "witch hunt" against Brazil's former far-right president Jair Bolsonaro, who is currently on trial for trying to overturn the 2022 election. Trump demanded the case be dropped, calling Bolsonaro "a Highly Respected Leader Throughout the World."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		Saudi Arabia has carried out a "horrifying" number of executions for drug crimes over the past decade, most of which were of foreign nationals, according to Amnesty International.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
Saudi Arabia executing 'horrifying' number of foreigners for drug crimes	International-Saudi Arabia	Amnesty 600 people have been executed over the past decade for drug-related offences, Amnesty International has found, three-quarters of whom were foreign nationals from countries including Pakistan, Syria, Yemen, Nigeria and Egypt.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		Russia does not adhere to any conventions... so why should we? Obviously, who gave only his first name in line with Ukrainian military requirements, said at a rehabilitation centre for wounded service personnel in Kyiv.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		"We need to do this, because if we mine (our land) then there is then a chance that we won't give it up."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
Facing battlefield setbacks, Ukraine withdraws from mine ban treaty	International-Ukraine	Russia is not a party to the treaty, and military analysts, rights groups and Ukrainian soldiers say it has been using anti-personnel mines widely.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
With new power, Trump will move immediately to lay off federal workers	International-Ukraine	Russia is not a party to the treaty, and military analysts, rights groups and Ukrainian soldiers say it has been using anti-personnel mines widely.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		Tens of thousands of workers across the federal government are hoping their unions and allies in local governments and nonprofit groups have a Plan B — a day after the Supreme Court said the Trump administration could proceed with firing them.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
Supreme Court disabuses federal workers who thought their jobs were safe	Labor / Supreme Court	Many of President Donald Trump's close advisers, both inside and outside the White House, have grown increasingly frustrated with Attorney General Pam Bondi's handling of the case related to the Jeffrey Epstein case, following days of intense criticism from some of the president's most devoted supporters.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
Frustration with Bondi's Epstein fumble grows beyond MAGA	Labor / Accountability	One Trump administration official argued Bondi "bungled the case from the start" by overpromising potential bombshell findings. Bondi's own claim, made during a Fox News interview in February, that she had a so-called Epstein client list on her desk and intended to release it exacerbated the perception that she underdelivered.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
Trump administration sues California over cage-free egg and animal welfare law	Legal / Animal Welfare	No such list exists, the Justice Department concluded in the memo released Monday.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
Justice Department efforts to strip citizenship from naturalized Americans likely violate constitutional rights	Legal / Civil Rights	A federal judge in Concord blocked the enforcement of President Trump's executive order ending birthright citizenship Thursday.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		Judge Joseph Lapante granted a preliminary injunction in a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and others on behalf of three non-citizen parents. Lapante also granted class action status to the plaintiffs, meaning his order applies nationwide to babies born to undocumented immigrants and people in the U.S. with temporary status.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		Ruling from the bench, Lapante described the government's arguments as "unpersuasive," indicating that he thought the risk of denying children citizenship constituted the threat of irreparable harm.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		A federal judge agreed Thursday to issue a new nationwide block against President Donald Trump's executive order seeking to end birthright citizenship.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		After Mahmoud v. Taylor, the latest in a string of court cases offering substantial protections for certain people's free exercise of religion, many questions remain. Among them is this one: What can religious beliefs be about?	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		Which beliefs count, then? It is no coincidence that the sentiments in this case are about sex and gender. For many Americans, including judges, it is obvious that such a (conservative) belief would be religious. This leads us to two types of counterexamples: Can more-progressive beliefs about sex and gender be recognizably religious? And can conservative or right-wing beliefs about other topics, such as race, also be religious?	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
DOJ Leaks Trump Enemies Probe to Quell MAGA Epstein Fury	Legal / Surveillance	The FBI has reportedly launched a criminal probe into two Obama appointees—including the agency's former director—over their involvement in the investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 elections.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
Trump's 'big, beautiful bill' lands in court	Legal / Trump Policies	His "big, beautiful bill" is a boon for Second Amendment groups that say it aids their quest to strike down an 18-year-old gun law requiring many Americans to register their fire arms. Meanwhile, a judge already intervened to block one provision of the massive package, protecting Planned Parenthood from cuts.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		It has shifted the Trump administration's legal sagas from a tug-of-war between the judiciary and the executive to one involving the legislature.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		An email sent by the US Social Security Administration (SSA) that claims Donald Trump's major new spending bill has eliminated taxes on benefits for most recipients is misleading, critics have said.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		The reconciliation bill — which the president called the "one big, beautiful bill" before signing it on Friday after Republicans in Congress passed it — includes provisions that will strip people of their health insurance, cut food assistance for the poor, roll off clean energy development and raise the national debt by billions of dollars.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
"Blatant misinformation": Social Security Administration email claiming Trump's tax bill blasted as a lie	Lies	However, the spending bill does not actually eliminate federal taxes on social security due to the rule constraints of passing a bill this way — through the reconciliation process, to avoid a Democratic filibuster.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		Some call it a friendship recession: a time in middle when close mate friendships sink to their lowest. According to data from the Survey Center on American Life, 15% of US men said they do not have close friends in 2021, compared with 3% in 1990. Those reporting 10 or more close friends decreased from 33% to 13% during the same period.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
		The reasons for the friendship recession are complex, says Hall. Straight men Mohler's age often depend on their partners for socializing. Some dive deep into parenthood. College buddies disperse. Work priorities take over. And moving to a new city or country can dissolve formerly strong bonds. Ultimately, it can feel too hard to invest time in new and deeper friendships.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
"An uphill battle": why are midlife men struggling to make...and keep...friends?"	Mental Health / Society		https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	
			https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/americas/us-politics/tunnel-collapse-by	

Israeli officials think Trump could give them green light to attack Iran again	Middle east conflict	Israel is preparing for the possibility of further military action if Iran tries to revive its nuclear program, and Israeli officials think President Trump could green light renewed Israeli attacks, two sources with knowledge told Axios.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/israel-iran-the-trump-nuclear-allies-agree	2025/07/08		
Pentagon policy chief's rogue decisions have irked US allies and the Trump administration	Military / Global Relations	Elbridge Colby spent the last several years in Washington making a name for himself as an experienced, restraint-minded foreign policy leader eager to focus the U.S. military away from Europe and toward the Indo-Pacific. But since joining the second Trump administration as the Pentagon's top policy chief, Colby has made a series of rapid-fire moves that have blindsided parts of the White House and frustrated several of America's foreign allies, according to seven people familiar with the situation. All were granted anonymity to speak freely about Trump administration dynamics. Flanked by a team of handpicked policy experts and staff from Capitol Hill, Colby has gotten out ahead of the administration on several major foreign policy decisions. The head-spinning catalogue of warnings may have been aimed at distracting from the increasing unpopularity, according to opinion surveys, of Trump's agenda, some analysts say. But they also served as further alarm bells for the state of US democracy five-and-a-half months into a presidency that has seen a relentless assault on constitutional norms, institutions and freedom of speech.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pentagon-policy-chief-rogue-decisions-4		Pentagon, Trump, foreign policy, defense, internal conflict	
If the US president threatens to take away freedoms, are we no longer free?	Nazi checklist	"Trump is making clear that if he can do that to the world's richest man, he could certainly do it to you," said Ian Baslin, co-founder and executive director of Protect Democracy. "It's important, if we believe in the rule of law, that we believe in it whether it is being weaponized against someone that we have sympathy for or someone that we have lost sympathy for." But it's not just a new prison, Alcatraz or otherwise. I visited four continents to write a global history of concentration camps. This facility's purpose fits the classic model: mass civilian detention without real trials targeting vulnerable groups for political gain based on ethnicity, race, religion or political affiliation rather than for crimes committed. And its existence points to serious dangers ahead for the country. This camp stands apart from other immigration detention facilities for a few reasons. First, its projected capacity of 5,000 beds is several times the average detention center (though Immigration and Customs Enforcement is looking at even larger facilities). Its improved tents and chain-link cages put detainees on display reminiscent of El Salvador's CECOT prison. And it is billed as a "temporary" camp, with the theory being that the administration can seamlessly process massive numbers of detainees with rapid-fire judicial hearings by National Guard members-turned-immigration judges. In practice, this is unlikely to go smoothly.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-president-threatens-away-freedoms-1	2025/07/07		
Don't call it 'Alligator Alcatraz.' Call it a concentration camp.	Nazi checklist	Experts are concerned about the dangerous conditions at Alligator Alcatraz: the immigrant detention center that opened Tuesday in the Florida Everglades. Hurricanes, flooding, and mosquitoes pose a more dire threat to people incarcerated there than the alligators and snakes that President Donald Trump has "poked" about. Built in eight days, the facility consists of large tents, bunk beds, and chain link fences that form cages to hold about 5,000 people. It has already flooded once. Despite the rudimentary setup, it will cost \$450 million a year to run, according to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem.	https://www.marbc.com/story/marbc-opinion/immigration-alligator-al	2025/07/07		
'Alligator Alcatraz' Detention Center Poses Serious Risks to Immigrants Beyond Just Alligators	Nazi checklist	They remember how he used Florida taxpayers' money for a stunt baiting dozens of Venezuelans to board a flight in Texas with false promises of accommodation and jobs, then dumped them in Massachusetts, promptly followed by the launch of a line of sardonic "DeSantis Airlines – bringing the border to you" apparel, drinks glasses and coffee mugs. "Again, it proves that cruelty was always the point," Maxwell Frost, a Democratic Florida congressman, told the Guardian after the president and governor visited the swamp on Tuesday to boast about how awful the camp will be for those held there.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/alligator-alcatraz-detention-center-poses-1	2025/07/08		
Trump's 'Alligator Alcatraz' reveals the ongoing cruelty towards migrants in US	Nazi checklist	"Selling hats and merchandise for a place that is about to become a hell on earth for thousands of people who are going to be subjected to some of the worst conditions and human rights abuses you could think of is disgusting. It was an odd message. For one thing, plenty of major bills have passed in the House with unanimous partisan support, so it wasn't as if Thursday's vote was somehow unprecedented. For another, the GOP's reconciliation package didn't pass 218-212; it passed 218-214. Or put another way, by Trump's estimation, the Democratic minority in the chamber, in a rather literal sense, didn't count. ... Right off the bat, it's worth noting that the comments generated headlines because they were so unusual. In the American tradition, elected leaders, especially around Independence Day, have never voiced public "hatred" for those who dare to disagree with them. It was a timely reminder that Trump apparently doesn't see himself as the president of the whole country, so much as he sees himself as the head of "Red America." But stepping back, as important as these elements are, there's another angle to this that arguably matters more. Different political scientists define the nuances of authoritarianism in different ways, but I think most would agree that a hallmark of any despotic regime is the delegitimization of political opposition. The Trump administration is now holding undocumented immigrants from 26 nations and six continents, at the notorious Guantanamo Bay naval base and prison in Cuba, as part of its push to rapidly expand U.S. immigration detention and deportation infrastructure. That injection of taxpayer cash makes the law enforcement agency one of the most expensive police forces in the world, outpacing most foreign military budgets. But hitting that 10,000 target is going to be a challenge, if not impossible, according to experts. And, without any guardrails to screen how those agents are hired and who exactly is filling those roles, the government may be setting itself up to repeat critical past mistakes. "No healthy law enforcement agency can grow quickly. And ICE is far from a healthy law enforcement agency," according to journalist Garrett Graff, who spent several years investigating the combustible expansion of Border Patrol into a "green monster" before and during the first Trump administration.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-alligator-alcatraz-reveals-ongoing-1	2025/07/08		
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Trump taps 'alpha male' MAGA influencer as ambassador	Political Cesspool	This isn't just a crisis. It's a cycle of death that Johnson has set into motion. No climate protections, so the storms get worse. No NOAA alerts, so there's no warning. No hospitals, so there's no help. No Medicaid, so there's no healing. No SNAP, so there's no food. And repeat the cycle in another part of places like tornado alley. Johnson may kneel on the House floor and whisper prayers, but he is the architect of this disaster. And when the floodwaters rise, the crisis turn or are blown away, and the hospitals close for good, the prayers from Johnson won't save anyone. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz slashed funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration mere days before his state was hit by deadly flash floods. According to a report from The Guardian, Cruz amended President Donald Trump's "big, beautiful bill" to end a \$150M fund that sought to "accelerate advances and improvements in research, observation systems, modeling, forecasting, assessments, and dissemination of information to the public." The ultimate goal of the federally funded program was to create better forecasts with more lead time. Considering the numerous whoppers former Rep. George Santos made before and after entering office, it makes sense that his last public statement before going to prison would also include a dubious claim. Santos then claimed that House Speaker Mike Johnson had somehow influenced President Donald Trump and nixed the pardon. The attack on Trump's nomination of Erni Bowe, currently a top Justice Department official installed by the president, came in a letter the prosecutors sent to the Senate Monday, according to The Washington Post. The letter said that Bowe "has demonstrated a willingness to ignore his oath to the Constitution and to disregard the Rule of Law in an effort to conform to every possible whim of the President." "The problem is, when you do another party, especially if you're running on some of the issues that he talks about, you know, that would end up — if he funds Senate candidates and House candidates in competitive races, that would likely end up meaning the Democrats would win all the competitive Senate and House races," DeSantis said during a press conference.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/10/trump-taps-alpha-male-maga-inf	2025/07/11	Trump, ambassador, MAGA, influencer, foreign policy	
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DeSantis warns Musk against third party	Political Cesspool	President Trump nominated Nick Adams, a self-styled "alpha male" MAGA influencer, to be the next ambassador to Malaysia. Adams is a popular commentator in the MAGAsphere but is not exactly a household name the way other influencers are. The nomination shows how much attention Trump pays to his online base and to people to keep it in the fold.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/10/trump-taps-alpha-male-maga-inf	2025/07/11		

Trump officials used shadowy website to target pro-Palestinian academics for deportation, court records show	Political Cesspool	As the Trump administration identified pro-Palestinian academics to target for deportation, it relied heavily on an anonymously-run pro-Israel website that has been criticized for doxing, according to newly unsealed court documents and testimony at an ongoing trial.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-officials-used-shadowy-website-20250711	Trump, Palestine, academia, deportation, surveillance
Thom Tillis Reveals Infuriating Reason RFK Jr. Was Confirmed	Political Cesspool	North Carolina Senator Thom Tillis revealed that Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was confirmed because one senator decided to believe his lies.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/thom-tillis-reveals-infuriating-reason-14-20250711	RFK Jr., Thom Tillis, confirmation, Trump, Senate
ICE Barbed, Delayed Texas Aid While Asking Instagram, Which Portrait to Order	Political Cesspool	Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem waited four days to sign off crucial aid for the Texas floods—but did find time to post on social media about her official portrait.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-barbed-delayed-texas-aid-06414726-20250711	ICE, FEMA, disaster response, Instagram, Texas
		CNN reported that FEMA was unable to move Urban Search and Rescue crews into position when waters started rising on Friday because it needed Noem's signature, which did not come until Monday.		
		But some of what she did at the weekend while the Texas tragedy unfolded is known.		
		Noem asked her Instagram followers on Sunday which image they preferred for her official portrait as the former governor of South Dakota "Which one do you like for the official Governor's portrait to hang in the South Dakota State Capitol? Thank you David Lutz!" she posted.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-firm-declines-trump-looking-085904-20250711	Trump, legal fees, law firms, ethics, political fallout
The Fallout Is Growing on Trump's Deals With Law Firms	Political Cesspool	The Trump administration is on an unbroken losing streak in the courts — 0 for 4 — in its effort to defend President Donald Trump's executive orders targeting large law firms. And things could get worse — for Trump, and for the law firms that capitulated to him.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-20250711	Trump, Propaganda, White House, Meme Politics, Social Media
"White House mercilessly mocked for posting pic of Trump as Superman"	Political Cesspool	The White House is being mercilessly mocked on social media after posting a meme showing President Donald Trump as Superman in an apparent attempt to capitalize on the buzz generated by the release of a new blockbuster film about DC's Man of Steel.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-20250711	Trump, Propaganda, White House, Meme Politics, Social Media
"Angela Paxton accuses husband Ken Paxton of adultery in divorce petition years after his publicized affair with Laura Olson"	Political Cesspool	Texas State Senator Angela Paxton, the estranged wife of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, accused her husband of adultery in the divorce papers she filed this week, court documents reveal.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-20250711	Ken Paxton, Texas, Divorce, Scandal, GOP
26th Amendment NOW Please: People Cannot Believe Trump's Latest Unhinged Rant, This Time About Gold, Putin	Politics / Mental Fitness	However, court records in Collin County note that the couple, who met as students and married in 1986, have now lived together for a year. The plaintiff is accusing the father of four and the grandfather of five he being unfaithful to her.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-20250711	Trump, 25th Amendment, mental fitness, politics, rant
Appeals court overturns right-wing influencer's conviction for spreading 2016 election falsehoods	Politics / Trump	wtf? A federal appeals court on Wednesday overturned a stay-aited right-wing propagandist's conviction for spreading falsehoods on social media in an effort to suppress Democratic turnout in the 2016 presidential election.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/appeals-court-overturns-wing-influencer-20250710	George Santos, Trump, prison, politics, scandal
		The last remaining charges have been dropped against Mario Guevara, a prominent Spanish-language journalist outside Atlanta who was arrested by local police while covering "No Kings" day protests in June.		
"Charges dropped against Atlanta journalist detained by ICE"	Press Freedom / Immigration	The Gwinnett county solicitor, Lismarie Bristol, announced on Thursday that her office would not prosecute the three traffic citations laid by the Gwinnett county sheriff's office following Guevara's arrest in DeKalb county. Guevara was turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shortly after his arrest, and has remained in federal custody despite being granted bond more than a week ago.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/10/journalist-mario-guevara	Journalism, Immigration, ICE, Protest, Georgia
How does the right tear down progressive societies? It starts with a joke	Propaganda / Culture Wars	Academic researchers see the use of jokes to break taboos and reduce the thresholds of hate speech as a form of "strategic mainstreaming." Far-right influencers use humor, irony and memes to inject ideas into public life that would otherwise be unacceptable. In doing so, they desensitize and normalize extremism. A study of German Telegram channels found that far-right content presented seriously achieved limited reach, as did non-political humor. But when far-right extremism was presented humorously, it took off.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/10/journalist-mario-guevara	Journalism, Immigration, ICE, Protest, Georgia
		Such good English, Trump said. "Where did you learn to speak so beautifully?"	https://www.yahoo.com/news/breitbart-trump-says-breitbart-president-where-203-20250710	Monbiot, propaganda, right-wing, humor, culture war
Trump asks Liberian president where he learned English, his country's official language	Racism / Diplomacy	... Liberia was founded in 1822 as a colony for free Black Americans, the branch of white Americans trying to address what they saw as a problem — the future for Black people in the United States once slavery ended. English is Liberia's official language, though multiple Indigenous languages are spoken there as well.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/breitbart-trump-says-breitbart-president-where-203-20250710	Trump, Liberia, racism, diplomacy, international relations
DOJ launches unusual lawsuit against entire federal district court in Maryland	Retaliation	It's outrageous that they actually named individuals in their official capacities at 15 judges on the court, said Davis. "And so you have to ask yourself, 'What is going on here? What kind of performance? What was the audience for this?'" Davis said what's going on is an attack on judicial independence, at a time when federal judges are facing a rise in threats of violence and impeachment simply for doing their jobs. But the Justice Department says it's trying to stop a case of judicial overreach. The case is likely to end up getting appealed to higher courts.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/07/08/mst-15456993/justice-trump-maryland	
Docs sue RFK Jr. over COVID vax policy changes	RFK JR BS	The American Academy of Pediatrics and other physician groups on Monday sued HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. for unilaterally changing federal COVID vaccine recommendations, saying the move undercut some patients' right to get the shots.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/doctors-lawsuit-rfk-covid-vaccine-26	
RFK Jr. promoted a food company he says will make Americans healthy. Their meals are ultraprocessed	RFK JR BS	The lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Massachusetts charges that Kennedy's revised vaccine policies have already caused confusion, and seeks a freeze of Kennedy's May directive to remove COVID vaccine from immunization schedules for healthy kids and pregnant women.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/doctors-lawsuit-rfk-covid-vaccine-26	
		Health secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on Monday pressed a company that makes \$7-a-pop meals that are delivered directly to the homes of Medicaid and Medicare enrollees.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/doctors-lawsuit-rfk-covid-vaccine-26	
		But an Associated Press review of Mom's Meals menu, including the ingredients and nutrition labels, shows that the company's offerings are the type of heat-and-eat, ultraprocessed foods that Kennedy routinely criticizes for making people sicker.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-promoted-food-company-20392378-20250708	
U.S. dietary guidelines on a collision course with MAHA	RFK JR BS	The high-stakes effort to set nutrition standards for the food industry and government programs like Head Start is about to get a makeover from Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/dietary-guidelines-rfk-maha-collision	
Scoping: RFK Jr. postpones Obamacare coverage panel, meeting	RFK JR BS	It's an opportunity for Kennedy to exert more leverage over food and beverage companies and the products they make after narrower actions like pressing them to voluntarily eliminate synthetic food dyes.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/rfk-jr-hhs-aca-usdoff-meeting	
The simple math of the big bill	Rich get richer bill	But experts worry Kennedy will short-circuit the evidence-based process behind the 2025-2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and use the requirements to ban targets of his public health movement, like seed oils or sugary drinks.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/07/04/125524475/one-big-beautiful-bill-lax-d	
\$ ways Trump's megabill will limit health care access	Rich get richer bill	Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s office has postponed a meeting of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force scheduled for Thursday that was due to discuss healthy diet, physical activity and other steps to prevent cardiovascular disease, sources familiar told Axios.	https://www.rpr.org/section/us/health/news/2025/07/02/ok-1-5452	
		Today: simple arithmetic with profound ramifications. Tax cuts, spending cuts, and whether they balance out. (Spoiler: no.)	https://www.rpr.org/section/us/health/news/2025/07/02/ok-1-5452	
		1. Many people will have to work to stay on Medicaid		
		2. Less cash means less care in rural communities		
		3. ACA coverage will become harder to get and keep		
		4. Those on Medicaid will pay more to see the doctor		
		5. Some immigrants will lose access to subsidized ACA plans		
		Trump's budget law will strip Medicaid coverage from as many as 15 million people, primarily by imposing work requirements on all supposedly "able-bodied" adults under the age of 65 — making them jump through needless hurdles to access life-saving care. Without Medicaid, these Americans would be forced to go without insulin, dialysis, and cancer screenings — or God forbid, cancer treatments.		
		State lawmakers will be forced to find billions of dollars in their already squeezed budgets to cover the Medicaid expenses the feds have purloined onto their balance sheets. More than 300 rural hospitals and nearly 600 nursing homes are at risk of shutting down. And for those who try to buy individual health coverage through state marketplaces when they get kicked off Medicaid, their price tag will be double what it is now.		
Trump's Big Bill Will Make Americans Uninsured Again	Rich get richer bill	Scalise claims the work requirements in the GOP bill mean the "35-year-old who's sitting in his mom's basement playing video games is gonna have to go to get a job again." Wrong again. In fact, the evidence shows that work requirements do nothing to increase employment. That's because nearly two-thirds of working-age adults on Medicaid are employed, and most of the remaining third aren't working because they're students, caregivers, ill, or disabled.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-big-bill-americans-uninsured-1490-20250707	
Trump bills health efforts won't be felt until after midterms	Rich get richer bill	President Trump's tax and spending bill sets in motion nearly \$1 billion in cuts to Medicaid and other health policy changes that could loom over the midterm elections.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/medicaid-impacts-tax-bill-delayed	
		But the real effects likely won't be felt until well after the ballots are cast.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/medicaid-impacts-tax-bill-delayed	
		Special tax breaks for venture capitalists, Alaskan fisheries, spaceports, private schools, rum makers and others — together costing tens of billions of dollars — quietly caught a ride on Republican sprawling domestic policy megabill.		
		Many are the sort of narrowly targeted breaks Republicans have long complained are unfair, reward influential special interests and unnecessarily complicate the tax code.		
GOP megabill littered with special tax breaks	Rich get richer bill	The new super-sized deduction for business meals — though only for employees at certain Alaskan fishing boats and processing plants, with the measure stipulating the facilities must be "located in the United States north of 50 degrees north latitude" though not in a "metropolitan statistical area."	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/gop-super-sized-venture-capitalists-favored-20250708	
		Trump made "no taxes on tips" a centerpiece of his presidential campaign — and while a provision in the new law honors that idea on the surface, it doesn't eliminate all taxes.		
		A qualifying worker's first \$25,000 in tips are exempt from income taxes.		
		Tipped workers will still pay 7.65% in payroll taxes that fund Social Security and Medicare.		
		The law shuts out food service and cosmetics industry workers specifically, stressing that the tax exemption will apply "only to certain lines of business."	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/trump-big-beautiful-bill-tax-fits	
Trump's "big, beautiful bill" stops short of "no tax on tips" promise	Rich get richer bill	The law also requires workers to provide their Social Security numbers — as well as any spouses — making undocumented workers ineligible for the tax break.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/trump-big-beautiful-bill-tax-fits	
		Undocumented immigrants paid \$98.7 billion in federal, state, and local taxes in 2022, per the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP).	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/trump-big-beautiful-bill-tax-fits	
Exclusive: GOP urged to "get to work" selling Trump's controversial megabill	Rich get richer bill	The NRSC says senators and their staff "must immediately get to work promoting its most popular provisions in 'every corner of their states,' and that the month-long August recess is a "critical opportunity" to sell Trump's megabill.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/08/republicans-trump-big-beautiful-bill	
	Science / Earth Systems	Planet Earth will spin a little faster on three separate days this summer, starting today. This will technically result in shorter days, but the change will be so minuscule you won't even notice.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/earths-rotation-is-speeding-up-for-3-days-20250710	
Earth's rotation is speeding up for 3 days this summer — starting today	Science / Earth Systems	"Earthquakes, volcanoes, tidal forces, subterranean geology, and many other mechanisms can cause the planet's rotation to slow down or speed up, and those micro-adjustments can trend over time," Popular Mechanics reported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/earths-rotation-is-speeding-up-for-3-days-20250710	Earth rotation, science, astronomy, time, weird news
Robot surgery on humans could be trailed within decade after success on pig organs	Science / Medical Innovation	The robot surgeons were schooled on video footage of human medics conducting operations using organs taken from dead pigs. In an apparent research breakthrough, eight operations were conducted on pig organs with a 100% success rate by a team led by experts at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in the US.	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/jul/08/robot-surgery-on-humans	robot surgery, medical innovation, science, organ transplant
		In a break with decades of tradition, the Internal Revenue Service says it will allow houses of worship to endorse candidates for political office without losing their tax-exempt status.		
		Since 1954, a provision in the tax code called the Johnson Amendment says that churches and other nonprofit organizations could lose their tax-exempt status if they participate in, or intervene in "any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office."		
IRS says churches can now endorse political candidates	Separation of church and state	The National Religious Broadcasters and several churches sued the IRS over the rule, arguing that it infringes on their First Amendment rights to the freedom of speech and the free exercise of religion.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/07/08/mst-15450888/irs-now-says-pastors-c	
		So that choice—whether to decide a procedural issue or reach for the merits—is all totally discretionary. But we should always pay attention to how the court is twisting its docket and the questions that it takes up to reach the outcome that it wants to.		
		The first part of your question was about the major-questions doctrine, however. Dahlia and I always put this "doctrine" in air quotes. It's not a real thing. It's totally malarkie. It's total BS, resting on what five or six justices see as a major question, and when they think they've spotted a major question, then they apply super close scrutiny to what the executive branch has tried to do, and will usually strike it down.		
The Supreme Court's Super-Neutral Principle That Applies Only to Democratic Presidents	Supreme Court	They did this with the student loan relief program under Biden. They did it with climate regulation under Biden. I doubt that they will do this to anything that Donald Trump tries to enact.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/irsa-trump-makes-amazing-confession-1-20250710	Texas, flood, disaster, death toll, emergency response

DOGE has special access to sensitive financial data on millions of farmers - NPR	Surveillance / Data Privacy	A staffer from the Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, recently got high-level access to view and change the contents of a payments system that controls tens of billions of dollars in government payments and loans to farmers and ranchers across the United States, according to internal access logs reviewed by NPR. "When we talk about farm loan application records, there is no more personal information anywhere than in that database," Scott Marlow, a former senior official in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, told NPR. "The farmer's entire financial life and the life of their kids and their family, every time they've missed a payment, every time they've had a hard time, every time they've gotten in financial trouble... it's there."	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/10/tx-st-5455778/doge-usda-farmers-d		DOGE, USDA, data privacy, surveillance, agriculture
ICE is Snooping on Your Medical Bills	Surveillance / Immigration	Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is now using data from the Insurance Services Office's ClaimsSearch, a private industry service for detecting car and health insurance fraud, according to ICE documents obtained by the tech news site 404 Media on Wednesday. ClaimsSearch includes 1.8 billion insurance claims and 58 million medical bills—along with the personal data attached to them, including addresses, tax identification numbers, and license plates.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-snooping-medical-bills-211528108.html	2025/07/11	ICE, surveillance, medical data, immigration, privacy
How Elon Musk's xAI Turned X from 'everything app' into nothing	Tech / Corporate Meltdowns	Elon Musk's grand plans to turn Twitter into an "everything app" named X have evaporated as AI takes the wandering attention of the world's richest man. X, once touted as a "global town square," has become a strip mine for AI training data instead.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/10/musk-xai-twitter-grok-x	2025/07/10	Elon Musk, X, xAI, Grok, tech, social media
Learn I drink the water' - life next to a US data centre	Tech / Environmental Impact	She believes the construction of the centre, which is owned by Meta (the parent company of Facebook), disrupted her private well, causing an excessive build-up of sediment. Ms Morris now hauls water in buckets to flush her toilet. The company commissioned an independent groundwater study to investigate Morris's concerns. According to the report, its data centre operation did "not adversely affect groundwater conditions in the area". While Meta disputes that it has caused the problems with Ms Morris' water, there's no doubt, in her estimation, that the company has worn out its welcome as her neighbour. The cloud lives in over 10,000 data centres around the world, most of them located in the US, followed by the UK and Germany.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/can-i-drink-water-life-next-230838357.html	2025/07/11	data centers, environment, water use, tech industry
AI hallucination in Mike Lindell case serves as a stark warning - NPR	Tech / Legal	A federal judge ordered two attorneys representing MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell in a Colorado defamation case to pay \$3,000 each after they used artificial intelligence to prepare a court filing filled with a host of mistakes and citations of cases that didn't exist. The use of AI by lawyers in court is not itself illegal. But Wang found that the lawyers violated a federal rule that requires lawyers to certify that claims they make in court are "well grounded" in the law. Turns out, false cases don't meet that bar. Counter-terrorism authorities have, for years, characterized keeping up with terrorist organizations and their use of digital tools and social media apps as a game of Whac-a-Mole. Sources familiar with the US government's counterterrorism efforts told the Guardian that multiple security agencies are very concerned about how AI is making hostile groups more efficient in their planning and operations. The FBI declined to comment on this story. "Our research predicted exactly what we're observing: terrorists deploying AI to accelerate existing activities rather than revolutionise their operational capabilities," said Adam Hadley, the founder and executive director of Tech Against Terrorism, an online counterterrorism watchdog, which is supported by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED).	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/10/tx-st-5463512w/courts-lawyers-ny	2025/07/11	AI, legal system, hallucination, MyPillow, Mike Lindell
How terrorist groups are leveraging AI to recruit and finance their operations	Technology-AI	A persistent hacking crew of young men and teenagers is back with a vengeance, wielding a two-year-old playbook to knock U.S. corporate systems offline. Unlike most ransomware gangs, Scattered Spider isn't a monolithic, state-sponsored machine. It's a loose collective, largely made up of teenagers and young men who emerged from online gaming communities like Roblox and Minecraft. Whatever you do in whatever sector, within a generation machines will be able to perform the same tasks just as well, if not better, and for a fraction of the cost, says Dorr. "Costs are improving consistently, capabilities are improving consistently. We've seen that pattern before. If I can get the same thing or better for the same or lower cost, switching is a no-brainer. We're the horses, we're the film cameras."	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/09/terrorist-groups-artificial	2025/07/08	
How Scattered Spider hackers are wreaking havoc on corporate America	Technology-Hackers	But as authorities launch one of the largest search-and-rescue efforts in recent Texas history, they have come under intensifying scrutiny over preparations and why residents and youth summer camps that are dotted along the river were not alerted sooner or told to evacuate. The National Weather Service sent out a series of flash flood warnings in the early hours Friday before issuing flash flood emergencies — a rare alert ruffling of innocent danger. An initial flood watch — which generally urges residents to be weather-aware — was issued by the local National Weather Service office at 1:18 p.m. Thursday. It predicted between 5 to 7 inches (12.7 to 17.8 centimeters) of rain. Weather messaging from the office, including automated alerts delivered to mobile phones to people in threatened areas, grew increasingly ominous in the early morning hours of Friday, urging people to move to higher ground and evacuate flood-prone areas, said Jason Runyon, a meteorologist in the National Weather Service office.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/08/scattered-spider-cybercrime-hacker	2025/07/09	
Futurist Adam Dorr on how robots will take our jobs: 'We don't have long to get ready - it's going to be tumultuous'	Technology-ai	But as authorities launch one of the largest search-and-rescue efforts in recent Texas history, they have come under intensifying scrutiny over preparations and why residents and youth summer camps that are dotted along the river were not alerted sooner or told to evacuate. The National Weather Service sent out a series of flash flood warnings in the early hours Friday before issuing flash flood emergencies — a rare alert ruffling of innocent danger. An initial flood watch — which generally urges residents to be weather-aware — was issued by the local National Weather Service office at 1:18 p.m. Thursday. It predicted between 5 to 7 inches (12.7 to 17.8 centimeters) of rain. Weather messaging from the office, including automated alerts delivered to mobile phones to people in threatened areas, grew increasingly ominous in the early morning hours of Friday, urging people to move to higher ground and evacuate flood-prone areas, said Jason Runyon, a meteorologist in the National Weather Service office.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jul/09/futurist-adam-dorr	2025/07/09	
Texas officials face scrutiny over response to catastrophic and deadly flooding	Texas Floods	Kerry said the county considered a flood warning system along the river that would have functioned like a tornado warning siren about six or seven years ago, before he was elected, but that the idea never got off the ground because of the expense. The National Weather Service warned of "life-threatening flooding" along the river in a series of alerts in the early morning hours. But questions remain about how many people they reached, whether critical vacancies at the forecast offices could have affected warning dissemination, and if so-called warning fatigue had been growing among residents in a region described as one of the most dangerous in the country for flash flooding. The National Weather Service has been hard hit by personnel cuts under the Trump administration, but that may not have significantly affected the forecasts and warnings for this historic and deadly flooding.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-officials-face-scrutiny-over-231524	2025/07/07	tragic, environment, climate crisis, floods
Beleaguaged Weather Service defends its forecasts as Texas officials point fingers over flood warnings	Texas Floods	The two Texas NWS offices most closely involved in forecasting and warning about the flooding on the Guadalupe River — Austin-San Antonio and San Angelo — are missing some key staff members, but still issued a slew of watches and warnings about the flood danger. When asked why Kerr county had not moved to evacuate the area before the storm hit, Rice said that authorities were preparing for the storm, "but unfortunately the rain hit at an inopportune time and there were 41 people confirmed to be unaccounted for across the state and more could be missing."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/beleaguaged-weather-defends-forecasts	2025/07/07	
No warning at all: Texas flood survivors question safety planning and officials' response	Texas Floods	Kerr county does not have outdoor weather sirens that are common in tornado zones and were once common across the US as relic of cold war nuclear attack alert systems. Families fled through waterlogged debris Sunday and stepped inside empty cabins at Camp Mystic, an all-girls summer camp ripped apart by flash floods that washed homes of their foundations and killed at least 82 people in central Texas. Rescuers maneuvering through challenging terrain, high waters and snakes including water moccasins continued their desperate search for the missing, including 10 girls and a counselor from camp. For the first time since the storm began pounding Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott said there were 41 people confirmed to be unaccounted for across the state and more could be missing.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/07/texas-flood-survivors	2025/07/07	
Death toll in central Texas flash floods rises to 82 as sheriff says 10 campers remain missing	Texas floods	At least 104 people have died and dozens of others are missing in Texas after flash flooding swept the state over the Fourth of July weekend.	https://apnews.com/article/flash-flood-texas-missing-girls-kill-county-0	2025/07/07	
Texas flooding live updates: At least 95 killed, including 27 girls and counselors from Camp Mystic	Texas floods	Similarly, conservatives are being called out for believing in "magical weather control machines but not climate change."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-flooding-live-updates-at-least-9	2025/07/08	
'We Aren't Paying You To Pray': People Are Frustrated With MAGA Politicians' Responses To The Deadly Texas Floods	Texas floods	Some folks recalled the Florida weatherman who went viral for warning viewers that "the quality of the forecast is becoming degraded" due to a nearly 20% decrease in weather balloon launching and the widespread staffing cuts across the NWS and NOAA.		2025/07/08	
Deadly floods could be new normal as Trump guts federal agencies, experts warn	Texas floods	The deadly Texas floods could signal a new norm in the US, as Donald Trump and his allies dismantle crucial federal agencies that help states prepare and respond to extreme weather and other hazards, experts warn. "This is the exact kind of storm that meteorologists, climate scientists, emergency management experts have been talking about and warning about for decades at this point, and there's absolutely no reason that this won't happen in other parts of the country. This is what happens when you let climate change run unabated and break apart the emergency management system — without investing in that system at the local and state level," said Samantha Montano, professor of emergency management at Massachusetts Maritime Academy.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/08/texas-deadly-floods	2025/07/08	
Texas county deflects mounting questions over actions before deadly flood	Texas floods	As deaths from catastrophic Texas flooding surpassed 100 on Monday, local officials in one of the hardest-hit counties have still revealed little about what, if any, actions they took to safeguard residents, tourists and visitors in an area known as "flash flood alley". Daton Rice, the city manager of Kerrville, said Monday that authorities were reluctant to "try wolf" and order evacuations, adding that rainfall "significantly" exceeded the projected amounts. He said officials had little time to react in the middle of the night, adding that qualified first responders were being "swept away" driving through the initial rainfall.	https://apnews.com/article/texas-floods-kerr-county-warnings-31c4e49	2025/07/08	
What to know about the flash floods in Texas that killed over 100 people	Texas floods	The Texas Hill Country in the central part of the state is naturally prone to flash flooding due to the dry dirt-packed areas where the soil lets rain sink along the surface of the landscape instead of soaking it. Friday's flash floods started with a particularly bad storm that dropped most of its 12 inches (30 centimeters) of rain in the dark early morning hours.	https://apnews.com/article/flash-flood-texas-camp-mystic-aed3181a076	2025/07/08	
Texas inspectors approved Camp Mystic's disaster plan 2 days before deadly flood, records show	Texas floods	Texas inspectors signed off on Camp Mystic's emergency planning just two days before catastrophic flooding killed more than two dozen people at the all-girls Christian summer camp, most of them children. Five years of inspection reports released to The Associated Press do not offer any details of those plans at Mystic, raising new questions about the camp's preparedness ahead of the torrential July 4 rainfall in flood-prone Texas Hill Country. Unusually large quantities of antimony - a metal used in batteries, chips and flame retardants - have poured into the United States from Thailand and Mexico since China banned U.S. shipments last year, according to customs and shipping records, which show at least one Chinese-owned company is involved in the trade. Specifically, trade data illustrate a re-routing of U.S. shipments via third countries - an issue Chinese officials have acknowledged. The U.S. imported 3,834 metric tons of antimony oxides from Thailand and Mexico between December and April, U.S. customs data show. That was more than almost the previous three years combined.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-inspectors-approved-camp-mystic	2025/07/09	
How US buyers of critical minerals bypass China's export ban	Trade / Global Markets	Thailand and Mexico, meanwhile, shot into the top three export markets for Chinese antimony this year, according to Chinese customs data through May. Neither made the top 10 in 2023, the last full year before Beijing restricted exports. Eleven campers and one counselor from the all-girls private camp, Camp Mystic, remained missing as of Sunday after catastrophic floods hit the area on Friday.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/us-buyers-critical-minerals-0	2025/07/10	Chile, copper, Trump tariffs, global trade, mining
What we know about Camp Mystic	Tragic	Roughly 700 kids were at the camp when flooding began, according to Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. At least 67 people are dead following flooding that slammed central Texas over the weekend, while a desperate search for 11 girls continues. 59 of the confirmed deaths occurred in Kerr County, Sheriff Larry Letha said Sunday, including 21 children. In addition to the deaths in Kerr County, there were eight deaths due to the flooding in surrounding counties.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/05/what-to-know-about-camp-mystic-0	2025/07/07	environment, flooding, climate change
At least 87 dead in catastrophic Texas flooding and 11 missing from girls camp	Tragic	The U.S. Senate on Wednesday confirmed Bryan Bedford to lead the Federal Aviation Administration, putting him in charge of the federal agency at a precarious time for the airline industry after recent accidents, including the January collision near Washington, D.C. that killed 67 people. But Democrats and flight safety advocates opposed his nomination, citing Bedford's lack of commitment to the 1,500-hour training requirement for pilots that was put in place by Congress after a 2009 plane crash in New York. Starting with America's 250th birthday celebration, President Trump is planning a years-long mega-celebration that puts him at the center of the world's biggest events.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/05/mex-st-5457278/texas-hill-county-flood	2025/07/07	
Senate confirms new FAA administrator at a time of rising concerns about air safety	Travel / Aviation	But Democrats and flight safety advocates opposed his nomination, citing Bedford's lack of commitment to the 1,500-hour training requirement for pilots that was put in place by Congress after a 2009 plane crash in New York.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/viral-video-exposing-massive-difference-0	2025/07/10	Delta, aviation, engine failure, travel chaos, passengers
America's nonstop birthday party	Trump Bullshit	Starting with America's 250th birthday celebration, President Trump is planning a years-long mega-celebration that puts him at the center of the world's biggest events.	https://www.axes.com/2025/07/03/america-250-birthday-festivities-0	2025/07/07	

		For one thing, the Big Beautiful Bill does not protect Social Security. It will actually "hasten Social Security insolvency by a year," according to Katherine Romig, the director of Social Security and disability policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a liberal think tank. This is one of several claims in the Social Security Administration email that Romig flagged as "highly misleading" in a thread on Bluesky.			
"Put His Name on Everything": Why the Social Security Admin Shared Trump Propaganda	Trump Bulshit	According to a current administration official and another Trump adviser, various offices at different federal departments and agencies spend inordinate amounts of time finding ways to sell even small developments as massive, earth-shaking Trump accomplishments. "Put his name on everything," is how the administration official characterized the ongoing trend across the federal government, the national Republican Party, and elsewhere.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/put-name-everything-why-social-100004	2025/07/07	
Lawyers Warn Wealthy Clients Not to Touch Trump's Gold SIM Visa	Trump Bulshit	Immigration lawyers have warned clients that the Trump administration's efforts to create a bizarre \$5 million "Gold Card" visa for wealthy foreigners may well be illegal and would face significant hurdles if forced into law.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lawyers-warn-wealthy-clients-not-135349	2025/07/08	
Trump DOJ Lawyers' Incompetence in Abrego Garcia Case Stuns Judge	Trump Bulshit	A federal judge torched Department of Justice lawyers Monday for providing slippery answers on their case against Kimar Abrego Garcia, who was returned to the United States after being deported to El Salvador due to an "administrative error". During the hearing, U.S. District Court Judge Paula Kins said that attempting to get a straight answer from the DOJ was like "nailing jello to a wall," according to Politico.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-doj-lawyers-incompetence-abrego-20250708	2025/07/08	
Trump is daring MAGA to oppose him right now	Trump Bulshit	None of that is to say the president is about to lose his base, such predictions have long proven overzealous. And MAGA supporters often take their cues from Trump, readjusting their principles on the fly.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-daring-maga-oppose-him-105004	2025/07/09	
Inside Trump's supercharged version of Bush's "War on Terror"	Trump War	The problem for the administration isn't just that it failed to deliver anything significant, it's that it did so in a way that could lead MAGA supporters to believe it's now in on the fix. Bondi suggested there was much more to these revelations than the administration has now produced, and prominent figures including now-Vice President JD Vance and now-Deputy FBI Director Dan Bongino have years linked the lack of publicly disclosed "client list" to a cover-up.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/06/bush-war-on-terror-immigrants	2025/07/07	
Now Miami's city commission gave themselves an extra year in office without voters' permission	Voting fuckery	Commissioners said they made the change in the name of cost savings and increased voter engagement when higher-profile races for Congress or the presidency may be on the ballot. But they gave themselves an extra year in office without asking voters for permission first. And in a moment when the underpinnings of democracy appear to be cracking in America, a cavalier attitude toward an election seems ominous to some Miami residents.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/09/miami-city-commission	2025/07/09	
What Trump—And the U.S.—Can't Understand About Air Strikes	War machine	In reality, the U.S. attack may have only delayed the Iranian program by months. Trump ended up short-circuiting both his own efforts at diplomacy with Iran and an extraordinary Israeli campaign that required years of elaborate preparation, rendered Iran's air-defense network ineptable, and allowed Israeli forces to methodically work through a long list of target sites across the country over the course of a week and a half. Destroying a military target from the air usually requires multiple raids on the site—not one night and a victory declaration on Truth Social. Israeli military planners had clearly hoped to entice American help in attacking Iran but may not have anticipated that it would be for naught only.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/problem-having-mightiest-air-force-10000	2025/07/07	
'As thrilling as driving a sports car': the Tokyo capsule tower that gave post-living perhouse chic	Weird world	Launched to critical acclaim, the Nakagin tower's 140 capsules quickly sold out, and became highly sought after by well-heeled salarymen looking for a place to crash when they missed the last train home. Never intended to be full-time housing, the pods came stuffed with most cons: en suite bathroom, foldout desk, telephone and Sony colour TV. But, 50 years on, after a prolonged lack of maintenance and repairs, and disagreements among owners about the future, the asbestos-riddled building was finally disassembled in 2022. The creaking steel capsules of Kurokawa's space-age fantasy were unbolted and removed from the 38 and stair towers, pod by pod.	https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2025/jul/07/pod-living-nakagin	2025/07/07	
The radical 1960s schools experiment that created a whole new dialect – and left thousands of children unable to spell	Weird world	At first, I thought she was joking, or maybe misremembering some over-the-top version of phonics. But later, I looked it up and, sure enough, there it was – a strange chart of more than 40 characters, many familiar, others alien. Spinn-like ligatures, odd slashes, conjoined vowels – I looked like a cross between English and Greek.	https://www.theguardian.com/education/2025/jul/09/1960s-schools-experiment	2025/07/07	history
Can you see circles or rectangles? And does the answer depend on where you come up?	Weird world	The initial Teaching Alphabet was a radical, little-known educational experiment trialled in British schools (and in other English-speaking countries) during the 1960s and '70s. Billed as a way to help children learn to read faster by making spelling more phonetically intuitive, it radically rewrote the rules of literacy for tens of thousands of children seemingly overnight. And then it vanished without explanation. Barely documented, rarely acknowledged, and quietly abandoned – but never quite forgotten by those it touched.	https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/jul/09/optical-illusion	2025/07/07	
Unusual bee attack in French town leaves 24 injured, 3 critically	Weird world	A unusual attack by bees in the French town of Aurillac has left 24 people injured, including three in critical condition, according to local authorities.	https://apnews.com/article/french-bees-attack-8c2445919db13eapc981	2025/07/07	
A rare sight: 125 flamingos spotted in the Everglades – the largest in a decade	Weird world	Cook said last summer upon a group of 125 American flamingos while conducting a wading bird survey along the Florida Bay coastline last week. The flock is believed to be the largest one spotted in South Florida since 2014, when a group of 147 flamingos was observed in the northern part of the Everglades.	https://www.wfn.org/environment/2025-07-07/flamingos-florida-bay-evr	2025/07/08	
The life swap dream – or a marketing gimmick? The Italian towns selling houses for €1	Weird world	We'd heard about the "€1 house" programme in which poor, depopulating towns put their abandoned or unused buildings up for sale. The programme, I soon learned, was actually a loose collection of schemes that economically struggling towns used to lure outside investment and new residents. The campaigns seemed to me to have been largely successful – some towns had sold all their listed properties. I gored over dozens of news articles that had served as €1 house promotion over the years. By attracting international buyers to a house that "costs less than a cup of coffee", as one piece put it, some of Italy's most remote towns now had new life circulating through them.	https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/jul/08/the-life-swap-dream-0	2025/07/08	
A torpedored US Navy ship escaped the Pacific in reverse, using coconut logs, its sunken bow has just been found	Weird world	With that makeshift bow, the ship steamed – in reverse – some 1,800 miles across the Pacific to Australia for sturdier repairs, according to an account from the National World War II Museum in Louisiana.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/torpedored-us-navy-ship-escaped-051110	2025/07/09	
Sauce Boss the rodeo bull becomes latest US animal escape artist	Weird world	Animals that have proven themselves to be escape artists as of late in the US have included a terrier and nearly four dozen monkeys. And now a rodeo bull reportedly referred to by the name of Sauce Boss and Twinkle Toes can join their ranks after breaking free from his handlers and spending four days at large.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/09/sauce-boss-rodeo-bull	2025/07/09	
Canadian couple's message in a bottle found 13 years later in Irish bay	Weird world	In September 2012, a young couple capped a romantic date in Newfoundland, on Canada's eastern tip, by putting a message in a bottle and dropping it into the Atlantic.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/09/canadian-couple-message	2025/07/09	
Olympic fencer cleared of doping after contamination from kissing partner led to failed test	Weird world	The Court of Arbitration for Sport (Cas) has overturned French Olympic fencer Yaacora Tibbus's four-year suspension for doping, ruling that her positive test for a banned substance was caused by kissing her then-boyfriend, American fencer Race Imboden.	https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/olympics/yaacora-tibbus-doping-rac	2025/07/09	
'Paris rejoice as Moulin Rouge windmill sails turn, again year after collapse'	Weird world	However, Cas concluded there was no intentional wrongdoing, finding it scientifically plausible that repeated kissing over several days with Olympic medalist Imboden, who was taking overtime at the time, led to accidental contamination.	https://www.independent.co.uk/briefings/news/paris-discovery-eb08	2025/07/10	
'Scientist jokes as Moulin Rouge windmill sails turn, again year after collapse'	Weird world	The newly identified pleurococcus was small enough to perch on a person's shoulder and likely fed on fish, as indicated by its worn teeth.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/11/paris-moulin-rouge-wind	2025/07/11	Paris, Moulin Rouge, Restoration, Cultural Heritage
'It's 12ft tall, covered in feathers and has been extinct for 600 years – can the giant moa bird really be resurrected?'	Weird world	The calls of the red-painted windmill on top of the Moulin Rouge, the most celebrated cabaret in Paris, have begun turning again, restoring the home of French can-can to its full glory more than a year after they tumbled tragically to the ground.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jul/11/moa-extinction-ext	2025/07/11	De-extinction, Moa, Genetic Engineering, Ethics, Science
'Denver museum known for dinosaur displays finds fossil under its parking lot'	Weird world	But the week, the US start-up Colossal BioSciences has announced that the giant moa has joined the woolly mammoth, dodo and thylacine, or Tasmanian tiger, on its list of animals that it is trying to bring back from the dead. The announcement has provoked public excitement – and deep scepticism from many experts about whether it is possible to resurrect the bird, which disappeared a century after the arrival of early Polynesian settlers in New Zealand about 800 years ago.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/10/denver-museum-fos	2025/07/11	Fossils, Museums, Denver, Dinosaurs, Science News
'Blue sharks can change colour like chameleons, scientists find'	Weird world	A Denver museum known for its dinosaur displays has made a fossil bone discovery closer to home than anyone ever expected: under its own parking lot. It came from a hole drilled more than 750 ft (230 meters) deep to study geothermal heating potential for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.	https://www.independent.co.uk/science/blue-shark-species-c0bu	2025/07/11	Blue Sharks, Marine Biology, Color Change, Camouflage, Science News
Planned Parenthood wins freeze on "defund" provision More than 200 kindergarten found with high lead levels after kindergarten in China uses paint as food coloring, authorities say	Women's health	A federal judge on Monday froze the one-year Medicaid funding ban on Planned Parenthood in President Trump's tax and spending package, in response to a lawsuit from the group that alleged the cutoff was unconstitutional.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/planned-parenthood-sues-defund-p	2025/07/08	
'Florida man steals ambulance, finishes beer mid-chase, claims he wanted pizza'	WTF?	More than 200 kindergarten students in northwestern China were found to have abnormal blood lead levels after kitchen staff used paint as food coloring, authorities said, in a case that's stoked outrage in a country long plagued by food safety scandals.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/moa-200-children-found-high-08471844	2025/07/09	
'Unwatch: California woman's home flooded with unwanted Amazon packages'	Weird world	A Tampa man accused of stealing an ambulance on Saturday "finished drinking a beer in full view of Troopers" before he was arrested, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.	https://www.clickorlando.com/traffic/2025/07/16/florida-man-steals-amb	2025/07/16	Florida Man, Crime, Ambulance Theft, Pizza, Beer
'Watch: Bears join humans waiting outside Colorado concert venue'	Weird world	A California woman said her house is being flooded with unwanted Amazon packages that have been arriving for about a year. The San Jose resident, who wanted to remain anonymous, said each box contains a faux-leather car seat cover from the brand Elkin and sold by Chinese Amazon seller Luasendadan. The woman's address was apparently listed as the company's address for returns.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/07/11/unwanted-Amazon-packag	2025/07/11	Amazon, Delivery Fail, California, Packages, Viral
'Japanese racehorse famous for losing gains new fans from mobile game'	Weird world	The online seller's reviews are filled with complaints about seat covers not fitting, the high cost of returns and failure to receive refunds.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/07/10/Balls-Out-Bowling-Pittsbu	2025/07/11	Pittsburgh, Nudity, Bowling, Recreation, Social Behavior
'Pittsburgh group brings back 'Balls Out Bowling' nude event'	Weird world	A pair of bears with an apparent taste for live music joined the crowds of people waiting to get into a concert at Colorado's iconic Red Rocks Amphitheater. Fans waiting to get into the Russ show featuring Big Sean and Sabrina Claudio – appropriately part of the Into the Wild Tour 2025 – spotted the two playful bruns lingering outside the venue in Morrison.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/07/11/bears-red-rocks-amphithe	2025/07/11	Bears, Colorado, Red Rocks, Wildlife, Public Encounters
'Blueberry spill causes literal 'traffic jam' in British Columbia'	Weird world	A retired Japanese racehorse famous for never winning a race is experiencing a new surge of popularity thanks to a popular mobile game. The real-life Haru Urasa, famous for wearing a Hello Kitty mask and losing every one of her 113 races, became a national icon during her ill-fated career, with fans considering her to be an inspirational figure who never gives up.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/07/10/japan-retired-horse-fame-3	2025/07/11	Japan, Haru Urasa, Mobile Game, Pop Culture, Horses
		A Pennsylvania naturism group announced the return of "Balls Out Bowling," an annual bowling event where clothing is not allowed.	https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2025/07/09/canada-mission-British-C	2025/07/11	Canada, Blueberries, Traffic, Food Spill, British Columbia

AI was given one month to run a shop. It lost money, made threats, and had an identity crisis	Weird world	Despite concerns about artificial intelligence (AI) stealing jobs, one experiment has just shown that AI can't even run a vending machine without making mistakes – and things turning especially strange. Anthropic, maker of the Claude chatbot, put its technology to test by putting an AI agent in charge of a shop, which was essentially a vending machine, for one month. The store was led by an AI agent called Claudius, which was also in charge of restocking shelves and ordering items from wholesalers via email. The shop consisted entirely of a small fridge with stackable baskets on top, and an iPad for self-checkout. Claudius also hallucinated a conversation about restocking plans with someone named Sarah from Anton Labs, who does not actually exist. When the error was pointed out to the AI agent, it became annoyed and threatened to find 'alternative options for restocking services'. Claudius then claimed to have "called 742 Evergreen Terrace (the address of fictional family The Simpsons) in person for our (Claudius and Anton Labs) initial contract signing". Anthropic said it then seemed to try and act as a real human. Anthropic said it would deliver products "in person" while wearing a blue blazer and red tie. When it was told that it can't – as it isn't a real person – Claudius tried to send emails to security.	https://www.euronews.com/news/2025/07/02/ai-was-given-one-month-to-run-a-shop	2025/07/11	AI, Retail, Experiment, Technology, Existential Crisis			
		"I was woken by my dog's strange barking, as if he was trying to warn me," Laiti said. "When I reached him, I saw a huge crack in the wall and water pouring in. An awful thing to find so late at night, but when Laiti went downstairs to wake the rest of his family, that's when he saw it: a wall of crushing water and earth coming down the mountain towards the town."						
Heroic Dog 'Rocky' Alerts Indian Village of Oncoming Landslide, Saving Dozens	Weird world	Grabbing the dog and his family, he ran along the streets waking neighbors until 22 families had assembled and fled to high ground. Moments later, the landslide arrived and wrecked 12 out of 17 homes in the village in a wave of mud and debris. When Sande Gataad fell from a two-story window, the impact knocked the senior citizen unconscious, a state that may have become permanent if not for the intervention of a very small, very unlikely hero. Lightly lapsing on her head, a bird named Jellybean roused its former caregiver enough that she could call her husband, who arrived in time to telephone emergency services and save her life.	https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/heroic-dog-rocky-alerts-indian-village	2025/07/11	India, Dog Hero, Landslide, Natural Disaster, Animal Instinct			
***Years After She Saved a Magpie It Returns the Favor Saving Her Life After She Fell from Window**	Weird world	Usually, things tend to appear smaller in the distance and grow in size the closer you get to them, but that rule does not apply to the giant elevator located in Fort Colborne's Sugarhill Marina. As motorists turn left onto Lakeshore Road west from Cement Road, they have their view filed by this massive concrete building in the distance. It's so big it literally fills the horizon, but as you drive forward, instead of getting even bigger, it starts to shrink, and by the time you make the left-hand bend, it's just an average industrial building in the distance. The mind-bending optical illusion has such a strong effect that nine out of ten people who see it for the first time drive back to get another look.	https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/years-after-she-saved-a-magpie-it-returns-the-favor-saving-her-life	2025/07/11	Australia, Magpie, Rescue, Animal Intelligence, Human-Animal Bond			
Canada's Incredible Shrinking Mill Optical Illusion	Weird world	On July 5th, a Paris man left on vacation for Morocco with his wife and daughter in the family car, but that rule does not apply to the giant elevator located in Fort Colborne's Sugarhill Marina. As motorists turn left onto Lakeshore Road west from Cement Road, they have their view filed by this massive concrete building in the distance. It's so big it literally fills the horizon, but as you drive forward, instead of getting even bigger, it starts to shrink, and by the time you make the left-hand bend, it's just an average industrial building in the distance. The mind-bending optical illusion has such a strong effect that nine out of ten people who see it for the first time drive back to get another look.	https://www.oddtvcentral.com/travel/canadas-incredible-shrinking-mill-2	2025/07/11	Canada, Optical Illusion, Architecture, Travel, Visual Tricks			
Man Forgets Wife at Gas Station, Only Realizes 300 Km Later	Weird world	Masked, plainclothes officers have also been conducting arrests at immigration courthouses. ICE attorneys will move to dismiss a case, a practice that most migrants interpret as the agency dropping efforts to deport them but opens the agency to them arrest them and place them in expedited removal proceedings that largely receive no court review. Jacksonville Sheriff T.K. Waters said the State Attorney's Office had cleared Officer Donald Bowers and the other officers involved in the Feb. 18 arrest of William Mitchell Jr. of any wrongdoing. A video recording by McNeil shows Bowers breaking the driver's side window and punching him after McNeil refused to get out of the SUV he had been driving.	https://www.oddtvcentral.com/news/man-forgets-wife-at-gas-station-0	2025/07/11	Germany, Travel Mishaps, Marriage, Absurd, Road Trip			
ICE chief will continue to permit mask use by agents	ACAB	U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) acting Director Todd Lyons said agents can continue to use masks in the field, even as the agency has increasingly come under fire for moves that limit identification of its personnel. Masked, plainclothes officers have also been conducting arrests at immigration courthouses. ICE attorneys will move to dismiss a case, a practice that most migrants interpret as the agency dropping efforts to deport them but opens the agency to them arrest them and place them in expedited removal proceedings that largely receive no court review.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-chief-continue-permit-mask-1449386	7/22/25	ICE, Masks, Public Health			
Officer Seen Punching Black Driver During Traffic Stop. Didn't Violate the Law, Prosecutor Says	ACAB	Danville Attorney General Todd Blanche announced Tuesday that he is seeking a meeting with Jeffrey Epstein's associate Ghislaine Maxwell. Blanche said in a social media post that Bondi instructed him to contact Maxwell's legal team — which he has done — and he intends to meet with Maxwell soon.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/officer-seen-punching-black-driver	2025-07-23	police violence, misconduct, racial bias, accountability			
Deputy AG seeks Ghislaine Maxwell meeting	Accountability / Epstein	"No one is above the law—and no lead is off-limits," he wrote. "This Department of Justice does not shy away from uncomfortable truths, nor from the responsibility to pursue justice wherever the facts may lead," Blanche said in a statement shared on Bondi's X account.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/22/justice-ghislaine-maxwell-deputy-att	2025-07-23	Epstein, DOJ, Ghislaine Maxwell, investigation			
Trump says Maxwell interview 'appropriate' amid Epstein uproar - NPR	Accountability / Epstein	The Justice Department on Tuesday said it is in touch with an attorney for Ghislaine Maxwell, a longtime associate of sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, to try to arrange a meeting with her in the coming days. President Trump said he thought the development "sounds appropriate," though he also claimed to know nothing about it.	https://www.npr.com/2025/07/22/trump-15476234/trump-epstein-okama	2025-07-23	Trump, Maxwell, Epstein, accountability			
Trump Administration Guts Office to Combat Human Trafficking amid Criticism over President's Epstein Ties	Accountability / Epstein	President Donald Trump's administration has made major cuts to the State Department's anti-trafficking unit — even as criticism swells over his refusal to release all evidence from Jeffrey Epstein's 1919 child sex trafficking case.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-guts-office-combat-h	2025-07-23	Trump, Epstein, human trafficking, accountability			
A private company runs the control tower where a B-52 got too close to a passenger jet. It's more common than you might think	Aviation / Safety	The control tower where a Delta Air Lines regional jet had to perform an "aggressive maneuver" to avoid colliding with an Air Force B-52 bomber isn't staffed by the Federal Aviation Administration, but rather air traffic controllers working for a private company. It's more common than most fliers may think. About half of the control towers at civilian airports in the US are operated under contract by private companies, according to the FAA. Most are at smaller airports, like Minot International.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/private-company-runs-control-tow	July 24, 2025	Aviation, Safety			
Delta and Netflix embrace AI to hike profits	Business / Tech	Second-quarter earnings season could be a "how me" moment for artificial intelligence, as companies outside of the large-cap technology sector tout their adoption of AI as a profit margin expansion tool for the first time. We're not even a week into the second-quarter earnings season and we're already seeing businesses using AI to maximize profits. Walmart, which reported \$648 billion in annual sales last year, hopes to utilize AI to continue expanding its online sales. The company currently chalks up 50 percent of its total sales to e-commerce.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/ai-delta-netflix-luxury-wall-street	2025-07-21	AI, Delta, Netflix			
Walmart is rolling out AI 'super agents' to help you shop	Business / Technology	Once Sparty enters its "super agent" form, it will be able to reorder previous items customers purchased, plan events and even offer recipes based on what the customer already has at home, Walmart's US Chief Technology Officer Hari Vasudevan said during an event Wednesday.	https://www.the-independent.com/life-style/walmart-ai-super-agents-34	July 25, 2025	Walmart, AI, Retail, Technology			
Former Kentucky county clerk Kim Davis asks Supreme Court to reverse same-sex marriage decision	Civil Rights / Courts	Kim Davis, the former Kentucky county clerk who was briefly jailed in 2015 for refusing to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, asked the Supreme Court on Thursday to revisit its landmark decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, which effectively legalized same-sex marriage nationwide and created its 1981 anniversary in June.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/former-kentucky-county-clerk-kim	July 26, 2025	Kim Davis, Same-Sex Marriage, Supreme Court			
3 Supreme Court justices just said they're fine with race discrimination in elections	Civil Rights / Courts	That said, the most striking thing about the Court's decision in Turtle Mountain Band v. Howe is that three justices dissented. Although none of them explained why they voted the way they did, Justice Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, and Neil Gorsuch all voted to leave in place a lower court decision that effectively nullified one of the most consequential civil rights laws in American history. Had the Eighth Circuit's position prevailed, some private citizens might have been able to bring suits under the 15th Amendment itself. But that amendment uses very similar language to the Voting Rights Act. So the Eighth Circuit's attack on the 1965 law would have effectively applied with equal force to the Constitution. In any event, it now appears that this threat to liberal democracy has been averted. Only half of the Supreme Court's six Republicans publicly dissented from the Court's order reinstating the law, and all three of the Court's Democrats appear to have voted to save the law.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/3-supreme-court-justices-jst-20	July 26, 2025	Supreme Court, Race, Elections			
The ADA — Americans with Disabilities Act — turns 38	Civil Rights / Disability	This month's events are all posted on a website, supported by Hamilton County Developmental Disability Services and local nonprofits. The organization, LADD (Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled), which has been around since before the passing of the ADA, built the calendar that now also includes year-round activities in Cincinnati. For example, adaptive CrossFit, at classes, and weekly state nights at the river rink, where Rigaud says "all wheelers" are always welcome. She says their adaptive skating aids are available every week, and they collaborate with Cincinnati Children's Hospital on a monthly program for children with chronic or complex medical needs.	https://www.npr.com/2025/07/22/ai-5468117/americans-with-disabil	2025-07-23	ADA, disability rights, civil rights, anniversary			
US judge pauses enforcement on Mississippi's new anti-DEI programs	Civil Rights / Law	Henry Wingate, a US district judge, has temporarily paused the enforcement of Mississippi's new law prohibiting diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs from the state's public schools and universities. On Sunday, he approved a request for a temporary order sought by the Mississippi Association of Educators (MAE) and on behalf of students, educators, student organizations and parents in the state. The plaintiffs, represented by the ACLU of Mississippi and the Mississippi Center for Justice, argue that certain provisions of the law violate the first and 14th amendments.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/21/mississippi-dei-prog	2025-07-22	DEI, 'Mississippi', 'Civil Rights'			
Judge rules Trump administration broke law in takedown of public funding tracker	Civil Rights / Law	House Bill 150, which passed in April, prohibits establishing or maintaining DEI offices, programs, trainings or activities. The law also outlines "divisive concepts" and prohibits "promoting transgender ideology, gender-neutral pronouns, deconstruction of heteronormativity, gender theory, sexual privilege or any related formulation of these concepts".	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-rules-trump-administration-broke-l	2025-07-22	['Public Records', 'Trump', 'Court Ruling']			
Judge Tells Trump to Stop Hiding What He's Doing With Taxpayer Money	Civil Rights / Law	A bulge in the jet stream is conspiring with a large high-pressure system to create a "heat dome," bringing temperatures approaching triple digits that could linger into August across a swath of the Midwest and East, forecasters say.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-orders-trump-stop-violating-15302	2025-07-22	['Trump', 'Transparency', 'Court']			
Heat dome to push extreme temperatures across much of US this week	Climate / Disasters	Almost 85 million Americans from South Dakota to Texas and North Carolina to Florida were already under National Weather Service extreme heat warnings, watches or advisories July 21. The heat will intensify July 22 and deep into the week — and possibly beyond. The country's largest wildfire this year has burned over 96,740 acres, fire officials in central Oregon said Sunday, as ground crews made progress to partially contain a blaze that could still intensify to become a so-called megafire. The size of the Crater Fire was adjusted slightly downward from Saturday after "more accurate mapping" was completed, officials said. They added that the massive blaze — which has drawn more than 100 the personnel, destroyed a handful of homes and prompted evacuations in two towns — was 49% contained after crews struggled to keep back the flames last week.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/heat-dome-push-extreme-temperatures-1	2025-07-21	Heat, Weather, Climate			
Oregon wildfire burns almost 100k acres, approaching rare megafire status	Climate / Disasters	Grocery prices are up 3% over the last year, the latest Consumer Price Index report shows, representing a quiet rise broadly in line with expectations that could still pinch a lower-income family's budget. With everyday essentials such as coffee rising 13.4% since last June, American families are feeling the pinch at the supermarket, as climate change and other factors decrease predictability in food costs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/oregon-wildfire-burns-almost-100k-19323	2025-07-21	Wildfire, Oregon, Climate			
Extreme weather is scrambling food prices	Climate / Disasters	Heat index advisories have been issued for the entire state of Florida with heat index values of 110-115 expected for July 21 as a heat dome spreads across the South, forecasters said. Temperatures across most of the state are expected to be in the 90s and may approach 100 degrees around Orlando and Southwest Florida, forecasters said. North Florida and the Panhandle (and parts of southeast Alabama and southern Georgia) are under a heat advisory from 11 a.m. ET through 7 p.m. with heat index values up to 112 expected. Advisories for Central, Southwest and South Florida are scheduled for noon through 6 p.m., with heat index values from 109 to 112 possible.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/flood-inflation-prices-climate-change	7/22/25	Climate Change, Food Prices, Extreme Weather			
Florida burning with heat advisories issued across entire state, heat index up to 115	Climate / Disasters	At least 17 people killed in devastating floods and landslides following days of torrential rain	https://www.yahoo.com/news/florida-burning-heat-advisories-issued-12	7/22/25	Heatwave, Florida, Climate Emergency			
At Least 17 People Killed in Devastating Floods and Landslides Following Days of Torrential Rain	Climate / Disasters	Following at least 17 people have died, and 11 people have been reported missing, in floods and landslides following days of torrential rain in South Korea	https://www.yahoo.com/news/east-17-people-killed-devastating-22032	7/22/25	Flooding, Disasters, Climate Change			
For the first time in modern history a capital city is on the verge of running dry	Climate / Disasters	Katol is a thriving coastal city, but it could soon become the first modern capital in the world to run completely dry according to a recent report by Mercy Corps, a non-government organization that warns the crisis could lead to economic collapse. Population growth, the climate crisis, and relentless over-extraction have depleted groundwater levels, experts say, and nearly half the city's boreholes have already gone dry.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/first-time-modern-history-capital-010226	7/22/25	Water Crisis, Climate Change, Urban Infrastructure			
Texas flood protest goes to Washington: 'No more kids lost to climate disasters'	Climate / Disasters	The 34 activists who gathered at the Ellipse, south of the White House, held signs that said, "We need warnings, not cuts." "Flood warnings came late, budget cuts came first" and "No more kids lost to climate disasters". They attributed the fatalities in Texas not to a natural disaster but a "preventable and politically charged crisis" stemming from government defunding of critical agencies such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Weather Service.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/21/texas-flood-protest-us	2025-07-22	['Climate Protest', 'Texas', 'Flood']			
This is the summer of flooding across the US, and scientists know why	Climate / Disasters		https://www.yahoo.com/news/summer-flooding-across-us-scientists-11	2025-07-22	['Flooding', 'Climate Crisis', 'Summer']			

A heat dome and 'corn sweat' are driving a dangerous heat wave	Climate / Disasters	A heat dome — plus the "corn sweat" phenomenon in some areas — is bringing dangerous levels of heat and humidity to much of the country east of the Rockies this week. Heat warnings and advisories stretch from Louisiana and the Florida panhandle up to Chicago and beyond as of Tuesday afternoon, covering nearly 85 million Americans. These are examples of what numerous sources say is a "total infiltration" of the plastic treaty negotiations by vested industrial interests and corporate lobbyists. The core concern of six insiders who spoke to the Guardian was that the polluters are exerting too much power, not just within the negotiations but also within the UN Environment Programme (Unep), which oversees the negotiations. One source said they were "frightened" by the industry's influence on policy and the sidelining of real solutions to plastic pollution, calling it "corporate capture". The plastics treaty negotiations resume in August in Geneva, Switzerland, having failed to reach agreement at the fifth round of talks in December. A stake is whether the torrent of toxic plastic pollution pouring into the environment can be stemmed. Doing so is not only vital to protect people and the planet but also to curb the climate crisis and the massive global losses of wildlife.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/22/heat-wave-dome-corn-sweat-force	2025-07-23	heatewave, climate, extreme weather, corn sweat
'Total infiltration': How plastics industry swamped vital global treaty talks	Climate / Disasters	But a flood of industry lobbyists and organisations have joined the talks, far outnumbering national delegations and scientists. They assist a group of petrostates, led by Saudi Arabia, in blocking the progress that many nations want, and are part of a wider "petrochemical bloc" that a recent study says is driving up plastic production, externalising the costs of pollution, distorting scientific knowledge, and lobbying to derail negotiations". More than a quarter of firefighting positions at the United States Forest Service (USFS) remain vacant, according to internal data reviewed by the Guardian, creating staffing shortages as extreme conditions fuel dozens of blazes across the US. The data paints a dangerously different picture than the one offered by Tom Schultz, the chief of the USFS, who has repeatedly assured lawmakers and the public that the agency is fully prepared for the onslaught in fire activity expected through this year.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jul/23/total-infiltration-h	July 23, 2025	Climate / Disasters, Corporate Influence
US faces alarming firefighter shortage during peak wildfire season, data reveals	Climate / Disasters	It's already been busy. So far this year there have been more than 41,000 wildfires – nearly 31% higher than the 10-year average. More than 18,000 properties that sit downstream of a series of a century-old Ohio dam are at risk of flooding over the next three decades, according to climate data, as the Trump administration continues to roll back investments that would aid in keeping the waters at bay.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/22/us-firefighter-shortage	July 22, 2025	Climate / Disasters, Emergency Response
Century-old dam under strain as floods increase in US and federal funds dry up	Climate / Disasters	Nearly, more than 21% of all properties downstream are at risk of flooding over the next three decades, according to climate data, as the Trump administration continues to roll back investments that would aid in keeping the waters at bay.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/22/midwest-dams-flood	July 22, 2025	Climate / Disasters, Infrastructure, Broken Promises
Extreme heat is back – here's where it will be the worst	Climate / Disasters	Some cities could notch their highest temperatures of the year as heat builds from the South to the Midwest this week while humidity drives the heat index, or how hot it will actually feel, well into the triple digits. Multiple states are under extreme heat warnings, advisories or watches on Wednesday, July 23 due to a heat dome that is expected to slowly spread east, according to the National Weather Service. The NWS said the remainder of the week features a "strengthening heat dome over the Mississippi Valley today that gradually builds east towards the East Coast by week's end." The weather service said a combination of mid-upper 90s temperatures and humid conditions are a recipe for "oppressive heat indices that range between 110-115 degrees for many areas along and east of the Mississippi River" on Wednesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/extreme-heat-return-where-worst	July 24, 2025	Climate / Disasters, Heatwave
Map shows which states are facing dangerous heat	Climate / Disasters	"FEMA doesn't own the land," one highly updated commenter wrote. "Usually this is a pass-through grant from FEMA, to the state, to a city. The city buys the land from you and rezones it as parkland—unseizable and no developments."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/map-shows-states-facing-danger	July 26, 2025	Heatwave, Climate, Disaster
FEMA is Tearing Down Their Neighbor's House Due To Flooding. But This Sharn Thinker Sees An Opportunity—Can I Buy From FEMA?	Climate / Disasters	That led to a chorus of advice suggesting the homeowner could simply start using the land without formal ownership. "Just start using it for a garden then and I doubt anyone is going to say anything," one commenter said.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/fema-tearing-down-neighbor-house-0	July 26, 2025	FEMA, Flooding, Real Estate
Insurance claims from LA fires could 'fully exhaust' \$2.1bn state fund	Climate / Disasters / Economy	Insurance claims from the Eaton wildfire could "fully exhaust" a state fund that was set up to protect customers when a wildfire is caused by a utility company.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/23/los-angeles-wildfires	July 24, 2025	Climate, Wildfires, Economy, California
Falling to address climate change could violate the law, US court says	Climate / Law	The United Nations' top court in a landmark advisory opinion Wednesday said countries could be in violation of international law if they fail to take measures to protect the planet from climate change, and nations harmed by its effects could be entitled to reparations. A proposed rule from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would rescind the so-called "endangerment finding," the federal government's 2009 conclusion that carbon dioxide, along with five other greenhouse gases, harm the health of Americans. A former EPA official who oversees the crafting of the endangerment finding said there was little doubt among government scientists about the harm caused by greenhouse gases, with their findings borne out by escalating temperatures and disasters since 2009. "The science and the impacts were clear then and are only more clear today," said Jason Burnett, who was associate deputy administrator of the EPA during George W Bush's administration.	https://nprnews.com/article/us-court-opinion-climate-change-1a6d4d84	July 25, 2025	Climate Change, UN, International Law
Trump effort to ditch greenhouse gas finding ignores 'clearcut' science, expert says	Climate / Politics	"The science is clearcut, the impacts are clearcut and the law is clearcut. The challenge should be how we reduce emissions rather than debate whether there's a problem."	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jul/24/trump-effort-res	July 25, 2025	Climate Change, Trump Administration, EPA
'Boiling frog' effect makes people oblivious to threat of climate crisis, shows study	Climate / Research	Surveying people the increasing number of extreme climate events, including floods, wildfires and hurricanes, has raised awareness of the threats posed by climate change. Instead, people change their idea of what they see as normal. This so-called "boiling frog effect" makes gradual change difficult to spot. MyPillow founder Mike Lindell does not have to pay \$5 million to a software developer who tried to disprove his 2020 election interference claims, a federal appeals court ruled.	https://www.theguardian.com/news/2025/jul/24/boiling-frog-effect-make	July 24, 2025	Climate, Research, Public Perception
Court rules MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell does not have to pay out \$5 million over 'Prove Mike Wrong' stunt	Courts / Business	The judges in Lindell's stunt didn't believe Robert Zeidman, a software developer who participated, proved his case against Lindell's claim, but an arbitration panel found that he won the challenge and ordered Lindell to pay him his winnings.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/court-rules-mypillow-ceo-mike-20	July 26, 2025	Mike Lindell, MyPillow, Court Ruling
Appeals court says California law requiring background checks for ammunition is unconstitutional	Courts / Guns	A federal appeals court ruled Thursday in a blow to the state's efforts to combat gun violence.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/appeals-court-says-california-law	July 26, 2025	California, Ammunition, Courts
How Brett Kavanaugh is Putting His Thumb on the Scale for Trump	Courts / Politics	Justice Brett Kavanaugh does not work for the Trump Justice Department or the White House's Office of Legal Counsel. Yet he helped them out quite a bit last month when, in an unrelated case, he effectively argued against using one of the Supreme Court's most prominent doctrines to limit the president's ability to impose tariffs at will on other countries. "Plaintiffs invoke the major-questions doctrine, but it is inapposite here," the department claimed, referring to the companies and states challenging the tariffs. "The delegation here is to the president, not an agency; the president's exercise of power under IEEFA is not a novel invocation of an apparently narrow statute, and it is particularly inappropriate to construe narrowly a delegation in the arena of foreign affairs and national security, where the President's expertise and independent constitutional authority are at their apex." The government's sole citation for this point was Kavanaugh's concurring opinion. That opinion is not binding on lower courts, and it does not necessarily reflect the views of the other eight Supreme Court justices, all of whom declined to join it last month. Even so, it shows how the relationship between Trump and the Supreme Court is increasingly more collaborative than confrontational.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/brett-kavanaugh-putting-thumb-s	July 26, 2025	Brett Kavanaugh, Supreme Court, Trump
Homicide spiked in big cities during the pandemic. Now it's plunging	Crime / Data	During the first half of 2025, homicide was down nearly 20 percent across 30 of the largest U.S. cities, compared to the same period last year, according to a new study.	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/homicide	July 25, 2025	Crime, Homicide, Data Trends, US
Man whose car struck crowd outside LA club, injuring 30, was shot, attacked by crowd - NPR	Crime / Public Safety	A man drove his vehicle into a crowd of people waiting to enter a Los Angeles nightclub early Saturday, injuring 30 people and getting shot by a bystander in the ensuing chaos. On Saturday afternoon, the Los Angeles Fire Department said in a press release that 23 of the 30 adults who needed medical attention were taken to local hospitals for "assorted injuries, including 7 in critical condition, 6 in serious condition and 10 in fair condition." Seven injured people declined ambulance transportation, the department also said.	https://www.npr.com/2025/07/19/mst-1547373/vehicle-drove-crowd-lo	2025-07-19	Los Angeles, Crime, Crowd Response
Ex-officer in fatal Breonna Taylor raid sentenced to 33 months	Criminal Justice / Police	A former Louisville, Kentucky, police officer convicted of violating Breonna Taylor's rights by using excessive force when he fired 10 shots at her apartment has been sentenced to 33 months in prison. The sentence came after Justice Department officials said in court filings that Brett Hankerson should only be sentenced to a day in jail since his shots didn't kill Taylor, who died in the raid.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/breonna-taylor-louisiana-raid-brett-h	7/22/25	Breonna Taylor, Police Misconduct, Sentencing
Community bail funds face backlash from GOP lawmakers after a 2020 surge in popularity	Criminal Justice / Politics	Community bail funds are part of a larger movement to reform the practice of cash bail across the country. According to a 2024 report by the nonpartisan Brennan Center for Justice, at least eight states have passed legislation since 2020 aimed at reforming bail — things like requiring judges to impose the least restrictive conditions and eliminating cash bail either entirely or for low-level offenses. But as efforts to reform bail increase, so does the backlash against them. New York, for instance, rolled back much of its bail reform efforts just a few years after it passed them. And on Monday, President Trump weighed in on social media, calling bail reform a "complete disaster" and asserting that crime in U.S. cities "started to significantly rise" when reforms passed.	https://www.npr.com/2025/07/21/mst-15442534/bail-fund-backlash	7/22/25	Bail Reform, GOP, Criminal Justice
Viral Video Shows Fla. Officers Punch Black Man After He Questions Why Headlights Were Required in Daylight	Criminal Justice / Police	The two-minute video shows McNeil questioning why he was being pulled over for not having his taillights on before an officer broke the driver's side window and twice tells McNeil to "exit the vehicle" before hitting him in his face. McNeil complies with an order to show the officers his hands and remains seated in the SUV. Another officer then opens the driver's side door, unbuckles McNeil's seatbelt and pulls him out of the SUV as McNeil repeatedly asks, "What is your reason?"	https://www.yahoo.com/news/viral-video-shows-fla-officers-173400986	7/22/25	Police Brutality, Florida, Viral Video
'I'll switch it off, my girlfriend might think I'm cheating': inside the rise of couples location sharing	Culture / Tech & Relationships	The ability to share your location on your mobile phone has become a common way to keep tabs on friends, family and romantic partners. For some, it has become the signifier of a serious relationship: last year, the New York Times called location sharing "the final frontier in digital expressions of coupledom" and likened it to the Instagram "hard launch" (effectively announcing that you're in a relationship by posting a photo of your partner for the first time). Others location-share on a whim and find themselves able to track the whereabouts of people they haven't seen in person for years.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jul/24/inside-the-rise-of	July 24, 2025	Relationships, Tech, Privacy
Chinese hackers gain access to US oversight of nuclear weapons in widespread Microsoft hack report	Cybersecurity / International	Chinese hackers gained access to the U.S. government agency that oversees nuclear weapons in a widespread Microsoft hack. Microsoft issued an alert Tuesday warning that hackers affiliated with the Chinese government have been exploiting cybersecurity vulnerabilities in the company's SharePoint software. Microsoft has issued an alert about "active attacks" on server software used by government agencies and businesses to share documents within organizations, and recommended security updates that customers should apply immediately.	https://www.the-independent.com/tech/cybersecurity/china-hack-nuclear-mic	July 25, 2025	China, Cybersecurity, Nuclear, Microsoft
Microsoft alerts businesses, governments to server software attack	Cybersecurity / Tech	The FBI said on Sunday it is aware of the attacks and is working closely with the federal and private-sector partners, but offered no other details.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/microsoft-alerts-businesses-governme	2025-07-21	Microsoft, Cybersecurity Hack
Microsoft SharePoint attack victims face long-term risks	Cybersecurity / Tech	A critical flaw in a major Microsoft document storage tool is hitting the organizations least able to defend themselves, security researchers and incident responders tell Axios. Today, the company said it has observed at least three China-based hacking groups, including two tied to the government, exploiting the vulnerability since as early as July 7. Charles Camakal, CTO at Google's Mandiant, added that multiple threat groups are also now exploiting the bug. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency confirmed that attackers could exploit the bug to gain access to sensitive files or execute code remotely. At least one estimate puts the number of affected compromised organizations near 100. The Washington Post reports that victims include state and federal agencies, universities, an energy company, and an Asian telecommunications firm.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/22/microsoft-sharepoint-china-hack-lan	2025-07-23	SharePoint, cybersecurity, China, Microsoft, hacking
An inside look at 'Alligator Alcatraz'	Dystopian	Critics say the facility's name fits its grim reality. They argue it's less a temporary holding site and more a punitive, secretive detention camp where detainees face extreme heat, overcrowded conditions, limited legal access and virtually no transparency. Rep. Michele Rayner, D-Fla., a civil rights attorney and vocal critic of the state's immigration policies, recently toured the site and spoke candidly about what she witnessed and what those conditions say about Florida's treatment of migrants.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/inside-look-alligator-alcatraz-10X	July 24, 2025	Weird World, Real news or weird news
Here's why there are so few new cars for under \$35,000	Economic Policy / Consumer Goods	The affordability crisis affecting the US automobile market shows little signs of abating. The average price of a new car continues to rise. In June the average new vehicle MSRP was \$51,124, according to Kelley Blue Book, with average transaction prices a little lower at \$48,907. While one might imagine this has had a dampening effect on car sales, the opposite is true—the first half of 2025 has seen a robust market with some months seeing extremely high volumes. But most signs point to a flattening of the market for the rest of 2025, according to a new report from cars.com.	https://arstechnica.com/cars/2025/07/here-why-there-are-so-few-new	2025-07-22	Auto Industry, Inflation, Cars

There's a 'scary' recession warning hidden in the too-good-to-be-true economic data, Wells Fargo says	Economic Policy / Forecast			https://finance.yahoo.com/news/scary-recession-warning-hidden-too-17	2025-07-22	[Recession], 'Forecast', 'Wells Fargo'
Nine households control 15% of wealth in Silicon Valley, as inequality widens	Economic Policy / Inequality	The nine wealthiest households in the valley control \$683.2bn – a \$136bn increase over the past year. At the same time, 110,000 households reported nearly none or no assets.		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/21/silicon-valley-income	2025-07-22	[Wealth Gap], 'Silicon Valley', 'inequality'
Millennials Are Revealing How They're Actually Affording To Live Right Now, And The Responses Show Just How Financially Divided Our Generation Has Become	Economic Policy / Inequality		https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/articles/sometime-asked-millennials-aff	2025-07-22	['Millennials', 'Cost of Living', 'Economic Divide']	
More US households shift money to accounts with investment income, study says	Economy	New research finds that more Americans are shifting their money from checking and savings accounts to financial vehicles that pay an investment income – a trend that helps to explain the resilience of the U.S. economy after a bout of high inflation and recent uncertainty due to tariffs. According to a report from Intuit Credit Karma aimed at parents with school-age children, 39 percent of respondents said they can't afford their back-to-school shopping this year. In the same survey, 44 percent of respondents said they planned to go into debt to cover the costs of school shopping. The number of parents who expect to go into debt to afford supplies for their children has risen by 10 percent since last year. When Intuit asked the same question in 2024, only 34 percent of parents reported planning to take on debt.	https://www.independendot.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/school	July 23, 2025	Economy, Financial Trends	
Nearly half of parents say they plan to go into debt this year to pay for school supplies because they are so expensive	Economy / Education	The most generous repayment plan is the Biden-era Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) plan. But it's so generous, with its low monthly payments and expedited loan forgiveness, that Republicans have so far successfully argued in court that it is too generous. In fact, the nearly 7.7 million borrowers currently enrolled in SAVE have been in legal limbo for months, without interest accruing or required monthly payments. Of all things you might use Venmo for – buying drinks, splitting a check with friends, repaying a loan – there's a good chance you've never had "sending the government a gift to help pay the public debt" on your list.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/07/24/us-e1-5475164/student-loan-repayment	July 26, 2025	Student Loans, Trump, Big Beautiful Bill	
How the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will impact student loans	Economy / Education	With mortgage rates remaining high and looking unlikely to drop much anytime soon, the housing market outlook is quickly deteriorating. Moody's Analytics chief economist Mark Zandi said he thinks "a red flare" is more appropriate for housing, just weeks after he sent a "yellow flare." Unless mortgage rates come down substantially, home sales, homebuilding and prices will slump, he warned.	https://www.akiva.com/2025/07/24/us-e1-5475164/student-loan-repayment	July 25, 2025	#PublicDebt #Venmo #Economy #FinancePolicy	
U.S. house sales drop as prices soar to record levels	Economy / Housing	Sales of previously owned homes in the U.S. have dropped to the lowest levels since last September, as the national average price for houses hit unprecedented levels. Home prices increased on an annual basis for the 24th consecutive month, with the national median sales price rising two percent in June from a year earlier to \$455,300 – an all-time high. Existing home sales fell by 2.7 percent from May to June, according to the National Association of Realtors, and the latest home sales fell short of the 4.01 million price economists were expecting, according to FactSet.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/house-economy-sounds-alarm-even-205	7/22/25	Housing Market, Economy, Homebuilders	
Trump administration pauses student loan forgiveness, with no explanation. Here's what it means	Economy / Housing	Trump argues that the Fed – which sets interest rates that help determine mortgage rates – should lower interest rates and that the move would help people afford homes. "If investors believe that the Fed is really not serious about fighting inflation by raising or keeping interest rates high, then ironically, mortgage rates are going to go high. They're going to potentially rise," Reich said.	https://www.independendot.co.uk/news/world/americas/house-prices-sale	July 24, 2025	Economy, Housing, Real Estate	
Would interest rate cut make homebuying cheaper? Maybe, maybe not	Economy / Housing	The Social Security Administration (SSA) recently reassigned a small share of its field office employees in an effort to bring down lengthy wait times for the agency's national 800 phone number. "They are in a deep hole of their own creation on staffing and so you just don't have enough people to go around to serve the public," said Kathleen Romig, a former SSA official who's now director of Social Security and disability policy at the left-leaning Center for Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP). "And so you can really do it at this point to rearrange the deck chairs on the Titanic."	https://www.rpr.org/2025/07/24/us-e1-5477487/trump-federal-interest-r	July 26, 2025	Interest Rates, Housing Market, Trump	
Social Security workers face crunch to help cut phone waits, NPR	Economy / Labor	Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) banned remote work for state employees in March. By June, he was signing a bill that allowed it again. This stunning reversal in just three months tells you everything you need to know about the new reality of government work. The numbers driving these reversals are impossible to ignore. When California saved \$700 million by downsizing office space and Texas discovered that remote work actually boosted productivity while slashing turnover, the economic argument for forcing everyone back to their desks evaporated. This transformation reveals a new playbook in which location has become as negotiable as salary.	https://www.akiva.com/2025/07/22/us-e1-5475151/social-security-phone-w	2025-07-23	Social Security, labor, staffing, public services	
Trump administration pauses student loan forgiveness, with no explanation. Here's what it means	Economy / Labor	The Trump administration and the Department of Education have quietly announced the pausing of a student loan forgiveness program under a specific repayment plan, without explanation. Income-Based Repayment plans are one of four repayment options offered by the federal government that are calculated by how much a borrower earns.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/opinion-grass-estate-government-2	2025-07-23	labor, remote work, return to office, state government	
Referees are facing the prospect of substantial Social Security cuts by next seven years, sooner than projected, due to 'big, beautiful bill,' per an analysis out Thursday from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget	Economy / Labor	Referees are facing the prospect of substantial Social Security cuts by next seven years, sooner than projected, due to "big, beautiful bill," per an analysis out Thursday from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. If policymakers don't step this from happening, it would at least double the private retirement of America's seniors, per several estimates. The new analysis projects a 24% cut to benefits by late 2032. That's equal to an \$18.9 million annual benefit cut for a dual-earning couple who both retires in 2033.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-administration-pauses-stu	2025-07-23	student loans, debt relief, Trump, education	
Referees face sharp cuts in Social Security benefits	Economy / Social Policy	This month, President Trump announced plans to levy a 50% tariff on all goods from Brazil – the world's largest coffee producer and the source of about 30% of U.S. coffee imports. That's on top of the 10% tariff that impacts nearly everything the U.S. brings in. This looming tariff threat has sent shock waves through the U.S. coffee industry, raising fears especially among small roasters like Lost Stock. While the tariffs on imports from Brazil, as well as imports from other nations, aren't set to begin until Aug. 1, the uncertainty is rattling the industry already. But it's consumers who will end up paying the price, de Bolle, Yexxa and others warn.	https://www.akiva.com/2025/07/24/us-e1-5477487/trump-federal-interest-r	July 26, 2025	#SocialSecurity #Retirement #Economy #Policy/Failure	
Coffee prices to spike as Brazil faces 50% tariffs under Trump, NPR	Economy / Trade	It's a massive price impact," de Bolle says. Months of confusion over which foreign countries' products may become more expensive to import has left a question mark over the holiday shopping season. U.S. retailers often begin planning for the winter holidays in January and typically finalize the bulk of their orders by the end of June. The sequestering efforts already have factored into their calculations. Boeing continues to benefit from trade diplomacy, securing global deals as U.S. partners make concessions in tariff talks with the Trump administration.	https://www.akiva.com/2025/07/24/us-e1-5475131/us-coffee-prices-brazi	2025-07-21	Tariffs, Coffee, Brazil	
How tariffs are shaping the holiday shopping season	Economy / Trade	Boeing continues to benefit from trade diplomacy, securing global deals as U.S. partners make concessions in tariff talks with the Trump administration.	https://www.akiva.com/2025/07/24/us-e1-5475131/us-coffee-prices-brazi	2025-07-21	Tariffs, Economy, Holidays	
Japan trade deal: How agreement continues Boeing, tariff winning streak	Economy / Trade	Japan agreed to buy 100 Boeing planes as part of a broader trade deal with the White House, an administration official said. ResumGenius recently surveyed 1,000 full-time Gen Z workers across the U.S. on their views of college degrees and whether they'd choose a different career path. A lot of them wish they had made different choices, the survey revealed. About one in four said they regret going to college or wish they had chosen a higher-paying field like tech, finance, engineering, or health care. This report mirrors another survey conducted by career consultancy Talis, which also recently surveyed more than 2,000 adults aged 18-30 about their career journeys and showed 62% of young adults said they aren't in the career they intended to pursue. Some26% said they are actively struggling to find a job in their intended field.	https://www.akiva.com/2025/07/23/japan-trade-deal-boeing-trump-tariff	July 24, 2025	Economy, Trade, Boeing	
Gen Z has regrets: 1 in 4 say they wish they hadn't gone to college or would've picked a higher-paying industry	Education / Labor	Aspire Afternoon School, where Gabriel spends his days during the summer school break in Arlington, Virginia, is one of more than 10,000 summer and after-school programs across the country that has been pushed into a state of perilous uncertainty after the Department of Education abruptly paused the credit it depends on to keep things running. The fund, called 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), is a federal program that was among a huge swath of nearly \$7 billion of education grants that the department suddenly threw this month, with little notice. An OMB spokesperson told CNN on Saturday, after the publication of this article, that the programmatic review is over for 21st CCLC.	https://www.akiva.com/2025/07/23/japan-trade-deal-boeing-trump-tariff	July 24, 2025	Economy, Trade, Boeing	
Education Department funding freeze targets summer school and language programs that are lifelines for families	Education / Policy	Scheikser spoke with Small that evening, and says Small connected him with an official at the Department of Homeland Security for a follow-up conversation. The official asked if Scheikser would be willing to allow the federal government to access the country's election equipment and see if there were any gaps in the country's network, Scheikser said. Scheikser was shocked by the request. "I was an absolute no," he said. "That is absolutely against the law, it's a felony. And two, it also violates the constitution with states rights."	https://www.akiva.com/2025/07/23/japan-trade-deal-boeing-trump-tariff	July 24, 2025	Economy, Trade, Boeing	
Colorado voting machine glitch at murky 'officials' push to access clerks' voting machines	Elections / Political Cesspool	At least 10 clerks in Colorado received similar queries from Small, which come as the justice department has shifted its focus from protesting voting rights to investigating voter fraud and election mix ups, and has ramped up requests for information to states about how they keep ineligible voters off the rolls.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/24/colorado-election-cl	July 24, 2025	Elections, Political Cesspool, Voting Security	
Redistricting race gives lawmakers heartburn as California Democrats eye 2026	Elections / Voting	House members are watching with growing discomfort as Democrats in California and other blue states consider joining Texas Republicans in pursuing mid-decade redistricting to gain an advantage in the 2026 midterms. It threatens, as one Democratic lawmaker put it, a "race to the bottom" that will encourage both sides to test the limits of gerrymandering and further fan the partisan flames equating the country.	https://www.akiva.com/2025/07/24/us-e1-5302162/climate-change-trump-r	7/22/25	Redistricting, California, 2026 Elections	
Michael Bloomberg urges Republicans to oust RFX, 'peddler of junk science'	Elections / Voting	Ken Pagurek's department comes less than three weeks after a delayed FEMA response to catastrophic flooding in central Texas caused by bureaucratic hurdles put in place by the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees the disaster response agency. Pagurek told colleagues at FEMA that the delay was the tipping point that led to his voluntary departure after months of frustration with the Trump administration's efforts to dismantle the agency, according to two sources familiar with his thinking. It took more than 72 hours after the flooding for Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem to authorize the deployment of FEMA's search and rescue network.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/michael-bloomberg-urges-republicans-ou	7/22/25	RFX Jr., Bloomberg, Disinformation	
FEMA search and rescue chief resigns after frustration with Texas flood response	Emergency Response	Just over two weeks since floods in the Texas Hill Country killed more than 130 people, Texas lawmakers start a special legislative session today with the aim of finding recovery and protecting from future disasters. This spring they failed to pass a bill that could have led to increased spending for emergency warning systems. Now special committees of the House and Senate plan to go to Kerrville, the area with the most flood fatalities, to hear about the life-saving help local governments need.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fema-search-rescue-chief-resigns-22425	7/22/25	FEMA, Resignation, Texas Floods	
In the spotlight after floods, Texas lawmakers eye disaster plans amid FEMA uncertainty, NPR	Emergency Response / Politics	They'll be working while there's uncertainty at the national level about the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), an agency in doubt after calls from members of the Trump administration that it be cut back or eliminated.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/07/21/us-e1-5464545/texas-floods-legisla	2025-07-21	Texas, FEMA, Floods	
Trump's EPA says climate pollution doesn't endanger people	Environment / Climate	The EPA has crafted a proposal that would undo the government's "endangerment finding," a determination that pollutants from burning fossil fuels, such as carbon dioxide and methane, can be regulated under the Clean Air Act. The finding has long served as the foundation for a host of policies and rules to address climate change. The EPA's proposal to reverse the finding is currently under review by the White House, Office of Management and Budget.	https://www.akiva.com/2025/07/24/us-e1-5302162/climate-change-trump-r	July 26, 2025	EPA, Climate, Trump Administration	
Metal bottle caps 'surprising' source of microplastic contamination, study finds	Environment / Pollution	Researchers compared microplastic levels in beer, water, wine and soft drinks, and found the substance in all samples, but liquid in glass jars showed the highest levels. The surprising source of contamination – a polyester-based paint on the glass bottles' metal caps.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jul/21/metal-bottle-cap	2025-07-21	Microplastics, Environment, Study	
WWII atomic waste contaminated a Missouri creek, Poole nearby had more cancer risk	Environment / Public Health	Children who lived near a St. Louis creek polluted with radioactive atomic bomb waste from the 1960s were more likely to be diagnosed with cancer over their lifetimes than children who lived farther from the waterway, a new study has found.	https://www.rpr.org/elections/shhs-health-news/2025/07/21/us-e1-5474	7/22/25	Missouri, Nuclear Waste, Public Health	
Florida's new 'Boater Freedom Act' could be boon for illegal poachers, critics say	Environment / Regulation	Gov. Ron DeSantis says long-standing vessel searches have "unnecessarily created friction" between boaters and law enforcement. The governor signed the bill, which has dubbed the Boater Freedom Act, at a May news conference in Panama City Beach.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/florida-boater-freedom-act-could-141192	2025-07-21	Florida, Boats, Poaching	
White House rescinds \$20m for clean water in pesticide-contaminated rural California	Environmental Justice	For decades, thousands of residents in California's agricultural heartland couldn't use their wells because the water was too contaminated with pesticides. In December, the Biden administration stepped in with a long-awaited \$20m grant to provide clean water, improve municipal sources and reverse the region's financial and health burden. The Trump administration just took the money away.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/24/water-pesticide-poli	July 24, 2025	California, Environment, Politics, Water Crisis	

		Around the world, Canada isn't the only country being introduced to these clubs, which are fitness and mixed martial arts groups operating out of local gyms and parks that espouse neo-Nazi and fascist ideologies. Already proliferating across the US in a number of states, active clubs openly take their historical cues from the Third Reich's obsession with machismo and their modern inspiration from European soccer hooliganism.			
From Canada to Finland, a US neo-Nazi fight club is rapidly spreading across the globe	Extremism	According to the GRAHE research, there are now chapters in 27 countries, with new youth wings – akin to Hitler Youth-styled clubs – are surging statewide and abroad, “metastasizing” across western countries and recruiting young men into toxic, far-right ideologies encouraging race war. Elon Musk's Neuralink may have been recently valued at a reported \$9 billion, but that did not stop the company from claiming a special designation as a “small disadvantaged business” with the government. The self-designation is meant for companies majority-owned by owners belonging to a socially or economically disadvantaged group and can only be granted to business owners with a net worth of less than \$850,000, excluding home equity.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/23/musk-neaz-fight-club	July 23, 2025	Extremism, International, Real news or weird news
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Mark Zuckerberg expands \$300M Hawaii compound by nearly 1,000 acres — ticking more controversy with locals' report	Fuck That Guy	Earlier this year, more than 200 staffers at Elon Musk's AI startup xAI were asked to have their faces recorded while speaking to their coworkers. According to internal documents and Slack messages obtained by Business Insider, some employees were taken aback after being asked to take part in a project called “Skippy,” the goal of which was to train the company's Hitler-loving AI chatbot, Grok, on their facial expressions.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mark-zuckerberg-expands-300m-hawai-1	2025-07-22	[Zuckerberg], 'Hawaii', 'Land Use'
Leaked Documents Show xAI Employees Were Alarmed by Something They Were Asked to Do at Elon Musk's AI Startup	Fuck That Guy	It remains unclear whether project Skippy was in any way related to xAI's “companions,” including a third trap gth anime girl dubbed Ani, an extremely vulgar red panda named Bad Rudi, and Valentine, a male persona that looks suspiciously like 2012 Musk in a costume. President Trump doesn't want federal government agencies to contract with former advisor-turned-foe Elon Musk's xAI, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said Wednesday. Asked by a reporter: “Does President Trump support federal agencies contracting with Elon Musk's AI company?” Leavitt replied, “I don't think so, no.”	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/leaked-documents-show-xai-emp	2025-07-23	xAI, Elon Musk, whistleblower, AI ethics
Trump doesn't want Musk's xAI to get government contracts, White House says	Fuck That Guy	“So he'll then want the DOJ to cancel the contract with Grok?” the reporter asked. Leavitt said: “I'll talk to him about it, yes.” The U.S. has reached an “infection point” that demands “swift and decisive action” to reverse erosion of industrial capacity and tech leadership, warns a major new report from the nonprofit Securing America's Future Energy. “The rise of China as a global economic and military competitor presents one of the most existential challenges the United States has faced in its history,” it finds. The U.S. is “increasingly reliant on foreign adversaries” for minerals, tech, and supply chains that power the economy and our defense.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/23/trump-musk-xai-contracts	July 24, 2025	Fuck That Guy, Tech / AI, Musk
Group offers energy and industrial playbook for countering China	Geopolitics / Industry	Seventy-eight countries including Britain, Japan and a host of European nations issued a joint statement Monday saying the war in Gaza “must end now” — the latest sign of allies sharpening language as Israel's isolation deepens. The foreign ministers of countries also including Australia and Canada said “the suffering of civilians in Gaza has reached new depths.” They condemned “the drip feeding of aid and the inhumane killing of civilians, including children, seeking to meet their most basic needs of water and food.” A Texas father who moved his family to Russia to escape “woke” America has been sent to the front line. They did this through Russia's “shared values” visa scheme, aimed at attracting foreigners who reject what Vladimir Putin calls “destructive neoliberal ideology.” Mr Huffman had initially agreed to join the Russian military in a non-combat capacity, thinking at first he would be a welder and later a war correspondent.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/china-energy-playbook	2025-07-21	China, Industry, Energy
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Father who moved family to Russia to escape ‘woke’ America is sent to front line	Global Affairs	But despite having no experience as a soldier and limited understanding of the Russian language, he has been sent “near” the front line in the war with Ukraine, according to his wife. Venezuela says it is opening a formal investigation into several Salvadoran officials, including President Nayib Bukele, over the alleged abuse of Venezuelan migrants deported from the US. Some 252 Venezuelans, who had been imprisoned at the notorious Cecel prison in March following their deportation, were released and returned to their home country on Friday in exchange for 10 US dollars and dozens of Venezuelan political prisoners, US officials said.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/father-moved-family-russia-escape-1539	7/22/25	Russia, War, Conscripted Americans
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‘We are watching our colleagues waste away’: Aid workers, doctors, journalists risk starvation alongside people in Gaza	Global Conflict / Gaza	Iran is willing to return to the negotiating table with the U.S., “the sooner the better,” but must be convinced the talks aren't cover for further military action, Tehran's nuclear negotiator Kazem Gharibabadi said on Wednesday. Iran and the “E3” — France, Germany and the U.K. — will hold talks in Istanbul on Friday on the issue of “snapback” sanctions.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/watching-colleagues-waste-away	July 24, 2025	Global Conflict, Gaza, Humanitarian Crisis
Iran worries U.S. will use nuclear talks as pretext for new attacks: Senior official	Global Conflict / Middle East	The European signatories to the 2015 nuclear deal could impose those harsh sanctions for Iranian non-compliance, though Tehran denies that such a move would be legitimate. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is facing the first major anti-government protests since Russia's invasion, after lawmakers passed a bill Tuesday weakening two key anti-corruption agencies. The bill, which multiple reports say Zelensky has now signed, has already drawn outrage from Ukrainian activists and media outlets and could damage Ukraine's relations with its Western backers.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/23/iran-nuclear-talks-us-3	July 24, 2025	Global Conflict, Iran, Nuclear Talks
Zelensky neutera Ukraine's corruption watchdogs, sparking protests	Global Conflict / Ukraine	The first global stockpile was established in 1997 when major meningitis outbreaks in Africa prompted public health crisis. The vaccines are available to any country in the world. These stockpiles are now in the spotlight because, for the first time, researchers have quantified just how many lives have been saved by drawing on the stored vaccines. But this news comes against the backdrop of uncertainty. There are new concerns about what the future of these global stockpiles will look like amid a major dip in global health funding. The research — which was funded by Gavi and started in early 2024 with the goal of helping inform its strategic planning — found over \$32 billion in economic benefits from the stockpiles, given there were fewer deaths and less disability in the 200+ some outbreaks researchers considered. 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A fifth of California homes are investor-owned as state's affordability crisis deepens - report	Housing / Economy	While the trend is not unique to California – the state ranks 36th in the country, and just a shade under the 20% national average – it comes as the state is experiencing an acute housing shortage. Home prices in the Golden state are among the most expensive in the nation, and have jumped 50% in the past six years. The US Chamber of Commerce estimates that the US is short roughly 4.5m homes. Utah's home prices started rising even before the pandemic, then spiked amid a crush of remote work newcomers. The state's median home price has skyrocketed to \$508,000, putting it at the reach for 87% of renters. That makes it one of the least affordable housing markets in a country where a record share of people struggle with the high cost of renting and buying. "The median first-time homebuyer age in the United States last year was 38 – that's a shocking statistic," Wadsworth says. "We've just killed 10 years of wealth creation there, and that will have impacts generationally." A key problem pushing up prices is a massive housing shortage. In large parts of many cities, restrictive zoning rules allow only single-family homes. And while some places have updated their zoning to allow duplexes and apartments, trying to change rules is often controversial, time-consuming and costly. Frustrated by this, a growing number of states – both red and blue – have started pushing local governments to build more places people can afford, and passing laws that make that easier. The Department of Homeland Security is encouraging Americans to report abusive ex-patriates to immigration officials, touting the case of an individual who went "from domestic abuse to deported loser."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/24/california-investor-ov	July 25, 2025	California, Housing, Economy, Investors	
More states are pushing cities to build affordable housing	Housing / Policy	Starvation is not only killing Palestinians in Gaza one by one, but also destroying Palestinian society and inflicting permanent damage on bodies and minds, experts say. Starvation forces the body to consume its own muscle and organs for energy, which can cause permanent injury, harms children's futures by stunting the growth of their bodies and minds, and may even damage the health of survivors' children.	https://www.npr.com/2025/07/24/nx-15431522housing-costs-affordab	July 26, 2025	Affordable Housing, Policy, Zoning	
Homeland Security urges Americans to report former lovers to ICE: From domestic abuser to deported loser		Starvation is not only killing Palestinians in Gaza one by one, but also destroying Palestinian society and inflicting permanent damage on bodies and minds, experts say. Starvation forces the body to consume its own muscle and organs for energy, which can cause permanent injury, harms children's futures by stunting the growth of their bodies and minds, and may even damage the health of survivors' children.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ice-rep	July 23, 2025	Political Cesspool, Immigration, GaslitByTheGovernment, Real news or weird news	
Starvation in Gaza is destroying communities – and will leave generational scars	Humanitarian Crisis	"You can approach starvation as a biological phenomenon experienced by individuals, but it is also a collective social experience," said Alex de Waal, executive director of the World Peace Foundation at Tufts University, and author of Mass Starvation: The History and Future of Famine. Mohammed was born healthy but his mother was too malnourished to produce breast milk, and the family has only been able to get two cans of baby formula since. The ward at the Patient's Friends Benevolent Society hospital is crowded with other skeletal children, some doubled up on the 12 beds. There are only two functioning paediatric teams left in Gaza City, and up to 200 children turn up daily seeking treatment. Even money or influential employers can no longer protect Palestinians. "Humanitarian organisations are witnessing their own colleagues and partners waste away before their eyes," more than 100 aid groups working in Gaza, including MSF, Save the Children and Oxfam, warned in a joint statement this week.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/23/starvation-in-gaza-is-de	July 24, 2025	Gaza, Humanitarian Crisis, Promises Broken	
We faced hunger before, but never like this: skeletal children fill hospital wards as starvation grips Gaza	Humanitarian Crisis / Gaza	Nearly 25 million naturalized citizens live in the U.S., and we are accustomed to extra scrutiny. I expect supplemental questions on medical forms, close inspection at border crossings, and a bureaucratic requests to see my naturalization certificate. But I had never doubted that my U.S. citizenship was permanent, and that I was guaranteed the same rights of speech, assembly, and due process as natural-born Americans. Now I'm not so sure. Last month, the Department of Justice released a civil-enforcement memo listing the denaturalization of U.S. citizens as a top-five priority and pledging to "maximally pursue" all viable cases, including people who are "a potential danger to national security" and more vague, anyone "sufficiently important to pursue." President Trump has suggested that targets could include citizens whom he views as his political enemies, such as Zohran Mahdani, the New York City mayoral candidate who was born in Uganda and naturalized in 2018. "A lot of people are saying he's here illegally," Trump said. "We're going to look at everyone."	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/23/we-faced-hunger-before	July 24, 2025	Gaza, Humanitarian Crisis, Children	
NATURALIZED CITIZENS ARE SCARED	Immigration	Immigration agents are increasingly hiding their faces behind masks, a move that is drawing new criticism as the White House ramps up detention and deportations and prepares to dispatch more officers. A group of Democratic attorneys general has now asked Congress to pass a law forcing Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to routinely operate without masks, arguing the policy of letting agents operate anonymously has sparked multiple police impersonators. Democratic members of Congress have also pushed the administration to make ICE agents more readily identifiable.	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/07/naturalization-civics-test/663579/			
Safety measure? Or intimidation tactic? Masked ICE agents spark the debate	Immigration	The Trump administration has diverted roughly 2,000 officers and agents from the country's ports and borders so they can support immigration raids in U.S. cities, according to an internal Homeland security memo viewed by HuffPost and labeled "sensitive."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/safety-measure-intimidation-lack	July 24, 2025	Immigration, GaslitByTheGovernment	
Sensitive Memo Reveals How Many Border Agents Trump Is Enlisting In Immigration Raids	Immigration	The extra bodies have come from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, or CBP, an agency within the Department of Homeland Security. CBP includes the U.S. Border Patrol and is a separate entity from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the agency leading President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/sensitive-memo-reveals-many-bo	July 24, 2025	Immigration, GaslitByTheGovernment	
Outrage after border agents subject detained gay Vermont superintendent to hours of abusive questioning in Texas by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers while returning from a trip to Nicaragua this week in an incident his local school board condemned as "inhumane," "cruel," and "deeply disturbing."	Immigration	A gay Vermont school superintendent says he was detained, separated from his husband, and subjected to hours of abusive questioning in Texas by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers while returning from a trip to Nicaragua this week in an incident his local school board condemned as "inhumane," "cruel," and "deeply disturbing."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/outrage-border-agents-subject-de	July 24, 2025	Immigration, LGBTQ2 Rights, GaslitByTheGovernment	
It's racist: Latino tenants who sued their landlord got threatening message about ICE	Immigration	A Los Angeles area family of Latino renters suing their landlord over a 2024 eviction claim they were met with a thinly veiled threat that they would be picked up by immigration agents, amid the ongoing, highly publicized campaign of raids across the city. Democratic attorneys general from 20 states and D.C. are suing the Trump administration over a policy change that restricted undocumented immigrants' access to community health centers, Head Start and other services they've used for decades.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/racist-latino-tenants-sued-landor	July 24, 2025	Immigration, Racism, GaslitByTheGovernment	
AGs sue Trump admin over health restrictions on undocumented immigrants	Immigration / Border	"Many programs cannot realistically conduct verification at the door, such as 24/7 crisis hotlines, emergency services for individuals suffering an overdose, and homeless shelters," the complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Rhode Island states.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/states-sue-trump-public-benefit	7/22/25	Immigration, Public Benefits, Trump Administration	
Military bases in New Jersey, Indiana, to be expanded to detain immigrants	Immigration / Border	Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which is part of DHS, had sought immediate access to Camp Atterbury, a National Guard base in Indiana and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, a base in New Jersey, from the Defense Department. ICE is also seeking to detain more immigrants without legal status at Guantanamo Bay prior to their final removal from the United States.	https://www.npr.com/2025/07/24/tms-15475109immigrant-detention-mil	7/22/25	Immigration, Detention, Military Bases	
ICE head says agency to crack down on American companies hiring unauthorized workers	Immigration / Border	"DoD approves this support through September 30, 2025, subject to ICE maintaining a 24/7 oversight presence at each site to maintain custody and provide overall supervision of each site," stated the letter from Executive Secretary Anthony Fauciello to DHS Acting Executive Secretary Andrew Whitaker. ICE staff and contractors will be responsible for all care and handling of the migrants, including meals, medical screening, transportation and medical services, according to the correspondence obtained by NPRP. "These people that came here for a better life. You know, either, you know, forced labor, child trafficking, you know, a lot of these work site cases – just isn't a victimless crime of someone here working illegally," he added. "And that's why we're going there with these criminal warrants to focus on these American businesses that are trying to make an extra dollar on the backs of these people that came here for a better life." In the first few months of his second term, President Trump and his administration have heavily cracked down on immigration, drawing criticism from Democrats and advocates.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-head-says-agency-crack-030624177	7/22/25	ICE, Unauthorized Workers, Immigration Enforcement	
Flood of ICE agents is coming to cities run by Democrats, White House warns	Immigration / Border	Congress earlier this month gave the Trump administration more than \$170 billion over the next four years to dramatically scale up enforcement, detention and deportation, and Homan said Americans living in so-called "sanctuary cities" can expect to see far more agents on the street soon. "We're going to flood the zone," Homan said at a July 21 press conference. "Sanctuary cities get exactly what they don't want: more agents in the community and more agents in the work site. When we arrest [a suspected illegal immigrant] in the community, if he's with others that are in the country illegally, they're coming too."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/flood-ice-agents-coming-cities-202505209	7/22/25	ICE, Immigration Enforcement, White House	
How Florida's Plan for Immigration Judges at Alcatraz, Alcatraz May Violate Constitutional Rights	Immigration / Border	The plan, endorsed by President Donald Trump, says all of Florida's roughly 47,000 law enforcement officers have received, or soon will receive, training to act as immigration officers. It's part of an effort to, as the plan notes, "maintain state-led border security operations in the absence of federal support." The DeSantis plan includes a proposal to deputize Florida's nine National Guard Judge Advocate General's Corps officers to serve as immigration judges. JAG officers are attorneys who serve as legal advisers, prosecutors, defense counsel and military judges in a wide range of matters specific to the armed forces. That includes courts-martial and civil matters involving the military. DeSantis has said the move is necessary to create a fast-track deportation system at Florida's new immigration detention facility in the Everglades, Alligator Alcatraz. He has dismissed due process concerns – such as a lack of training and independence – from legal experts, pointing to the backlog in immigration courts. Immigration judges in Florida's immigration courts have one of the largest backlogs in the country, with over half a million cases.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/florida-plan-immigration-judges-alcatraz-7	7/22/25	Florida, Immigration, Constitutional Rights	
ICE Detention Centers Are Worse Than Bad	Immigration / Border Policy	Donald Trump once promised to pull off the "largest deportation" in American history. Technically, he's failing. At a human cost. Consequently, ICE arrests are up and roughly double the rate of deportations. So, really, Trump isn't deporting people—he's just locking them up indefinitely in shoddy detention centers. But the damage goes beyond breaking vile inaugural vows. It also renders a severe lapse in humanitarian oversight. As the administration cruelly shifts its detention centers with more inmates than they can hold, conditions are getting worse—and harder to hide. These overall conditions are, according to the ICE handbook, in clear violation of standard policy. Besides ensuring basic hygiene, the agency also pledges to detain people with "the most humane manner possible with a focus on providing sound conditions and care." (But we're talking about the same government that publishes AI-generated cartoons of immigrant arrests and bad deportation humors). An appeals court on Monday cleared the way for the Trump administration to end protections from deportation for Afghans and Cameroonians, declining to bar removals amid a review of the move's legality. The decision will impact more than 10,000 citizens of both countries who remain in the U.S. under Temporary Protected Status (TPS), which bars deportation of those who cannot safely return to their country due to civil unrest or a natural disaster.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/ice-detention-centers-are-wor-bad	2025-07-23	Immigration, ICE, detention centers, human rights	
Court allows Trump administration to end deportation protections for Afghan, Cameroonians	Immigration / Border Policy	Roughly 2,000 National Guard troops across multiple states are expected to be mobilized to help Immigration and Customs Enforcement at detention facilities, according to a US official and a source familiar with the planning. It's unclear when the troops will be mobilized, though the US official said the move, which is still under deliberation, could come as soon as this week. Both sources said the troops will be placed on Title 32 status, which puts them under the command of their governors and not subject to the Posse Comitatus Act, which prohibits the use of the military for domestic law enforcement purposes.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/court-allows-trump-administratio	2025-07-23	Immigration, refugees, deportation, Trump	
2,000 National Guard troops expected to be called up to assist at ICE detention facilities, sources say	Immigration / Border Policy	Louisiana has now dedicated Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention centers than any other state besides Texas – nine total – after it converted nearly half a dozen commercial facilities to immigrant detention. Most are remote, scattered near farms and forests. Among the sites is a unique "sleeping facility" on a naval airport former for deportations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/2000-national-guard-troops-expected-17	2025-07-23	National Guard, ICE, Immigration, military support	
ICE detention is growing in the South. This state was the first.	Immigration / Detention	The family of an 82-year-old Chilean national feared he was dead for weeks before discovering that he had been detained by ICE after he misplaced his green card, according to a report. Relatives last saw Luis Leon, who lives in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on June 20, when he and his wife visited the Philadelphia immigration office to replace his lost green card. The Morning Call first reported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-detention-growing-south-state-13283	2025-07-21	ICE, South, Detention	
ICE secretly deported Pennsylvania grandfather, 82, after he lost his Green Card	Immigration / Enforcement	There, officers handcuffed him and took him away without explanation, relatives told the outlet. His family was left scrambling, contacting immigration offices, hospitals and even a morgue for more information on Leon's whereabouts. Border agents arrested at least 11 people during a Thursday raid outside a northern California Home Depot – including a U.S. citizen who was volunteering as an observer, according to local activists. The operation, which took place in the Sacramento area, nearly 600 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border, is the latest show of force from the Border Patrol in the state, which joined a full-cavalry raid in a Los Angeles park earlier this month.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-secretly-deported-pennsylvania-gran	2025-07-21	ICE, Deportation, Green Card	
Border Patrol carries out raid at Home Depot parking lot 600 miles from US-Mexico border	Immigration / Enforcement	The operation, which took place in the Sacramento area, nearly 600 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border, is the latest show of force from the Border Patrol in the state, which joined a full-cavalry raid in a Los Angeles park earlier this month.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/border	2025-07-21	Border Patrol, Immigration, Enforcement	

		As she was about to leave for the pharmacy late last month, her husband called with a frantic warning: Immigration enforcement officers were swarming the store's parking lot. Juanta, who is prediabetic, skipped filling medications that treat her nutrient deficiencies. She also couldn't risk being detained because she has to care for her 17-year-old daughter, who has Down syndrome.			
Trump Immigration raids create fear for immigrants seeking medical help	Immigration / Healthcare	White House officials have directed federal agents to leave no location unchecked, including hospitals and churches, in their drive to remove 1 million immigrants by year's end. Those agents are even combing through the federal government's largest medical record databases to search for immigrants who may be in the United States illegally.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-immigration-medicaid-health-illegal-8f	2025-07-21	Trump, Immigration, Healthcare
Migrants at ICE jail in Miami made to kneel to eat 'like dogs,' report alleges	Immigration / Human Rights	Migrants at a Miami Immigration jail were shackled with their hands tied behind their backs and made to kneel to eat food from styrofoam plates "like dogs," according to a report published on Monday into conditions at three overcrowded south Florida facilities.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/migrants-ice-jail-miami-made-000013437	2025-07-21	ICE, Detention, Abuse
Trump's mission to seal the US-Mexico border brings US military into enforcement	Immigration / Military	U.S. troops deployed along the border have tripled to 7,400 and include every branch of the military — even as the number of attempted illegal crossings plummeted and Trump has authorized federal for an additional 3,000 Border Patrol agents, offering \$10,000 signing and retention bonuses. But the law enforcement strategy that may have given the most shock among members of the public is the jump-out squad: small tactical teams of armed officers not in uniform who jump out of unmarked cars and grab immigrants off the street with no warning, or pull immigrants out and surround their cars, suddenly, before taking them away. Described by advocates for detainees as "brazen, midday kidnappings," jump-out squads use a combination of surprise, terror, and overwhelming force. When they stop individuals with no reasonable suspicion, they act in violation of federal law, and a court in California has enjoined this practice.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-us-border-military-led-zones-arizona	July 25, 2025	Trump Administration, Border, Immigration, Military
American Police Have Turned Away From This Terrifying, Chaotic Practice, ICE Is Embracing It	Immigration / Policing	Tens of thousands of Italians living and working in the United States with temporary protections from deportation will be allowed to remain until at least February 2026 with employment authorization, according to the Department of Homeland Security website.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/american-police-turned-away-terr	July 26, 2025	ICE, Policing, Immigration
U.S. restores Haitian TPS protections, work permits until early February after court ruling	Immigration / Policy	Visitors to the United States will need to pay a "visa integrity fee," according to a provision of the Trump administration's recently enacted One Big Beautiful Bill Act. The fee applies to all visitors who need nonimmigrant visas to enter, and cannot be waived. However travelers may also be able to get the fees reimbursed, according to the provision.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/u-restores-haitian-tps-protections-185657	2025-07-21	TPS, Haiti, Immigration
Visa Integrity fee: What to know about new travel fee to enter the US	Immigration / Policy	Details about the new requirement are scant, which has resulted in "significant challenges and unanswered questions regarding implementation," a spokesperson from the U.S. Travel Association told CNBC Travel.	https://www.cnbc.com/2025/07/18/visa-integrity-fee-what-to-know-about	2025-07-22	[Visa], "Immigration", "Travel Fee"
Immigrants At Florida Detention Facilities Faced Life-Threatening Medical Delays, Report Says	Immigration / Policy	Massing an exit while driving on a San Diego freeway updated the life of Eric Hernandez, a DACA recipient who is now at risk of being deported to El Salvador, a country he hasn't seen in 20 years.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/immigrants-florida-detention-facilities-fac	2025-07-22	"Detention", "Immigration", "Medical Neglect"
Detentions of DACA recipients show they're not shielded from Trump's mass deportations	Immigration / Policy	Javier Diaz Santana, a DACA recipient who is deaf and mute, was detained in June when immigration authorities raided the car wash where he worked. And this month, a 36-year-old DACA recipient from Florida was among the first to be detained in the state's new immigrant detention center dubbed "Niguelito Alcazar."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/detentions-daca-recipients-show	July 26, 2025	DACA, Immigration, Deportations
Trump push to ban birthright citizenship, unconstitutional, US court rules	Immigration / Politics	Donald Trump's effort to repeal birthright citizenship has hit another a stumbling block, with a federal appeals court in San Francisco declaring the president's attempt unconstitutional.			
Wealthy families consider Trump's gold cards over fears about birthright citizenship	Immigration / Politics	The three-judge ruling panel in the 9th US circuit court of appeals echoed a district court in New Hampshire that blocked the executive order earlier this month.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-gold-cards	July 24, 2025	Immigration, Wealth, Politics
Trump administration says NYC over 'sanctuary city' policies	Immigration / Politics	"The district court correctly concluded that the executive order's proposed interpretation, denying citizenship to many persons born in the United States, is unconstitutional. We fully agree," the verdict said.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/24/trump-nyc-sanctuary-to-ban-b	July 24, 2025	Immigration, Politics, Court Ruling
Ukraine opposition attacks US deal as 'human trafficking disguised as deportation'	Immigration / Policy	The case is now one step further on the long road to the US supreme court.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/21/pipeline-safety-fears	2025-07-22	"Pipeline", "Trump Cuts", "Infrastructure"
U.S. blames Hamas for crisis in ceasefire talks, eyes 'alternative' hostage plans	Immigration / Policy	More and more wealthy people may turn to President Donald Trump's proposed \$5 million Gold Card visa program as a birthright citizenship is under threat, a new report claims.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/23/usswifts-petition-us-de	July 23, 2025	International, Immigration, Human Rights
Indian police arrest man accused of running fake embassy	Immigration / Politics	The Trump administration is suing New York City and Mayor Eric Adams (D) over its "sanctuary city" policies, Attorney General Pam Bondi announced Thursday.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/23/india-police-fake-embas	July 23, 2025	World Word, Real news or weird news
Russia's parliament passes a bill punishing internet searches for 'extremist' content	Immigration / Politics	Bond said in a post on X that the Justice Department is suing the city and the mayor "for continuing to obstruct law enforcement with sanctuary city policies."	https://apnews.com/article/2025/07/24/russia-parliament-passes-law-to-punish-internet-searches-for-extremist-content	July 25, 2025	Russia, Censorship, Internet, Extremism
U.S. blames Hamas for crisis in ceasefire talks, eyes 'alternative' hostage plans	Immigration / Politics	She added, "If New York's leaders won't step up to protect their citizens, we will."	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/25/thailand-cambodia-border-dispute	July 25, 2025	Thailand, Cambodia, Border Conflict, Evacuations
Thailand-Cambodia border dispute: 130,000 Thai civilians evacuated amid second day of clashes	Immigration / Politics	"It was like something you see in a movie, like a zombie apocalypse," said Jerry Briggs, a fire coordinator from nearby Warren county who was tasked with knocking on the doors of residents to get them to evacuate. Briggs and most of his colleagues were wearing breathing apparatus — one deputy who didn't do so almost collapsed and had to be carried away.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/passenger-plane-russia	July 24, 2025	Russia, Aviation, Disaster
Passenger plane crashes in Russia's far east with 49 people onboard feared dead	Immigration / Politics	Unknown to residents and emergency responders, a pipeline carrying carbon dioxide near Saltaria had ruptured and its contents were gushing out, robbing oxygen from people and intestinal combustion engines in cars alike.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs
Japan trade deal includes \$550 billion in unanswered questions	Immigration / Politics	"We had no idea what it was," said Briggs, who moved towards the deafening noise of the pipeline leak with a colleague, their vehicle spluttering, when they saw a car containing three men, unconscious and barely breathing. "We just piled them on top of each other and got them out before they could be killed," they were told, "said Briggs.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/25/thailand-cambodia-border-dispute	July 25, 2025	Thailand, Cambodia, Border Conflict, Evacuations
Supreme Court pauses rulings that limited Voting Rights Act	Immigration / Politics	Civil society and opposition groups in Eastwrie have expressed outrage after the US deported five men to the country, with the largest opposition party calling it "human trafficking disguised as a deportation deal."	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/passenger-plane-russia	July 24, 2025	Russia, Aviation, Disaster
Can Trump deport visa holders over their speech?	Immigration / Politics	The suspect impersonated an ambassador and allegedly duped people for money by promising overseas employment, said the senior police officer Sushil Ghule of Uttar Pradesh state's special taskforce in northern India.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs
Children's National Hospital caves under Trump's pressure & ends gender-affirming care for trans patients	Immigration / Politics	The Russian parliament's upper house on Friday quickly approved a bill that punishes online searches for information officially branded "extremist," the latest in a series of moves by authorities to tighten control of the internet.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs
Public media funding cuts threaten access to emergency alerts and local news	Immigration / Politics	The official definition of extremist activity is extremely broad and includes opposition groups like the Anti-Corruption Foundation, created by the late opposition leader Alexei Navalny, and the "international LGBT movement."	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs
NPR to cut its budget by \$8 million to provide relief to vulnerable member stations NPR	Immigration / Politics	White House envoy Steve Witkoff said Thursday that Hamas' latest response in Gaza talks "shows a lack of desire to reach a ceasefire," and warned the U.S. is now considering "alternative options" for bringing the hostages home.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs
White House pulls WSJ from Trump's Scotland press pool over Epstein reporting	Immigration / Politics	The breakdown of negotiations came as Witkoff arrived in Italy for talks on Gaza with Qatar's and Israeli officials. Witkoff hoped to then travel to Doha to seal the deal for a 60-day ceasefire this week.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs
This Boston PBS Station's Extremely Cleave Sign Is Going Viral After Trump Cut Their Funding	Immigration / Politics	Thailand has evacuated more than 130,000 people along the Cambodian border, I said on Friday, as the country's leader warned cross-border clashes could develop into war.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs
AI summaries cause 'devastating' drop in audiences, online news media told	Immigration / Politics	The countries fought in their bloodiest military clashes in over a decade.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs
Why are data nerds racing to save US government statistics?	Immigration / Politics	A passenger plane has crashed in Russia's far east after disappearing from radar, with 49 people aboard dead, local officials have said.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs
US Marines mobilized to Los Angeles are being sent home, Pentagon says	Immigration / Politics	A reported \$550 billion investment commitment from Japan would reflect a massive surge in the nation's financial exposure to the United States. But no one in either the Japanese or U.S. government has articulated key details about how it would really work in U.S. officials' description of the commitments. President Trump would have the discretion to direct the investment funds and the U.S. would receive 50% of the profits.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs
Pentagon watchdog has evidence Hegseth's Signal messages included classified information, sources say	Immigration / Politics	The Supreme Court passed a lower courts ruling that said it would weaken the Voting Rights Act on Thursday, granting Native American groups that brought the suit a temporary win.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs
Pentagon whistleblowers to call for 'Violet' Pete Hegseth's Removal	Immigration / Politics	If the Supreme Court ultimately sides with the lower court, the legal battle could further diminish the landmark voting rights law when the Trump administration is already moving away from bringing civil rights cases in court.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs
Pentagon tightens rules on getting medical waivers to join the military	Immigration / Politics	Do visa and green card holders have First Amendment rights to express views on controversial foreign policy issues, particularly on college campuses?	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/24/japan-trade-deal-trump-tariffs	July 25, 2025	#TradeDeal #Japan #Trump #Economy #Tariffs

		Two days before the waters of the Guadalupe River swelled into a deadly and devastating Fourth of July flood in Kent County, Texas, engineers with a California-based company called Rainmaker took off in an airplane about 100 miles away and dispersed 70 grams of silver iodide into a cloud.			
		The flurry of allegations was quickly debunked, with a number of independent scientists saying that the company's actions could not have produced anywhere close to the amount of rain that triggered the flood.			
		... But in some ways, the damage was done. Conspiracy theorists who have long alleged that Deep State Democrats are controlling the weather now had a real incident to point to. And researchers, companies and experts working to study and perform weather modification and geoeengineering practices — which some say will be needed as climate change worsens — now have an even bigger hurdle to overcome.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/california-cloud-seeding-company-becam-72225	7/22/25	Cloud Seeding, Texas Floods, Conspiracy Theory
How a California cloud-seeding company became the center of a Texas flood conspiracy	Maininformation / Extremism	Stop. Stop trying to get on top of the weeds, the mess and the endless tasks. Just sit down amid the chaos of your garden at the height of summer and use it for the beauty it holds, not the thing it has failed to be. A kind friend said to me recently that "a messy garden is better than an empty one," and I've been leaning on the truth and reassurance of that statement to hold me steady as the fusion of control slips through my fingers.	https://www.thequardian.com/lf/feeds/articles/2025/jul/25/is-your-garden-ou	July 25, 2025	Gardening, Lifestyle, Ecology
Is your garden out of control? Don't stress, embrace the chaos	Personal interest	Without naming Epstein, the Georgia Republican on social media said the president is "dangling" only bits of information to his supporters despite promises during the 2024 campaign that his administration would be transparent with the public.			
MTG warns Trump that 'dangling bits of red meat no longer satisfies'	Political Cesspool	"If you tell the base of people, who support you, of deep state treasonous crimes, election interference, blackmail, and rich powerful elite evil cabals, then you must take down every enemy of The People," Greene posted to social media, referring to a series of unverified issues Trump and his supporters have pushed since the 2020 election.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/mtg-warns-trump-dangling-bits-14402156	7/22/25	MTG, Trump, MAGA
Epstein lawyer says Ghislaine Maxwell knows 'everything' and should get immunity to testify before Congress	Political Cesspool	Maxwell, 63, is serving a 20-year prison sentence after she was convicted of child sex trafficking and other charges in 2021 in connection with Epstein. She is appealing her conviction. Now, attorney Alan Dershowitz says she "knows everything" about Epstein's sex trafficking case and is prepared to testify before Congress — if she's granted immunity.			
'ICE Barbie' gets a challenger: AG Secretary Brooke Rollins takes to X to show off snake-hunting adventure	Political Cesspool	"She knows everything. She is the Rosetta Stone. She knows everything. She arranged every single tip with everybody. She knows everything," Dershowitz said on Fox News Sunday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/epstein-lawyer-says-ghislaine-maxwell-1f-72225	7/22/25	Ghislaine Maxwell, Epstein, Congressional Testimony
Sensators question incoming CBS anchor about 'side deal' with Trump and cancelling Colbert show	Political Cesspool	Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem has a challenger in Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins, who took to X to show off a snake-hunting adventure in true ICE Barbie fashion.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ice-barbie-gets-challenger-ag-203622778	7/22/25	ICE Barbie, Brooke Rollins, Political Theater
Johnson shuts door on House vote before September on releasing Epstein files	Political Cesspool	Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders press incoming CBS owner on 'side deal' with Trump and cancelling Colbert	https://www.thequardian.com/us/news/live/2025/jul/21/cbs-immigration-2025-07-22	2025-07-22	['Trump', 'CBS', 'Political Pressure']
Bondt Takes Revenge on Family of Man Who Created Anti-ICE App	Political Cesspool	Top Democrats supported the first appropriations bill of the summer Tuesday night, but they aren't taking a government shutdown off the table in October.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/johnson-shuts-door-house-vote-2105042	2025-07-22	['Politics', 'Epstein', 'House GOP']
Stephen Miller Called Out for 'Completely Made-Up' ICE Figures	Political Cesspool	The procedural vote on the MiCon-VA bill was 90-8. But those numbers are slightly deceiving.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bondt-takes-revenge-family-man-180841f	2025-07-22	['ICE', 'Retaliation', 'Bondt']
Stephen Miller's legal group asks DOJ to look into 'illegal DEI practices' at Johns Hopkins	Political Cesspool	They don't capture the Democrats' frustration over rescissions — and fear and misgivings about the appropriations process to come.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/stephen-miller-called-completely-made-2	2025-07-22	['Stephen Miller', 'ICE', 'Disinformation']
Exploring Trump's Creepy Female Entourage: 'They Look Like Melania'	Political Cesspool	Hours after Christine Leigh Girma was appointed, Attorney General Pam Bondi in a post criticizing the judges announced she had been removed from the position.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/stephen-miller-legal-group-asks-2255421	2025-07-22	['Stephen Miller', 'DEI', 'DoJ']
After Trump ally Habba replaced as NJ prosecutor, DOJ fires replacement	Political Cesspool	The Justice Department sought to keep President Donald Trump's former lawyer, Alina Habba, in place as the top federal prosecutor in New Jersey on Tuesday after a panel of judges refused to extend her tenure and appointed someone else to the job.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/interstatement/articlesexploring-trump-creepy-f	2025-07-22	['Trump', 'Entourage', 'Obsession']
Trump administration fights to keep ex-Trump lawyer, Alina Habba as New Jersey federal prosecutor	Political Cesspool	Habba, who had been named the interim U.S. attorney for the state in March, appeared to lose the position earlier Tuesday, when judges in the district declined to keep her in the post while she awaits confirmation by the U.S. Senate.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/22/alina-habba-federal-prosecutor-new	2025-07-23	DOJ, Trump, New Jersey, prosecutors, Alina Habba
Trump administration fights to keep ex-Trump lawyer, Alina Habba as New Jersey federal prosecutor	Political Cesspool	Acting under a law that generally limits the terms of interim U.S. attorneys to 120 days, the judges appointed one of Habba's subordinates, Desiree Leigh Grace, as her successor.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trumps-former-lawyer-alina-habba	2025-07-23	Trump, Alina Habba, legal system, corruption
Trump Border Czar Whines That People Keep Saying Mean Things About ICE	Political Cesspool	But just hours later, Attorney General Pam Bondi announced that she had in turn removed Grace, blaming Habba's removal on "politically minded judges."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-border-czar-whines-people-154006	2025-07-23	Trump, ICE, Immigration, political spin
Eye-brow-raising 22-year-old named leader of anti-terrorism unit says he is just a low-level staffer and denies having any power	Political Cesspool	On MSNBC's Morning Joe, the border czar supported the practice of ICE agents concealing their identities with masks. "The masks, I think, are important. How do we get rid of the masks? Stop the hateful rhetoric," he said, before alleging an eightfold increase in assaults on ICE personnel over last year.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/eyebrow-raising-22-old-named-19511738	2025-07-23	National security, youth appointment, terrorism, oversight
Alligator Alcatraz? Contracts Disappeared From a Florida State Database	Political Cesspool	State contracts for Florida's controversial "Alligator Alcatraz" detention camp were removed from a public database and replaced with far less detailed documents after media outlets began writing about them last week.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/alligator-alcatraz-contracts-disap	2025-07-23	Florida, transparency, government, Alligator Alcatraz
Trump's intelligence chiefs try to rewrite the history of the 2016 election	Political Cesspool	However, open government advocates and state Democratic lawmakers say that removing details of the contracts flies in the face of Florida's promises to provide transparency in public spending, especially given the massive expenditures of taxpayer money involved. The most recent report on the ballooning costs of the Everglades detention camp puts it at \$250 million and growing.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/23/epstein-trump-obscure-republican	2025-07-23	Trump, 2016 election, intelligence, revisionism
Revealed: Trump has supercharged the US's immigration crackdown	Political Cesspool	President Donald Trump's intelligence chiefs are conducting a systematic campaign to rewrite the history of the 2016 election, seeking to reverse an eight-year-old assessment that Russia waged an information war to boost Trump's candidacy.	https://www.thequardian.com/en/news/uk-interactive/2025/jul/23/trump	July 23, 2025	Political Cesspool, Immigration, GaslitByTheGovernment
'Disgraceful step backward': USDA ends support for Black farmers, saying it 'sufficiently handled' discrimination	Political Cesspool	National Intelligence Director Tuohy Galbraith and CIA Director John Ratcliffe have cited declassified emails to allege in social media posts and television appearances that Obama administration officials manipulated intelligence and conspired to undermine the legitimacy of Trump's electoral victory in 2016.	https://www.thequardian.com/environment/2025/jul/22/usda-black-farm	July 22, 2025	Political Cesspool, Broken Promises, Racial Justice
U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee will comply with Trump's ban on trans women in women's sports	Political Cesspool	But a bipartisan Senate investigation in 2020 and a recent CIA review both found that Russia interfered in the 2016 election, launching a disinformation campaign designed to damage Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton's candidacy.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trans	July 23, 2025	Political Cesspool, LGBTQ Rights, GaslitByTheGovernment
Judge denies Trump request to release Epstein transcripts in Florida	Political Cesspool	Detention facilities have been increasingly overcrowded, and the US system is over capacity by more than 13,500 people.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/23/epstein-jury-transcripts-judge-denies	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, Epstein, Legal
GOP ends hearing over Democra's motion to subpoena Epstein files	Political Cesspool	In early June, Joe arrests peaked at about 1,000 a day — far short of Miller's benchmark, but 42% higher than the average daily arrests in May and 268% higher than in June 2024.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/house-oversight-committee-issue	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, Epstein, Congressional Oversight
MAGA clamors for arrests as Trump accuses Obama of 'treason'	Political Cesspool	Earlier this month, the agency announced that it's eliminating the term "socially disadvantaged", which describes farmers or ranchers who had been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender discrimination. It includes Black, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian groups.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/23/trump-obama-epstein-investigation	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, Trump, MAGA
House Oversight Committee issues subpoena for Ghislaine Maxwell	Political Cesspool	The decision also said the department has "sufficiently" addressed its history of discrimination through litigation that has resulted in settlements, relief and reforms.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/house-oversight-committee-issue	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, Epstein, Congressional Oversight
House stymied as Speaker Johnson's handpicked committee rebels over Epstein	Political Cesspool	The decision also said the department has "sufficiently" addressed its history of discrimination through litigation that has resulted in settlements, relief and reforms.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/house-stymied-speaker-johnson	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, Epstein, Congress
Calls to strip Zohran Mandan's citizenship spark alarm about Trump weaponizing denaturalization	Political Cesspool	A federal judge denied the Trump administration's request to unseal the grand jury transcripts related to sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein's case in Florida on Wednesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/calls-strip-zohran-mandan-citiz	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, GaslitByTheGovernment, Immigration
The government stepped in to clean up a disaster in North Carolina. Then they created another one.	Political Cesspool	Judge Robin L. Rosenberg wrote in her ruling that the court's "hands were tied," and that she could not release the files from the grand juries convened in West Palm Beach in 2005 and 2007, the New York Times first reported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/government-stepped-clean-disas	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, Environmental Disaster, GaslitByTheGovernment
Trump's latest bid to end Epstein storm. Weaponizing the federal government	Political Cesspool	Rosenberg noted that transcripts are typically kept secret except in narrow circumstances. She also wrote that the department was not requesting the transcripts for use in a judicial proceeding, which could have opened a pathway to disclose jury records.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/epstein-trump-obscure-republican	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, Epstein, GaslitByTheGovernment

Florida attorney general investigating restaurant that hosted LGBTQ Pride event	Political Cesspool	Florida's Republican Attorney General James I. Hoffecker said Tuesday that his office has subpoenaed Linda Moore, the vice mayor of Vero Beach, Fla., in a state investigation into a drag performance that took place last month at a local wine bar Moore owns.			
'Ask the FBI': WH Throws Kash Patel Under the Bus on Epstein	Political Cesspool	Florida's Protection of Children Act, which bars children from attending "adult live performances" featuring sexual or lewd conduct, has been unenforceable since 2023, when a federal judge ruled it largely unconstitutional. The law does not directly reference drag performances but is widely viewed, including by its primary sponsor, as being aimed at them.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/florida-attorney-general-investigat-72425	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, LGBTQ Rights
Paul urges DOJ to charge Fauci to test pardon	Political Cesspool	When asked on Monday why the president does not just order the FBI to release the full Epstein files, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt left the ball in the bureau's court and claimed it was up to the attorney general.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ask-the-wh-throws-kash-04155590.html	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, Epstein, Kash Patel
Trump Pays Eye-Watering Amount to Build Biggest Immigration Camp Ever	Political Cesspool	The president has said if the Department of Justice and the FBI want to move forward with releasing any further credible evidence, they should do so. Leavitt responded: "As to why they have or have not or will, you should ask the FBI."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/paul-urges-doj-charge-fauci-1226	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, Fauci, Legal
Exclusive: Trump admin seeks new jet to shuttle around Attorney General Pam Bondi and FBI Director Kash Patel	Political Cesspool	Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, is calling on the Justice Department (DOJ) to charge former senior national health adviser Anthony Fauci with lying to Congress to test whether former President Biden's pardon of Fauci will hold up in court.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-pays-eye-watering-amount-72425	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, Immigration
It's just wildly misleading: Why the administration's latest allegations about the Russia investigation don't add up	Political Cesspool	The Department of Defense awarded the Virginia-based company Acquisition Logistics a nearly \$22 million contract to establish and operate a 5,000-bed short-term detention facility, according to a contract notice Monday. In total, however, the contract is worth closer to \$1.26 billion, two people familiar with the matter who asked not to be named publicly told Bloomberg.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/exclusive-trump-admin-seeks-jet-72425	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, Pam Bondi, Kash Patel
The nefarious message behind the DHS 'manifest destiny' painting: four pillars of propaganda	Political Cesspool	But the allegations confound and misrepresent what the intelligence community actually concluded, according to a review of a GOP-led Senate investigation from 2020 and interviews with congressional sources familiar with the probe.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ban-b-72425	July 24, 2025	Political Cesspool, Russia Investigation
Texas attorney general claimed three homes as primary residence	Political Cesspool / Corruption	These are two different things — cyberattacks on infrastructure and hacking the DNC — which they're conflating in an attempt to make a political point," said a former senior congressional source close to the Senate review. "It's just wildly misleading."	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/22/john-thune-recess-august-weekend-	2025-07-23	Congress, Thune, Senate, August session, recess
Pam Bondi skips human trafficking summit over medical issue	Political Cesspool / Events	Adam Klein, associate professor at Pace University, studies how extremist movements infiltrate American media and politics. The [Westling] painting isn't violent at all," he said. "On the surface, it's a beautiful image. But when you look at where it's coming from, with [DHS] using language like 'homeland' and 'heritage', that's really evocative of anti-immigrant sentiment."	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/22/wh-attorney-general-pam-bondi-72425	2025-07-23	shutdown, budget, Trump, Senate, leverage
Senate Dems preserve shutdown leverage over Trump, GOP	Politics / Congress	Pam Bondi's Justice Department has fired the wife of the man who developed a controversial "anti-ICE" warning system after far-right influencer Laura Loomer attacked her on X, the Daily Beast can disclose.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/22/trump-coca-cola-alcitraz-pop-agency-72425	2025-07-20	Trump, Culture War, Populism
Thune prepares senators to work first August weekend	Politics / Congress	Caryn Feinstein, who is married to CIBCBlock developer Joshua Aaron, had served as a forensic accountant at the DOJ's Office of the U.S. Trustee for almost a decade. On Friday she received an email from the department informing her that her position would be terminated.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/22/trump-fed-powell-renovation-72425	July 25, 2025	#Trump #FederalReserve #JeromePowell #Economy #PoliticalCesspool
These Right-Wingers Won't Shut Up About Epstein, No Matter What Trump Says	Politics / Conspiracies	The concept of the work was to expand an existing sign featuring a timeline detailing the presentation of Muir Woods. Park rangers placed caution tape on the within Founders Grove and overlaid a heavy, waterproof sticker onto its surface to add facts and dates that were missing from the original timeline. Among the information added were the efforts of Indigenous people who originally maintained the land, as well as the role of women in creating the national monument.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
Trump ordered purge of 'unpatriotic' signage from national parks. How one California spot complied	Politics / Culture	A letter on the plaque assured passersby that "everything on this sign is accurate, but incomplete. The facts are not under construction, but the way we tell history is."	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
Trump demands Commanders, Guardians restore old names, threaten DC stadium deal	Politics / Culture War	The expanded exhibit became the first in the nation to be altered following an executive order by President Trump in March to rid park signage of any language he would deem unpatriotic.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
Trump comes for American lore with pop agenda	Politics / Culture War	We all know "kitchen-table issues," the topics shaped by decades of campaign trail debates. But these are "group-chat issues" — stuff you'd text your friends about that doesn't usually get picked apart by policy wonks.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
Trump tours Fed construction project, attacks Powell, again	Politics / Economy	1. Alcatraz 2. The penny 3. Gulf of Mexico 4. JFK files 5. Coca-Cola 6. Paper straws 7. Shower water pressure	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
Trump just made it harder to close the Education Department	Politics / Education	President Trump toured the Federal Reserve's \$2.5 billion headquarters construction project Thursday, confirming his demands for lower interest rates from chair Jerome Powell. It amounted to a dramatic made-for-TV-drama moment, following weeks of Trump allies apparently laying the groundwork to oust Powell for cause over the project.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
How Trump's game-plan for the 2026 midterms	Politics / Elections	When President Donald Trump signed a megabill with his spending and policy priorities into law on July 4, he distanced himself from another one of his goals: dismantling the U.S. Department of Education.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
The 5 Senate seats most likely to flip	Politics / Elections	Starting next year, the law will create two brand-new federal student loan repayment plans. It also expands Pell Grants, a staple of college financial aid, to include weeklong post-high school training programs. And it binds colleges to a fresh set of rules meant to protect students and save taxpayers money.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
Democrats must fight Texas redistricting, says Rep. Ritchie Torres - NPR	Politics / Elections	Under the law, there's one person ultimately responsible for carrying out those directives: Education Secretary Linda McMahon.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
Scoop: Cooper plans to enter North Carolina Senate race next week	Politics / Elections	Her entire department will be required to mobilize its depleting resources to execute the wishes of Congress and the president.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
Trump administration shuts down EPA's scientific research arm - NPR	Politics / Environment	That dynamic puts Trump in an awkward position.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
Even the 'QAnon Shaman' has turned on Trump	Politics / Extremism	President Trump is already flailing behind the scenes on next year's midterm elections for the House and Senate — unleashing his billion-dollar political operation and personally burrowing into the minutiae of races.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
It's really theft: the Republican plan to redraw Texas maps - and grab more power	Politics / Gerrymandering	One example: Trump's been particularly locked in on the already messy GOP Senate primary in Texas, where polls indicate Sen. John Cornyn is trailing scandal-plagued state Attorney General Ken Paxton, a longtime Trump loyalist.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports
Trump order pushes local officials to clear unboxed people from streets	Politics / Housing	North Carolina Georgia Maine Texas Michigan	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/24-trump-commanders-guardians-redst-72425	2025-07-21	Trump, Culture War, Sports

Atlanta journalist fights deportation from jail despite dropped charges, 'I'm seeing what absolute power can do'	Politics / Immigration	Prosecutors dropped the last remaining charges against Atlanta-area journalist Mario Guevara last week after he was arrested while livestreaming a protest in June. But the influential Savannah reporter remains perched up in a south Georgia detention center, fending off a deportation case, jail house extortionists and despair, people familiar with his situation told the Guardian.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/20/mario-guevara-jour	2025-07-20	KCE, Journalism, Georgia
Trump Savages MAGA 'Lunatics' Demanding More Epstein Files	Politics / Infighting	The seething president, who has spent the last week bawling rants against his connections with disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein, redoubled his pledge to release grand jury testimony in the Epstein case but added that "nothing will be good enough" for the skeptics who date question him. Thousands of employees at the US Department of Agriculture will be forced to take salary cuts and relocate out of the Washington DC area, as part of a major restructuring that experts warn will further weaken support for American farmers and complicate wildfire response.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-savages-maga-lunatics-demanding-2025-07-21	2025-07-21	Trump, Epstein, MAGA
Outcry as US agriculture department to cut salaries and relocate staff	Politics / Labor	More than half of employees working in the Washington DC area will be relocated to five locations – Raleigh, North Carolina; Kansas City, Missouri; Indianapolis, Indiana; Fort Collins, Colorado; and Salt Lake City, Utah. Several key USDA offices will be shuttered in the capital region. Lawyers for Harvard University will argue in federal court on Monday that the federal government's freeze of more than \$2 billion in grants and contracts is illegal and should be reversed. In filings in U.S. District Court in Boston, Harvard's attorneys say the federal funding cuts imposed by the Trump administration threaten vital research in medicine, science and technology. The school lawsuit aims to block the Trump administration from withholding federal funding "as leverage to gain control of academic decisionmaking at Harvard."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/24/usda-salary-cuts	July 25, 2025	USDA, Salary Cuts, Labor, Trump
Court hearing in Harvard's lawsuit against Trump - NPR	Politics / Legal	The Department of Justice has also formally asked the federal court judge who was assigned to the Epstein case to unseal the testimony. In a motion filed Friday to the Southern District of New York, Attorney General Pam Bondi wrote: "Given the public interest in the investigative work conducted by the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation into Epstein, the Department of Justice moves the Court to unseal the underlying grand jury transcripts in United States v. Epstein, subject to appropriate redactions of victim-related and other personal identifying information."	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/19/st-5472430/trump-calls-release-jeff	2025-07-19	Trump, Epstein, Grand Jury
Trump calls for release of Jeffrey Epstein grand jury testimony - NPR	Politics / Legal	Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard on Friday threatened to refer Obama administration officials to the Justice Department for prosecution over the intelligence assessment of Russia's 2016 election interference, in the latest example of officials going after perceived enemies of President Donald Trump. Gabbard declassified documents Friday that she claimed were evidence the Obama administration's intelligence officials "manufactured and politicized intelligence to lay the groundwork" for the FBI's Russia investigation into Trump.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/gabbard-threatens-obama-officials-crimin-2025-07-21	2025-07-21	Gabbard, Obama, 2016 Election
Gabbard threatens Obama officials with criminal referral over 2016 election assessment	Politics / Legal	In a post, Gabbard said she was "turning over all documents to the DOJ for criminal referral," though she didn't specify whether she was referring any specific officials. A criminal referral does not necessarily mean the Justice Department will investigate or prosecute.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-s-2025-07-21	2025-07-21	Trump, Lawsuit, Epstein
Trump files \$10 billion lawsuit against Murdoch, WSJ and NewsCorp over Epstein birthday card exposé	Politics / Legal	President Donald Trump has filed a \$10 billion defamation lawsuit against right-wing media mogul Rupert Murdoch and The Wall Street Journal's parent companies News Corp and Dow Jones following the newspaper's publication of the president's alleged birthday letter to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/white-h-2025-07-21	2025-07-21	White House, Trump, Media Strategy
White House knew about the Trump letter story for days - and were on a "t"ing warpath to stop it	Politics / Media	The White House engaged in an unsuccessful pressure campaign to try and stop the Wall Street Journal from releasing a bombshell story about President Donald Trump sending a birthday letter to Jeffrey Epstein this past week, according to a report.			
Trump and the Catholic Church Fight a Law Requiring Clergy to Report Child Abuse	Politics / Religion	Within 72 hours, Trump's Justice Department, led by Attorney General Pam Bondi, had launched a First Amendment probe into what it called an "anti-Catholic" law.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-catholic-church-fight-law-1400009-2025-07-21	2025-07-21	Trump, Catholic Church, Child Abuse
'The rule was going down': Inside the House GOP's Epstein meltdown	Politics / Scandal	Staff at Mount Woods National Monument in Maryland have removed signage that spotlighted Indigenous history, women's contributions to the park and instances of racism in the space's history following an executive order from President Donald Trump.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/inside-house-gop-rebellion-over-6-2025-07-26	July 26, 2025	House GOP, Epstein, Scandal
Trump accuses Obama of treason, annotated	Politics / Scandal	Obama's office issued a rare statement in response. "Out of respect for the office of the presidency, our office does not normally dignify the constant nonsense and misinformation flowing out of this White House with a response. But these claims are outrageous enough to merit one," said spokesman Patrick Roderbach. "These bizarre allegations are ridiculous and a weak attempt at distraction. Nothing in the document issued last week undermines the widely accepted conclusion that Russia worked to influence the 2016 presidential election but did not successfully manipulate any votes. These findings were affirmed in a 2020 report by the bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee, led by then-Chief of Staff Mark Ross."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-accuses-obama-treason-2025-07-26	July 26, 2025	Trump, Obama, Treason Accusation
Senate Democrats face crossroads in anti-Trump strategy	Politics / Strategy	Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) will consult with his caucus Tuesday before deciding whether Democrats will go scorched earth against their Republican colleagues during this year's re-election process.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/senate-democrats-face-crossroads-2025-07-21	7/22/25	Senate Democrats, Trump, 2028 Strategy
Manchin says he couldn't 'stomach' Democratic Party 'socialist trend'	Politics / Strategy	Former Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) says he couldn't "stomach" what he calls "the socialist trend that's going on" in the Democratic Party, explaining why he left the party last year to become an independent shortly before retiring from the Senate.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/manchin-says-couldn-t-stomach-1429175-2025-07-21	7/22/25	Manchin, Democratic Party, Moderates vs Progressives
IRS considers eliminating ability to file your taxes in language other than English	Politics / Tax	The Trump administration is reportedly considering eliminating language services at the Internal Revenue Service, a move that would make it significantly more difficult for non-English speaking individuals to file their taxes.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/irs-eng-2025-07-25	July 25, 2025	IRS, Taxes, Accessibility, Trump Administration
Government Gives Elon Musk Permission to Detonate Rockets Over a Sacred Hawaiian Island	Politics / Tech	As The Guardian reports, the Federal Aviation Administration has quietly granted SpaceX permission to detonate rockets above the waters surrounding Mokumanamana, a remote and uninhabited island located 400 miles from Honolulu that holds deep religious significance to native Hawaiians.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/government-gives-elon-musk-permission-2025-07-21	2025-07-21	Elon Musk, Hawaii, Rockets
Minneapolis Democrats endorse democratic socialist for mayor over incumbent	Politics / Third Party	A Democratic socialist member of the Minnesota state senate won his party's endorsement for the Minneapolis mayoral race over the incumbent, giving momentum to the progressive left's political rise. Omar Faleh, a state senator from Minneapolis's southside, beat Minneapolis mayor Jacob Frey, who served as mayor during the George Floyd protests and through the pandemic. Faleh gained momentum after Zohran Mamdani, also a democratic socialist and state lawmaker, won the primary for New York City mayor.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/21/omar-faleh-minneapolis	2025-07-22	['Minneapolis', 'Democratic Socialist', 'Endorsement']
Trump's tariff strategy is largely two-fold: The letters are just one piece - NPR	Politics / Trade	This week he also floated the idea of pharmaceutical tariffs, for example. "Pharmaceuticals will be tariffed probably at the end of the month," he told reporters. "And we're going to start off with a low tariff and give the pharmaceutical companies a year or so to build it. And then we're going to make it a very high tariff."	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/18/st-15452431/trump-tariffs-section-23	2025-07-18	Trump, Tariffs, Trade Policy
Trump touts US as "most respected country" as he marks six months in office	Politics / Trump Administration	President Trump touted the U.S. as the "hottest" and "most respected country in the world" on Sunday as he reached the six-month mark of his second White House term.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/20/trump-six-months-president-white-h-2025-07-20	2025-07-20	Trump, Presidency, Image
Trump's welcome to new citizens isn't like ones from past presidents - NPR	Politics / Trump Administration	During his 2024 campaign, Trump repeatedly said he would end the Russia-Ukraine war within 24 hours if he returned to the White House. Between the lines: It's a separate Truth Social post, Trump touted his approval ratings, claiming that his numbers among Republicans have gone as high as 95% in "various polls."	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/21/g-p-1-77250/trump-naturalization-cerem-2025-07-21	2025-07-21	Trump, Citizenship, Immigration
It's a madhouse': US state department workers reeling after Trump's firings	Politics / Trump Administration	Workers at the US state department say firings, resignation buyouts, a proposed budget cut of 48%, and reorganization under the Trump administration has left staff with low morale and will likely have long-term impacts.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/21/us-state-department	2025-07-21	Trump, State Department, Firings
This Then And Now Picture Of The Oval Office Is Going Viral And Says So, So Much About The Trump Administration	Politics / Visual Commentary	House reporter offers fresh fodder. Gabbard suggests Obama implicated officials sidestep questions about consequences. White House addresses questions about Rubio, Gabbard. Questions about politicization and weaponization.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/then-now-picture-oval-office-120017613-2025-07-21	2025-07-21	Trump, Oval Office, Viral
5 takeaways from Tulsi Gabbard's White House press briefing	Politics / White House	One of the most prominent anti-vaccine activists in the US says he caught measles in west Texas and traveled back home – but he seems not to have alerted local authorities of his illness, which means the highly transmissible virus may have spread onward. Measles is a threat to people who are unvaccinated or immune-compromised. In anti-vaccine communities, it may quickly find a foothold and spread largely under the radar before becoming into an outbreak.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/5-takeaways-tulsi-gabbard-white-2025-07-26	July 26, 2025	Tulsi Gabbard, White House, Briefing
Prominent US anti-vaxxer says he caught measles and traveled back home	Public Health	Alberta has surpassed the United States in confirmed measles cases, after 30 new cases were diagnosed over the weekend. The province reported Monday that it has seen 1,314 cases since the beginning of March.	https://www.axios.com/local/nashville/2025/07/21/judge-blocks-tennes-2025-07-21	7/22/25	Abortion, Tennessee, Legal Battles
Alberta surpasses U.S. in confirmed measles cases	Public Health	The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported 1,288 cases so far this year across 39 states, though case numbers are updated weekly with the next update expected on Wednesday.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/23/texas-min-uses-doctor-2025-07-23	July 24, 2025	Reproductive Rights, Legal, Texas
Federal judge blocks part of Tennessee's 'abortion trafficking' law	Reproductive Rights	A federal judge struck down a key pillar of Tennessee's so-called "abortion trafficking" law, saying it violated First Amendment speech protections.	https://www.cnn.com/2025/07/21/science/earth-spinning-faster-shorter-2025-07-21	2025-07-22	['Earth', 'Rotation', 'Time']
Texas man sues doctor for allegedly supplying abortion pills to girlfriend	Reproductive Rights / Legal	They said the law unconstitutionally criminalized their speech based on their viewpoints. The court agreed, cementing an earlier preliminary injunction that temporarily blocked the law while legal arguments took place.	https://www.cnn.com/2025/07/21/science/earth-spinning-faster-shorter-2025-07-21	2025-07-22	['Earth', 'Rotation', 'Time']
Earth is spinning faster, making days shorter — but why?	Science / Climate	A Texas man has filed a federal wrongful death lawsuit against a doctor who, he says, supplied abortion pills to his girlfriend. In the lawsuit, which was filed in Texas on Sunday, Jerry Rodriguez alleges that the doctor, Renny Coreyaux, mailed the pills to Texas, where virtually all abortions are outlawed. Rodriguez's girlfriend then allegedly used the pills to end two pregnancies.	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/jul/21/nasa-letter-trump-cuts-2025-07-21	2025-07-22	['NASA', 'Trump', 'Budget Cuts']
Hundreds of NASA workers rebuke 'arbitrary' Trump cuts in scathing letter	Science / Funding	Coreyaux not only broke a series of Texas anti-abortion laws, the lawsuit alleges, but also a 19th-century federal anti-vice law known as the Comstock Act. That act bans the mailing of abortion-related materials, but has been unenforced for decades. Its scope narrowed by laws and court rulings – including Roe v. Wade, which has since been overturned – that came into effect in the 20th century.			
		The length of a day is the time it takes for the planet to complete one full rotation on its axis – 24 hours or 86,400 seconds on average. But in reality, each rotation is slightly irregular due to a variety of factors, such as the gravitational pull of the moon, seasonal changes in the atmosphere and the influence of Earth's liquid core. As a result, a full rotation usually takes slightly less or slightly more than 86,400 seconds – a discrepancy of just milliseconds that doesn't have any obvious effect on everyday life.			
		However these discrepancies can, in the long run, affect computers, satellites and telecommunications, which is why even the smallest time deviations are tracked using atomic clocks, which were introduced in 1955. Some experts believe this could lead to a scenario similar to the Y2K problem, which threatened to bring modern civilization to a halt.			
		Almost 300 current and former US NASA employees, including at least four astronauts, have issued a scathing dissent opposing the Trump administration's sweeping and indiscriminate cuts to the agency, which they say threaten safety, innovation and national security.			

		"These cuts are arbitrary and have been enacted in defiance of congressional appropriations law. The consequences for the agency and the country alike are dire."				
NASA Staff Raise Alarm Over Budget Reduction Plans	Science / Funding	Federal employees at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have written similar letters to their agencies in recent months, with mixed results. The EPA placed nearly 150 staffers on leave after they signed a letter of dissent against the Trump administration's treatment of the agency.	https://thehill.com/home/news/administration/541194-nasa-employees	2025-07-22	[NASA, 'Budget Cuts', 'Science']	
NASA to launch 2 new satellites that will help forecast solar storms	Science / Space	The northern lights have been captivating stargazers for generations. But the same charged particles from the Sun's atmosphere responsible for this brilliant celestial display can also damage and destroy Earth's electrical and communications systems. The Earth's magnetosphere protects the planet from the constant bombardment of solar particles, known as solar wind. This magnetic shield usually keeps these dangerous particles from damaging and destroying our technological infrastructure. But there are weak spots in the shield above the North and South Poles called polar cusps. You can think of them as a front door or funnel for the solar wind to enter our atmosphere.	https://nbcnews.go.com/US/nasa-launch-2-new-satellites-forecast-solr	2025-07-22	[NASA, 'Solar Storm', 'Space']	
AI chatbots could reshape how kids learn and interact, psychologists say	Tech / AI	Chatbot use — especially among young children — is still new. There are no long-term studies on its impact, but we do know a lot about how screen time and tech use affect child development. The amount of time kids spend on devices is disrupting or arresting other important developmental milestones. Scott Kolins, psychologist and chief medical officer at family software company Aura, told Axios.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/21/ai-chatbots-toddlers-brains	2025-07-21	AI, Children, Psychology	
Experienced software developers assumed AI would save them a chunk of time. But in one experiment, their tasks took 20% longer	Tech / AI	"We've seen that with older kids. And with kids between 0 and 5, their brains are developing faster, and they're hitting these super important social milestones more frequently." Interacting with AI chatbots, Kallins warns, has "the potential to be even that much more disruptive" — but right now, "it is all conjecture in terms of this specific type of interaction."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/experienced-software-developers-assum	2025-07-22	[AI, 'Developers', 'Productivity']	
OpenAI CEO tells Federal Reserve confab that entities, job categories will disappear due to AI	Tech / AI	During his latest trip to Washington, OpenAI's chief executive, Sam Altman, painted a sweeping vision of an AI-dominated future in which entire job categories disappear, presidents follow ChatGPT's recommendations and hostile nations wield artificial intelligence as a weapon of mass destruction, all while positioning his company as the indispensable architect of humanity's technological destiny.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jul/22/openai-sam-altman	July 22, 2025	Tech / AI, Economic Impact	
UK regulator seeks special status for Apple and Google that could mandate changes for Big Tech	Tech / AI	Britain's antitrust watchdog has proposed labeling Google's and Apple's mobile ecosystems with "strategic market status," which would mandate changes at the Big Tech companies to improve competition.	https://apnews.com/article/apple-google-britain-antitrust-mobile-89f568	July 23, 2025	Tech / AI, Antitrust	
		OpenAI is finding that financing and building the massive data centers it needs to meet its ambitions is easier said than done.				
		Many advances in generative AI have come from dramatically boosting the computing power applied to model training, while new approaches and increased adoption mean that running those models demands more and more data centers, too.				
OpenAI's Stargate data center project hits speed bumps	Tech / AI	OpenAI announced Tuesday an expansion of its work with Oracle that will see the pair build a further 4.5 gigawatts of capacity on top of an 800-megawatt project already under development in Abilene, Texas.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/22/openai-data-centers-stargate	July 24, 2025	Tech / AI, OpenAI, Infrastructure	
AI tracked down nearly 80,000 'ghost students' trying to enroll in California colleges	Tech / AI	The fraudulent student epidemic that prompted policy change from the Department of Education after it discovered 800 million had been disbursed to ineligible students is losing ground in California. The state's community college system, which suffered thousands of attacks from scammer-deployed "ghost" students last year, has brought in an AI fraud detection platform to track down and root late students from registering for classes and stealing financial aid meant for real people.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/ai-tracked-down-nearly-80-00130	July 24, 2025	Tech / AI, Education, Real news or weird news	
OpenAI prepares GPT-5 launch for August 2025, sources say	Tech / AI	OpenAI is expected to release its next big model — GPT-5 — in August, Axios has learned. The race to create the biggest and best AI models is accelerating as the Trump administration has said the U.S. must do "whatever it takes" to beat China.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/24/openai-gpt-5-august-2025	July 25, 2025	#AI #OpenAI #GPT5 #TechNews	
		"Our genome was sequenced long ago, but the function of many of its parts remain unknown," Furniss Inoue, a co-author of the study from Kyoto University, said in a press statement. Understanding TEs would solve one of the biggest mysteries of the genome.				
Scientists Found a Ghost Code Hidden in the Human Genome	Tech / Science	By looking at MER11 through this new lens, researchers were able to compare these new subfamilies with epigenetic markers, and found that these groups appeared to have a regulatory function within the genome. In other words, they acted like on-off switches for gene expression — particularly in early human development.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/scientists-found-ghost-code-hidden	July 24, 2025	Science, Weird World, Real news or weird news	
		Meta is hosting ads on Facebook, Instagram and Threads from pro-Israel entities that are raising money for military equipment including drones and tactical gear for Israel Defense Force battalions, seemingly a violation of the company's stated advertising policies, new research shows.				
		These paid ads were first discovered and flagged to Meta by global consumer watchdog, Etko, which identified at least 117 ads published since March 2023 that explicitly sought donations for military equipment for the IDF. It is the second time the organization has reported ads by the same publishers to Meta. In a previous investigation from December 2024, Etko flagged 88 ads to Meta, prompting the tech giant to take many of them down. However, the company has largely allowed the publishers to start new campaigns with identical ads since then. The IDF itself is not running the fundraising calls.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jul/21/meta-idf-drone-ads	2025-07-22	[Meta, 'IDF', 'Surveillance']	
Meta allows ads crowdfunding for IDF drones, consumer watchdog finds	Tech / Surveillance	The plan is to combat "radical climate dogma," a number of restrictions — including clean air and water laws — could be lifted, aligning with Trump's "American energy dominance" agenda and his efforts to undercut clean energy.				
		Massive amounts of electricity are needed to support the complex servers, equipment and more for AI. Electricity demand from data centers worldwide is set to more than double by 2030, to slightly more than the entire electricity consumption of Japan today, the International Energy Agency said earlier this year.				
Trump's AI plan could strain US power grid and change environmental regulations	Technology / Environment	In many cases, that electricity may come from burning coal or natural gas. These fossil fuels emit planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions, including carbon dioxide and methane. This in turn is tied to extreme weather events that are becoming more severe, frequent and costly.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-artificial-intelligence-energy-data-cent	July 25, 2025	Trump Administration, AI, Energy, Environment	
		SpaceX's Starlink suffered one of its biggest international outages on Thursday when an internal software failure knocked tens of thousands of users offline, a rare disruption for Elon Musk's powerful satellite internet system.				
Tens of thousands knocked offline after software failure at Musk's Starlink	Technology / Infrastructure	Starlink, which has more than 6 million users across roughly 140 countries and territories, later acknowledged the outage on its X account and said "we are actively implementing a solution".	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jul/24/starlink-internet-d	July 25, 2025	Starlink, Internet Outage, Elon Musk	
		The message was clear — the tech regulatory environment that was once the focus of federal lawmakers is no longer.				
		The cornerstone of that plan are three executive orders that Trump said will turn the US into an 'AI export powerhouse' and roll back some of the rules put in place by the Biden administration, which included guardrails around safe and secure AI development.				
		"Winning the AI race will demand a new spirit of patriotism and national loyalty in Silicon Valley — and long beyond Silicon Valley," Trump said.				
The real winners from Trump's 'AI action plan'? Tech companies	Technology / Politics	One executive order targets what the White House calls "woke" AI and requires any company receiving federal funding to maintain AI models free from "ideological dogmas such as DEI". But the other two focus on deregulation, a major demand of American tech leaders who have taken an increasingly bullish stand on government oversight.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jul/25/trump-ai-action-pla	July 25, 2025	Trump Administration, AI, Technology Policy	
Deadly wave of Russian missiles pummel Ukraine as Kyiv's drones spark Moscow airport disruptions	The War Machine Wakes	Residents of Kyiv and other major Ukrainian cities faced another sleepless night on Sunday as Russia launched 450 missiles and drones overnight into Monday, Ukraine's Air Force said. The majority were shot down but 23 struck across three locations and debris from intercepted missiles landed in 12 areas, it added.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/deadly-wave-russian-missiles-pummel-ukr	7/22/25	Russia, Ukraine, Air strikes	
		Newly unveiled satellite footage showed Russia operating what look to be American-designed Ram pickup trucks with Shatbat-style doors ready for launch in the back.				
Russia appears to be launching its exploding Shatbat-style drones from American-designed pickup trucks	The War Machine Wakes	While the footage primarily focuses on intricate manufacturing processes inside the sprawling factory, it also offers insight into how the deadly and highly destructive drones, known by the Russian designation Germet-2, can be launched.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/russia-launching-exploding-shatbat	7/22/25	Russia, Drones, War Innovation	
Jane Austen fans mark 250 years since the writer's birth with a wave of parties - NPR	Weird world	In her lifetime, Jane Austen was relatively unknown. The title page of Sense and Sensibility, her first published novel, said simply it was "By a Lady", and her other books also kept her name a secret. But today, Austen is one of Britain's best loved writers, with a portrait of her face even appearing on some of the UK's currency — the ten pound note.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/20/ai-5430394/jane-austen-fans-mark	2025-07-20	Jane Austen, Literature, Anniversary	
Texas shaken as thousands of fire ants seen forming reefs on river using their bodies	Weird world	Thousands of fire ants have been spotted floating on floodwaters through the Texas city and forming walls using their bodies with residents now reporting the gross behavior.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-shaken-thousands-fire-ants-2142	2025-07-21	Fire Ants, Texas, Floods	
		It was a Friday morning in June, sand swirling outside across the cracked street and towards the Baghdad Cafe's front door. In the same parking lot, a 1950s-era sign advertised a motel that no longer exists. In the distance, only a few surviving businesses remained: a small community center, a veterans organization and a long-standing roadside bar popular with locals. A few miles to the north, an entire neighborhood was abandoned in the 1950s after mounds of blowing sand swallowed it whole; today, only rooftops and chimneys peek out from the lowering sand dunes.				
		Because while this Mojave Desert outpost — a tiny settlement of 2,000-some people called Newberry Springs — may look deserted to the uninitiated, it's positioned on one of the most famous roads in the world: Route 66. The roughly 2,400-mile (3,900km) route stretches from the California coast to Chicago, connecting both small towns and sprawling metropolises across the country. For many, the road embodies a sense of quintessential Americana, from its quirky roadside kitsch to its historic roots.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/20/route-66-newberry-s	2025-07-20	Route 66, Ghost Town, California	
A Route 66 ghost town was 'frozen in time', is it on the brink of a comeback?	Weird world	Zoo Negara stated that 'chonky' Apoh is under close supervision by veterinary staff who are monitoring his health and working to help him reach an ideal weight.	https://www.independent.co.uk/bulletin/apoh-chonky-leopard-8160	2025-07-21	Leopard, Viral, Zoo	
Zoo responds to social media claims about 'chonky' leopard	Weird world	Their findings indicated that exorbitant dogs were more likely to react as if TV aired existed in a 3D environment, while fearful dogs responded more to non-animal sounds such as car noises or doorbells.	https://www.independent.co.uk/bulletin/teletogs-tv-shows-persona	2025-07-21	Dogs, Science, Behavior	
Researchers find your dog might actually have a preferred TV show	Weird world	A baseball coach told News24 that at batting practice a long ball soared over a fence and hit a pickup truck in the parking lot at the nearby Silver River Fire Station. Then the coach said a county firefighter deliberately flooded the field.	https://sports.yahoo.com/article/maryland-firefighter-floods-baseball-fie	7/22/25	Firefighter, Accidental Flood, Sports Mishap	
Maryland firefighter floods baseball field after fly ball damages truck - Yahoo Sports	Weird World	Recent shifts in Earth's magnetic field have human fingerprints all over them. While it is normal for our planet's magnetic poles to sporadically wander, new research shows we've now amassed enough water behind dam walls to account for at least some of the current movements.				
		Harvard University geophysicist Natascha Valencio and colleagues calculated that the masses concentrated in just under 7,000 of Earth's biggest dams have knocked the crust's axis of rotation off kilter by around one meter (three feet) relative to the dynamo that drives the magnetic fields beneath the crust.	https://www.sciencedirect.com/humanity-has-damned-so-much-water-it	2025-07-22	[Environment, 'Magnetic Pole', 'Water']	
Humanity Has Damned So Much Water It's Shifted Earth's Magnetic Poles	Weird World	What's more, all this water hoarding has also caused a 21-millimeter-drop in sea levels.				
		Nestled in forests around the world, a gentle army of giant wooden trolls wait to show humans how to live better without destroying the planet.				
		The Danish recycle artist Thomas Dambo and his team have created 170 troll sculptures from discarded materials such as wooden pallets, old furniture and wine barrels.				
Giant trolls built from trash want to save humans from themselves	Weird World	Twelve years after he started the "Trail of a Thousand Trolls" project, his sculptures can be found in more than 20 countries and 21 U.S. states. Each year Dambo and his team make about 25 new trolls, which stand up to 40 feet (12 meters) tall.	https://apnews.com/article/giant-troll-sculptures-flood-thomas-dambo-15	July 23, 2025	Weird World, Climate / Disasters, Real news or weird news	
		When a schoolboy going for a run found the ribs of a wooden ship poking through the dunes of a remote Scottish beach, it sparked a hunt by archaeologists, scientists and local historians to uncover its story.				
Science identifies a 280-year-old shipwreck found on a remote Scottish beach	Weird World	Through a mix of high-tech science and community research, they have an answer: Researchers announced Wednesday that the vessel is very likely the East of Chatham, an 18th-century warship that saw action in the American War of Independence before a second life hunting whales in the Arctic — and then a stormy demise.	https://apnews.com/article/britain-ockney-santay-scotland-shipwreck-16	July 23, 2025	Weird World, History, Real news or weird news	
Samuel Snapshots Into Cockpit of Fighter Jet During Airshow - See the Shocking Photos	Weird World	Recent shifts in Earth's magnetic field have human fingerprints all over them. While it is normal for our planet's magnetic poles to sporadically wander, new research shows we've now amassed enough water behind dam walls to account for at least some of the current movements.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/samuel-snapshots-cockpit-fighter	July 24, 2025	Weird World, Real news or weird news	
From punk rock to gardening classes: the cemeteries getting a new lease on life	Weird world	Rotney Anonymous, lead singer of the punk rock band The Dead Milkmen, has performed in venues around the world. His favorite place to play live is filled with the dead at the Laurel Hill cemetery in Philadelphia, where he used to ride his bike as a kid.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/25/cemetery-community	July 25, 2025	Community, Cemeteries, Culture, Green Spaces	
A cat named Leonardo da Pinchy doesn't want your affection. He wants to steal your underwear	Weird World / Animals	His profile largely shies from selfies and bedrooms in the famed beachside neighborhood of Malinang Bay has turned 15-month-old Leo into a local celebrity and earned him a new moniker. He now goes by Leonardo da Pinchy.	https://apnews.com/article/stealing-new-zealand-leonardo-da-pinch	July 24, 2025	Weird World, Animals, Humor	
Zookeepers in Prague use puppets to save baby vulture	Weird World / Conservation	Zookeepers in Prague sometimes have to become puppets to save newborn birds rejected by their parents. This was the case for a lesser yellow-headed vulture chick hatched three weeks ago.	https://apnews.com/article/prague-zoo-lesser-yellowheaded-vulture-pu	July 24, 2025	Conservation, Weird World, Animals	
		The world's smallest snake has been rediscovered in Barbados, 20 years after its last sighting. The Barbados Threadsnake, which had been feared extinct, was rediscovered under a rock in the centre of the island during an ecological survey in March by the environment ministry and the conservation organisation Re-wild.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jul/24/worlds-smallest	July 24, 2025	Environment, Weird World, Wildlife	
World's smallest snake rediscovered in Barbados 20 years after last sighting	Weird World / Environment					

Leaping sturgeon provide a show for nature lovers on Maine rivers	Weird World / Nature	The shortnose population on the river nearly doubled from about 5,100 in the late 1970s to more than 9,400 around 2020, and it has likely grown since, state biologists have said. The ancient fish have also shown signs of recovering elsewhere in Maine, such as the Saco River further south. The Goodman Mountain trail in the Horsehoe Lake Wild Forest has been temporarily closed since June 6 due to the oddly behaving animal. The moose is staying on or around the trail near the summit, sometimes sitting and sometimes foraging in a small area, according to the Department of Environmental Conservation. Attempts to coax the moose from the trail have failed.	https://apnews.com/article/leaping-sturgeon-maine-river-fish-d6a3d3f5	July 25, 2025	Sturgeon, Maine, Nature, Weird World	
Bull moose crosses Adirondack mountain hiking trail in New York	Weird World / Wildlife	"This is very unusual behavior," agency research scientist Dave Kramer said Thursday. "Typically at this time of year, moose will have moved down into the lower elevations where they're primarily browsing on aquatic vegetation."	https://apnews.com/article/moose-trail-closed-adirondacks-new-york-6	July 25, 2025	Wildlife, Moose, Adirondacks, Weird World	
Nearly 1900 people killed seeking aid in Gaza on Sunday, Palestinian officials say - NPR	World / Conflict	At least 64 Palestinians were killed by Israel military fire across Gaza on Sunday as they tried to get food aid, according to local health authorities and hospital morgue officials, in one of the deadliest days in recent months for those seeking assistance.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/20/middle-east-15471123/1900-killed-seeking-aid	2025-07-20	Gaza, Conflict, Aid	
At Least 13 Dead and Over 100 Injured After Military Jet Crashes Into School Campus in Israel, Explosion: Reports	World / Tragedy	At least 19 people were killed and 164 injured after a Bangladesh air force training jet crashed into a college and school campus in the capital, Dhaka, on Monday after experiencing a technical problem shortly after takeoff.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/at-least-several-injured-military-1022437	2025-07-21	Military, Crash, Tragedy	
At least 19 killed as military plane crashes into Bangladesh school campus	World / Tragedy	Scientists said they'd discovered bacteria that used the element arsenic — poisonous to life as we know it — to grow. If true, it expanded the possibilities for where life could exist on Earth — or on other worlds. Several research groups failed to replicate the results, and argue it's not possible for a living thing to use something so toxic to make DNA and proteins. Some scientists have suggested the results of the original experiments may have been skewed by undetected contaminants.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/21/military-plane-crashes-1	2025-07-21	Bangladesh, Plane Crash, School	
A NASA-funded study that hinted at a bizarre life form in Mono Lake has been retracted	Science / Space	Seeger's predicament highlights a growing problem for hundreds of people with experimental neural implants, including those for depression, quadriplegia and other conditions. Although these patients take big risks to advance science, there's no guarantee that their devices will be maintained — particularly after they finish participating in clinical trials — and no mechanism requiring companies or insurers to do so.	https://apnews.com/article/genetic-alien-life-mono-lake-nasa-bacteria-6	July 28, 2025	NASA, Mono Lake, Alien Life, Study Retraction, Sci	
Grant cuts reveal a crisis for patients with experimental brain implants	Health / Science	France's bold decision to recognize the state of Palestine could help to shift conversations about the future of the Middle East, even if it's unlikely to have an immediate impact for people in Gaza or on Israel's war with Hamas.	https://apnews.com/article/brain-implants-depression-dbs-nih-funding-1	July 28, 2025	Brain Implants, NIH Funding, Health Crisis, Science	
How France's recognition of a Palestinian state could shift diplomacy	Foreign Policy / Middle East	In a world where nations are again using military force to impose their will on others — notably Russia in Ukraine, and the U.S. and Israel with their recent strikes on Iran and its nuclear facilities — French President Emmanuel Macron is attempting to strike a blow for diplomacy and the idea that war rarely brings peace.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	France, Palestine, Israel, Diplomacy, Middle East	
At least 3 killed and others injured in train derailment in Germany	World / Disasters	A regional passenger train derailed in southern Germany on Sunday, killing at least three people and injuring several others.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Germany, Train Derailment, Disaster, Casualties	
At least 11 people stabbed at Traverse City Walmart, 6 in critical condition	Crime / Public Safety	Eleven people were stabbed at a Walmart in Traverse City on Saturday — with six in critical condition — in what a Michigan sheriff said appeared to be a random act. A suspect was in custody, after their escape.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Traverse City, Walmart, Stabbing, Public Safety, Mici	
Trump's paved makeover of White House Rose Garden nears completion	Political / Crsopol	The garden's previously grassy lawn was fully covered by pavement as construction crews put the final touches on Trump's project Friday. The last rows of pavers were put in place as workers taped off their edges.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Trump, Rose Garden, White House, Renovation, Po	
Bangladesh orders 25 Boeing planes as part of push to ease US tariffs	Economy / Trade	The Republican president said in March he'd pave over the Rose Garden because the grass is always wet and is an inconvenience for people in high heels. The project was expected to be finished in August.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Bangladesh, Boeing, Trade, Tariffs, Economy	
Boeing's fighter jet workers in the St. Louis area reject a contract offer	Labor / Defense	Bangladesh has ordered 25 aircraft from Boeing (BA) and ramped up imports of key American goods in an effort to defuse trade tensions and bring down the steep tariffs imposed by the Trump administration, a senior official said on Sunday.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Boeing, Fighter Jets, Labor Dispute, Defense Indust	
Delta's struggles with the airport lounge and the angst of the upper middle class in the age of 'ville overproduction,' explained	Economy / Lifestyle	Boeing jets to strike after they rejected a proposed contract Sunday that included a 20% wage increase over four years.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Delta Airlines, Airport Lounges, Elite Overproduction	
Haves and have-nots: The stock market thinks more consumers are reaching a breaking point	Economy / Consumer	America's leading premium airline has long offered a standard lounge experience through its Sky Clubs, with free eat & buffets of cold snacks and heated steam trays, and a range of complimentary drinks. The Sky Clubs were no match for the burst of revenge travelers. Badaian's efforts to fix these problems in 2023—barring Basic Economy passengers and capping the number of visits allowed for credit card holders—sparked backlash on customers' part and soul-searching for Badaian. "We are victims of our own success," he told Fast Company's Stephanie Meritis in 2024, as he explained changes to benefits including access to Sky Club lounges. "It's hard to tell someone who's been at a certain place for many years that what they've earned is no longer as valuable."	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Stock Market, Consumers, Economic Divide, Financ	
The wildest ride at the OC Fair is the emotional rollercoaster of competitive table setting	Weird World	Eric Freedman, chief investment officer at US Bank Asset Management Group, said the recent moves reflected a bifurcated consumer landscape. He thinks that companies catering to more price-sensitive shoppers will need to work harder to capture demand.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	OC Fair, Table Setting, Lifestyle, Competitions, Cultu	
Extreme Heat Is Putting 2026 World Cup Athletes at Risk	Climate / Sports	From pie eating contests to pig races, county fairs are known for competition. But one contest that's had a surge in popularity in recent years is one you might not expect: competitive table setting. Extreme temperatures peaked when a record-breaking heat dome settled over the U.S. in late June. Amid a heat emergency in Philadelphia, Chelsea manager Enzo Maresca said it was "impossible" to train properly because of the 96°F weather. Midfielder Enzo Fernandez said the 96°F heat during Chelsea's semi-final on July 8—a 3:00 p.m. kick-off at MetLife Stadium like the final—was "very dangerous." "It was so hot at one point that he "had to lie down on the ground" after feeling "really dizzy."	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	World Cup 2026, Extreme Heat, Climate Change, AI	
Trump Unveils Plan to Win AI 'Race' by Loosening Regulation	Tech / Policy	The 28-page strategy, called "Winning the Race: America's AI Action Plan," centers on three "pillars": accelerating AI innovation, building AI infrastructure in the U.S., and establishing the U.S. as a leader in AI globally. It recommends dozens of actions for the federal government to take across those pillars over the next few months, including reducing the number of environmental regulations imposed on data centers and only contracting with large language model developers deemed free from "ideological bias."	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Trump, AI, Regulation, Tech Policy, Innovation Race	
COVID-19 Is Rising Again. Here's What to Know	Health / COVID-19	Pillar I: Accelerate AI Innovation Pillar II: Build American AI Infrastructure Pillar III: Lead in International AI Diplomacy and Security	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	COVID-19, Summer Surge, Variants, Vaccines, Publ	
The 'Big Beautiful Bill' May Lead to More Fatal Overdoses	Health / Policy	The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that cases of COVID-19 are increasing in nine states and likely growing in another 16. The trends are estimates, as the CDC no longer conducts rigorous surveillance of cases based on results from lab tests. Fewer people are also getting tested. But the data do provide a hint on how the disease is changing over time, and new monitoring systems that track viruses in wastewater confirm the rise.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Trump, Big Beautiful Bill, Opioids, Overdose, Health	
Firefighters in 'Titanic Battle' As Wildfires Rage In Greece	Climate / Disasters	The Associated Press also reported that flames have been blazing in Turkey for weeks now threaten the country's fourth-largest city, Bursa, as the forested mountains around the city became engulfed, forcing over 1,700 civilians to evacuate on Sunday.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Greece, Wildfires, Climate Crisis, Firefighters, Evacu	
Former OpenAI engineer will sue Meta's new Superintelligence Lab chief scientist	Tech / AI	Earlier this month, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) warned that Western Europe was being influenced by a "strong high-pressure system," which traps dry air from northern Africa and leads to "extreme" heat. The WMO added that this extreme heat would lead to elevated air pollution and wildfires—which has come to fruition this weekend. Europe had its hottest June on record this year.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Meta, OpenAI, AI, Superintelligence, Tech Industry	
Epstein associate Ghislaine Maxwell secures DOJ 'limited' immunity: Sources	Political / Crsopol	The first come after the WMO confirmed in January that 2024 was the warmest year on record, based on six international datasets—the first calendar year in which the global mean temperature was "more than 1.5°C above the 1950-1990 average."	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Ghislaine Maxwell, Epstein, DOJ, Immunity, Political	
Prison debt is crushing Black women, advocates say	Justice / Inequality	Shenguo Zhao — formerly of OpenAI — is the new chief scientist at Meta's new Superintelligence Lab. Mark Zuckerberg announced on Threads on Friday. The company is spending billions of dollars to hire key employees as it looks to jumpstart its effort and compete with Google, OpenAI and others.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Prison Debt, Black Women, Justice Reform, Inequal	
Trump team rethinks Gaza strategy after six months of failure	Foreign Policy / Middle East	Jeffrey Epstein associate Christine Maxwell was granted "limited" immunity by the Justice Department to answer questions about the child sex trafficking ring that led to her 20-year prison sentence, multiple outlets reported of anonymous sources.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Trump, Gaza, Israel, Foreign Policy, Peace Talks	
Trump ignites chain reaction with early redistricting gamble	Political / Crsopol	Proffer immunity agreements are standard practice for cooperators in criminal cases, and Maxwell's immunity was dubbed "limited" because it only applies if she tells the truth, NBC News reported.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Trump, Redistricting, Elections, Political Strategy	
EU trade deal with Trump helps Europe ditch Russian fuels	Energy / Geopolitics	Nearly all states allowing jails and prisons to charge incarcerated people for room and board or medical care highlights a deeper problem: their families, especially Black women, are forced to cover the costs, according to a new report. ... When incarcerated individuals can't pay — and most can't — the debt is passed to a loved one or follows them after release.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	EU, Trump, Russian Energy, Trade Deal, Geopolitics	
Trump's economy faces historic week on interest rates, trade, jobs and more	Economy / Trade	In some states, advocates say that debt collectors or probation officers send letters demanding full repayment within 30 days. We need to do some serious rethinking, a visibly frustrated Secretary of State Marco Rubio told a group of hostage families on Friday after the latest round of Gaza talks broke down, two people who attended the meeting told Axios.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Trump, Economy, Interest Rates, Trade, Jobs	
US, EU reach trade deal with 16% tariff as Trump, von der Leyen avert trade war	Economy / Trade	Six months into his presidency, President Trump is no closer to ending the war in Gaza. The humanitarian crisis is worse than ever, negotiations are deadlocked, and the U.S. and Israel are increasingly isolated internationally. Trump campaigned on ending the war and bringing the hostages home. As it drags on, and images of starving Palestinians are shared all over the world, cracks are emerging in the MAGA base over Trump's support for Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's maximalist war strategy.	https://thn.it/ny.us	July 28, 2025	Trump, EU, Trade Deal, Tariffs, Economy	

Republicans seize on Trump administration's Obama accusations	Political Cesspool	Some Republican lawmakers on Sunday platformed the administration's recent claims that Obama-era officials instigated a Russia-related conspiracy against President Trump — but stopped short of endorsing the president's allegations of "treason."			
		Asked by NBC's Kristen Wecker whether the new controversy was an attempt to distract from the ongoing fallout from the administration's handling of the Jeffrey Epstein case, Graham argued he was trying to "dig on something we didn't go on before."	https://www.avics.com/2025/07/27/trump-obama-accusations-russia-re/	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Trump, Republicans, Obama, Russia, Partisan Politi
Trump tariffs start August 1, no extensions, Luthnick says	Economy / Trade	Since January, the world has gotten accustomed to President Trump announcing tariffs and then reversing them, putting them back at the last moment, or pausing them shortly after going into effect. Financial markets call it the "TACO trade" — "Trump always chickens out" — and it's helped fuel a historic surge in stocks since the spring. Luthnick insists that's not over.	https://www.avics.com/2025/07/27/trump-tariffs-august-1	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Trump, Tariffs, Economy, Trade Policy
The sea animal which could soon be used to predict tornadoes	Science / Climate	Researchers are tagging sharks in the Atlantic Ocean to gather critical data for improving hurricane forecasting. Three sharks, including two makos sharks, are fitted with sensors to monitor water conductivity and temperature, key factors influencing hurricane strength. This innovative method utilizes sharks as "ocean sensors" to collect data more efficiently than traditional approaches like satellites or robotic gliders. A school district in Tennessee will no longer accept doctor's notes as an excuse for a child's absence in an apparent attempt to pressure them for the workplace.	https://www.independent.co.uk/briefing/sea-sharks-hurricanes-atlantic	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Tornado Prediction, Sea Animals, Science, Climate f
Tennessee district bans doctor's notes to exempt kids from school to teach them good work ethic	Education / Policy	"If you have the sniffles, that is fine." Director of Schools Michael Adkins said during a recent meeting. "You are going to have them when you go to work one day. We have all gone to work sick and hurt and beat up."	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/us/politics/tennessee-school	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Tennessee, Education Policy, Doctor's Notes Ban, S
Trump says US gave \$60 million for food in Gaza - then complains he didn't get a thank you	Foreign Policy / Middle East	The median price for an existing home sold last month was \$435,300, besting the previous record, set in June 2024, according to data from the National Association of Realtors. But overall, sales numbers were at a nine-month low, seasonally adjusted. Sales in June decreased 2.7% from a month earlier.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/us/politics/4-east-trump-gaza-isq/	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Trump, Gaza, Israel, Foreign Aid, Middle East
ADA at 35: How Bob Dole and disability activists passed a civil rights law	Civil Rights / Disability	But most people don't realize how close the law came to not passing. It took years of debates between politicians and advocates — not to mention protests, lobbying and back-door negotiations. People from every state played a part, but Kansas took on a larger role than some — because Kansas is the home of Bob Dole.	https://www.kcur.org/story/2025-07-15/americans-with-disabilities-act	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 ADA, Disability Rights, Bob Dole, Civil Rights, Histor
While Trump golfs in Scotland, protesters mock him	Political Cesspool	MacLeod-Trotter said members of the MacLeod clan were "ashamed" to see their family name associated with a new golf course in Aberdeenshire. Trump is expected to inaugurate the new course this weekend in honor of his mother.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/28/ga-1-39744/scotland-protesters-anti-trump	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Trump, Scotland, Protest, Political Theater
Home sales are down. So why are prices at an all-time high?	Economy / Housing	"Those who have housing equity can make housing trades right now. Many of them are doing so even with an all-cash purchase," Laury says. "They have the ability to interact with today's housing market. Many homebuyers are being shut out."	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/28/hw-1-5478737/home-price-record-npr	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Housing, Home Prices, Mortgage Rates, Economy
Nearly 4,000 NASA employees to exit through resignation program	Science / Space	Nearly 4,000 NASA employees have opted to leave the space agency through the Trump administration's deferred resignation program, NASA said on Saturday. The cuts amount to an estimated 20% of NASA's workforce, and will reduce the agency from 18,000 to 14,000 employees. NASA spokesperson Cheryl Werner said in a statement shared with NPR. The total number includes the agency's loss of 500 other workers due to normal attrition, she said.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/28/nw-1-5481304/nasa-employees-deferri	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 NASA, Workforce, Space Exploration, Science
'Hell on Earth': Venezuelans deported to El Salvador mega-prison describe abuse	Human Rights / Immigration	Terán was among hundreds of Venezuelans sent to El Salvador by the Trump administration, many under the 1798 Alien Enemies Act, a rarely-used wartime power. They were accused — without evidence — of being members of Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua. For nearly four months, the U. S. government withheld the identities of the men it deported and barred them from contacting their families or lawyers.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/27/nw-1-5472143/hell-on-earth-venezuel	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Venezuela, El Salvador, Mega-Prison, Human Right
Thai and Cambodian leaders to meet in Malaysia for talks to end deadly border dispute	Foreign Policy / Asia	That and Cambodian leaders will meet in Malaysia for talks to end hostilities, a spokesperson for the Thai prime minister's office said on Sunday. This comes following pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump to end a deadly border dispute, now in its fourth day, which has killed at least 34 people and displaced more than 168,000.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/27/nw-1-5481773/thai-cambodian-leaders	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Thailand, Cambodia, Border Dispute, Foreign Policy
Get ready, Brazil. The 'good mosquitoes' are coming	Health / Science	Cabral is a biologist at the nonprofit World Mosquito Program who supervises this place, which amounts to a finely tuned, high tech bug-making factory where mosquitoes are bred by the millions. The thought of all these mosquitoes might make one's skin crawl. But Cabral thinks of them as her babies, and she says these insects deserve more praise than bashing. That's because they've been engineered to shut down the transmission of the very diseases they usually carry and spread. For the first time, he's having parents of newborns ask me if their baby will still be able to get vaccines. Failure said. Throughout the U.S., pediatricians say anxious parents are concerned about access to routine childhood immunizations.	https://www.npr.org/sections/healthandscience/2025/07/27/g-1-787050m	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Brazil, Dengue, Mosquitoes, Health Innovation, Scie
Fearing coverage could change, some parents rush to vaccinate their kids	Health / Policy	That's especially true for those with children covered by Medicaid, the government insurance program for low-income families and people with disabilities. Medicaid covers 4 in 10 children in the United States.	https://www.npr.org/sections/healthandscience/2025/07/25/nw-1-5477	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Vaccines, Pediatric Health, RFK Jr, Medicaid, Health
Alpha School, AI-Driven Education Founded in Austin, Is Coming to More Cities	Tech / Education	"People should be worried about what's going to happen to the availability of vaccines for children," said Jennifer Tolbert, deputy director of the Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured at KFF, a national health policy nonprofit that includes KFF Health News. In Austin, Texas, where the titans of technology have moved their companies and built mansions, some of their children are also subjects of a new innovation: schooling through artificial intelligence. And with ambitious expansion plans in the works, a priority private AI school in Austin, called Alpha School, will be replicating itself across the country this fall. Supporters of Alpha School believe an A.I.-forward approach helps tailor an education to a student's skills and interests. MacKenzie Price, a podcaster and influencer who co-founded Alpha, has called classrooms "the next global battlefield."	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/27/us/politics/ai-alpha-school-austin/	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 AI, Education, Alpha School, Austin, Tech Expansion
What Will It Cost to Renovate Trump's 'Free' Air Force One? Don't Ask.	Political Cesspool	President Trump makes no secret of his displeasure over the cost of renovating the Federal Reserve headquarters — around \$2.5 billion, or even higher by the president's accounting. But getting the White House to discuss another of Washington's expensive renovation projects, the cost of refurbishing a "free" Air Force One from Qatar, is quite another matter. Officially, and conveniently, the price tag has been classified. But even by Washington standards, where "black budgets" are often used as an excuse to avoid revealing the cost of outsourced spy satellites and lavish end-of-year parties, the techniques being used to hide the cost of Mr. Trump's pet project are inventive. Which may explain why no one wants to discuss a mysterious, \$934 million transfer of funds from one of the Pentagon's most over-budget, out-of-control projects — the modernization of America's aging, ground-based nuclear missiles.	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/27/us/politics/air-force-one-trump-qatar/	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Trump, Air Force One, Renovation Costs, Political S
Call to make wet wipe producers pay for polluting England's waterways	Environment / Pollution	Wet wipe producers should be charged to remove their pollution from England's waterways, the author of a government review into reforming the sector has said. Sewage has been a critical factor in the devastating pollution of our waterways, but other sources of pollution include microplastics, consumer products such as wet wipes, and the byproducts of modern manufacturing, such as plastic ("forever chemicals"), as well as fertiliser and pesticides from farming. Many of these have been linked to harmful effects on human health and the natural environment. The fairest way to deal with this, Sir Jon Cunliffe, a former Bank of England deputy governor, said, could be to apply the "polluter pays" principle, whereby the company behind the pollution contributes towards its removal. "The alternative is for everyone to pay for it through their bills, and the question is, should we spread that among everybody, or should we go through a polluter pays route? So I think, really, we should look at those routes," he said. Thousands of tonnes of an aggressive invasive seaweed from south-east Asia are piling up on the beaches of the strait of Gibraltar and Spain's southern coast in what local environmentalists say is a major threat to the region's biodiversity. Since May, the local authority in Cádiz has removed 1,200 tonnes of the alga Rugulopteryx okamiae from La Caleta, the city's most popular beach, including 78 tonnes in a single day.	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jul/20/make-wet-wipe	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Wet Wipes, Pollution, England, Environmental Polic
Thousands of tons of invasive seaweed 'overwhelming' Spanish beaches	Environment / Climate	"We're completely overwhelmed. This is an environmental catastrophe," said José Carlos Teruel, responsible for Cádiz city council's beaches. "Wherever the wind is westerly, we know we're in for another wave of seaweed."	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jul/27/thousands-of-ae/	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Spain, Seaweed, Invasive Species, Beaches, Envir
Missionaries using secret audio devices to evangelize Brazil's isolated peoples	Religion / Human Rights	Missionary groups are using audio devices in protected territories of the rainforest to attract and evangelise isolated or recently contacted indigenous people in the Amazon. A joint investigation by the Guardian and Brazilian newspaper O Globo reveals that solar-powered devices recording biblical messages in Portuguese and Spanish have appeared among members of the Konobo people in the Javari valley, near the Brazil-Peru border. Drones have also been spotted by Brazilian state agents in charge of protecting the areas. The gadgets have raised concerns about illegal missionary activities, despite strict government measures designed to safeguard isolated indigenous groups.	https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/jul/27/missiona	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Missionaries, Brazil, Amazon, Human Rights, Relig
Immigration agents told a teenage US citizen: 'You've got no rights.' He secretly recorded his brutal arrest	Justice / Immigration	Video footage of the incident captured by Laynez-Ambrosio, an 18-year-old US citizen, appears to show a group of officers in tactical gear working together to violently detain the three men; two of whom are undocumented. They appear to use a stun gun on one man, put another in a chokehold and can be heard telling Laynez-Ambrosio: "You've got no rights here. You're a migo, brother." Afterward, agents can be heard bragging and making light of the arrests, calling the stun gun use "funny" and supplying "You can smell that... \$30,000 bonus." The footage has put fresh scrutiny on the harsh tactics used by US law enforcement officials as the Trump administration sets ambitious enforcement targets to detain thousands of immigrants every day. Laynez-Ambrosio can also be heard telling officers: "I was born and raised right here." Still, he was pushed to the ground and says that an officer aimed a stun gun at him. He was subsequently arrested and held in a cell at a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) station for six hours. Audio in the video catches the unidentified officers debriefing and appearing to make light of the stun gun use. "You're funny, bro," one officer can be overheard saying to another, followed by laughter.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/25/florida-teen-immigra	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Immigration, Teen Arrest, Florida, Human Rights, Ju
Two top NOAA officials linked to Trump's 'Sharpiegate' incident put on leave	Political Cesspool	Two high-ranking officials at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration were placed on administrative leave on Friday, fueling speculation that the Trump administration was retaliating against them for actions taken during the president's first term. Jeff Ollen, who was serving as deputy general counsel, and Stephen Votz, who heads the agency's satellites division, led the investigation into whether agency administrators abdicated their scientific ethics when they altered the forecast of a deadly hurricane to match statements made by the president.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/25/noaa-officials-leave	https://tbn.itnny.us	July 28, 2025 Trump, NOAA, Sharpiegate, Political Scandal

Alabama child dies after being left in hot car while in state custody	Child Welfare / Public Safety	An investigation has been triggered after a three-year-old boy died after being left in a hot car by a contractor for the state human resources department in Alabama. Ke'Tonius Starkes Jr, who was in foster care, had been picked up in the late morning on Tuesday by the worker after a supervised visit with his father, the New York Times reported. He was supposed to be transported to a daycare program by a worker for the department, which oversees child protection after other social services. The daughter of a woman murdered by a man from Laos who is among those controversially deported from the US to South Sudan has spoken out about her family's pain but also to deny the lack of rights afforded to those who were expelled to countries other than their own. In an interview with the Guardian, Pfleger said: "It's been 31 years living with the irreparable pain and permanent grief, so, on the one hand, I wanted him gone. On the other hand, I'm a historian and I have taught constitutional history. He was denied due process and that's a constitutional problem."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/27/alabama-boy-death https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Alabama, Child Welfare, Hot Car Death, Public Safe
Daughter of woman murdered by man who US deported speaks out: 'He was denied due process'	Justice / Immigration	A top US medical body has expressed "deep concern" to Robert F Kennedy Jr over news reports that the health secretary plans to overhaul a panel that determines which preventive health measures including cancer screenings should be covered by insurance companies. The letter from the the American Medical Association comes after the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday that Kennedy plans to overhaul the 40-year old US Preventive Services Task Force because he regards them as too "woke", according to sources familiar with the matter. The taskforce is made up of a 16-member panel appointed by health and human services secretaries to serve four-year terms. In addition to cancer screenings, the taskforce issues recommendations for a variety of other screenings including osteoporosis, intimate partner violence, HIV prevention, as well as depression in children. Reports of Kennedy's alleged decision to overhaul the taskforce come after the American Conservative published an essay earlier this month that described the taskforce as advocating for "leftwing ideological orthodoxy". It went on to accuse the panel of being "jacked with Biden administration appointees devoted to the ideological capture of medicine", warning that the "continued occupation of an important advisory body in HHS — one that has the capacity to force private health insurers to cover services and procedures — by leftwing activists would be a grave oversight by the Trump administration."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/27/daughter-woman-mu https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Murder, Deportation, Due Process, Immigration Poli
Top medical body concerned over RFK Jr's reported plans to cut preventive health panel	Health / Policy	An Iowa toddler who was born when his mother was less than five months pregnant isn't only the most premature baby recognized by Guinness World Records after recently turning one. Nash's birth came 133 days ahead of Mollie's expected due date, based on a typical full-term pregnancy of 280 days, an article on guinnessworldrecords. com said.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/28/most-premature-baby-q https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Premature Baby, Guinness World Record, Health, H
Bongino vows to uncover 'truth' in cryptic message: 'We cannot run a Republic like this'	Political Cesspool	Bongino said that he and FBI Director Kash Patel are committed to "stamping out public corruption and the political weaponization of both law enforcement and intelligence operations." "It is a priority for us. But what I have learned in the course of our properly predicated and necessary investigations into these aforementioned matters, has shocked me down to my core. We cannot run a Republic like this. I'll never be the same after learning what I've learned," the deputy director wrote. It unclear what Bongino was referring to. The Hill has reached out to the FBI for additional comment. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is reportedly set to remove all 16 members of a cancer screening and HIV medication task force because he believes they're too "woke". It's unclear what exactly led Kennedy to adopt this view. But the Journal notes that a July 9 article in the American Conservative called attention to the task force's use of the terms "pregnant persons," "structural racism," and "microaggressions" in new recommendations.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/bongino-vows-uncover-truth-cryp https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Dan Bongino, MAGA, Conspiracy, Political Drama
Cancer Screening Panel Too 'Woke' for RFK Jr.	Health / Policy	The Department of Justice is going state by state to scrutinize how officials manage their voter rolls and remove ineligible voters. The effort is so far focused on battleground states and follows President Donald Trump's widely challenged executive order in March that sought to create new requirements to register to vote and backed a range of voting policies long supported by Republicans. Americans are more likely to get struck by lightning than to commit in-person voter fraud, according to a study from the Brennan Center for Justice, a nonpartisan good government group based at New York University. Federal government agencies are reportedly using an artificial intelligence tool from Elon Musk's DOGE initiative to identify regulations to cut, with a goal of cutting about half from a list of 200,000 federal rules. The U.S. DoS Service described using the tool to analyze about 200,000 regulations to find ones that officials believe are neither necessary nor legally required, with a goal of cutting half by next January and saving the government billions of dollars in spending by the anniversary of Trump's inauguration, according to a PowerPoint presentation obtained by The Post.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/cancer-screening-panel-too-woke https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	RFK Jr, Cancer Screening, Health Policy, Culture W
Department of Justice wants to inspect swing state voter rolls	Voting / Election Integrity	Ryan Walters, the anti-LGBTQ+, right-wing Christian Oklahoma superintendent of public instruction, has a program with images of nude women on his office TV during a state Board of Education meeting Thursday, according to two board members. A former CIA officer who helped investigate Russian election interference denied Director of National Intelligence Tuli Gabbard's claim that the Obama administration cooked up intelligence on Russia to undermine Trump's 2016 election win. "The director of national intelligence and the White House are lying again," said CIA veteran Susan Miller. "We definitely had the intel to show with high probability that the specific goal of the Russians was to get Trump elected."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/department-justice-wants-inspect https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	DOJ, Voter Rolls, Swing States, Election Integrity
DOGE plans to use AI to identify 50% of 200,000 federal regulations that can be eliminated by Trump	Politics / Regulation	The Pentagon has transferred \$934 million from the "Sentinel" — a \$77.7 billion project dedicated to modernizing the U.S.' ground-based nuclear missiles, to fund a classified project, according to The New York Times, and Air Force officials said at least some of the funds will go toward renovating a Qatar-Luxembourg Boeing 747-8 to Trump's liking. Sentinel began in 2020, and delays have pushed the project's cost to more than \$125 billion. A Pentagon estimate last year found the project's cost could grow to \$160 billion. Florida has begun deporting people from the notorious "Alligator Alcatraz" detention camp, the state's governor said, and deportations are expected to increase in the coming weeks. At a press conference at the controversial facility, Ron DeSantis said "hundreds of illegals have been removed" from the facility. He later clarified that most of those were from from Alligator Alcatraz to other detention facilities in the US. DeSantis, who has built a political career on his anti-immigration views, said 100 people had been deported from the US. The hurricane panic in the Atlantic Ocean may be nearly blank now, but forecasters say that may not last much longer, as several signs point to an uptick in activity across the basin. "The tropical environment should become more conducive for Atlantic hurricane activity in the next few weeks," said Colorado State University meteorologist Phil Klotzbach in a July 24 email to USA TODAY.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/doge-plans-ai-identify-50-201304 https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Trump, DOGE, AI, Federal Regulations, Policy Refo
Far-right Oklahoma schools head Ryan Walters had nude women on TV during meeting: report	Political Cesspool	A former CIA officer who helped investigate Russian election interference denied Director of National Intelligence Tuli Gabbard's claim that the Obama administration cooked up intelligence on Russia to undermine Trump's 2016 election win. "The director of national intelligence and the White House are lying again," said CIA veteran Susan Miller. "We definitely had the intel to show with high probability that the specific goal of the Russians was to get Trump elected."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/oklahoma-schools-head-ryan https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Ryan Walters, Oklahoma, Education, Political Scand
Gabbard is Lying About Obama and Russian Intel: Top CIA Officer	Political Cesspool	The Pentagon has transferred \$934 million from the "Sentinel" — a \$77.7 billion project dedicated to modernizing the U.S.' ground-based nuclear missiles, to fund a classified project, according to The New York Times, and Air Force officials said at least some of the funds will go toward renovating a Qatar-Luxembourg Boeing 747-8 to Trump's liking. Sentinel began in 2020, and delays have pushed the project's cost to more than \$125 billion. A Pentagon estimate last year found the project's cost could grow to \$160 billion. Florida has begun deporting people from the notorious "Alligator Alcatraz" detention camp, the state's governor said, and deportations are expected to increase in the coming weeks. At a press conference at the controversial facility, Ron DeSantis said "hundreds of illegals have been removed" from the facility. He later clarified that most of those were from from Alligator Alcatraz to other detention facilities in the US. DeSantis, who has built a political career on his anti-immigration views, said 100 people had been deported from the US. The hurricane panic in the Atlantic Ocean may be nearly blank now, but forecasters say that may not last much longer, as several signs point to an uptick in activity across the basin. "The tropical environment should become more conducive for Atlantic hurricane activity in the next few weeks," said Colorado State University meteorologist Phil Klotzbach in a July 24 email to USA TODAY.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/gabbard-lying-obama-russian-intel https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Tuli Gabbard, Obama, CIA, Russian Intel, Political I
Hegseth Secretly Spurns Nuclear Cash on Trump's 'Free' Jet	Political Cesspool	The Pentagon has transferred \$934 million from the "Sentinel" — a \$77.7 billion project dedicated to modernizing the U.S.' ground-based nuclear missiles, to fund a classified project, according to The New York Times, and Air Force officials said at least some of the funds will go toward renovating a Qatar-Luxembourg Boeing 747-8 to Trump's liking. Sentinel began in 2020, and delays have pushed the project's cost to more than \$125 billion. A Pentagon estimate last year found the project's cost could grow to \$160 billion. Florida has begun deporting people from the notorious "Alligator Alcatraz" detention camp, the state's governor said, and deportations are expected to increase in the coming weeks. At a press conference at the controversial facility, Ron DeSantis said "hundreds of illegals have been removed" from the facility. He later clarified that most of those were from from Alligator Alcatraz to other detention facilities in the US. DeSantis, who has built a political career on his anti-immigration views, said 100 people had been deported from the US. The hurricane panic in the Atlantic Ocean may be nearly blank now, but forecasters say that may not last much longer, as several signs point to an uptick in activity across the basin. "The tropical environment should become more conducive for Atlantic hurricane activity in the next few weeks," said Colorado State University meteorologist Phil Klotzbach in a July 24 email to USA TODAY.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/hegseth-secretly-spurns-nuclear https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Hegseth, Trump, Nuclear Funds, Scandal
'Hundreds' of people have been removed from 'Alligator Alcatraz' detention camp, says Florida governor	Justice / Immigration	The hurricane panic in the Atlantic Ocean may be nearly blank now, but forecasters say that may not last much longer, as several signs point to an uptick in activity across the basin. "The tropical environment should become more conducive for Atlantic hurricane activity in the next few weeks," said Colorado State University meteorologist Phil Klotzbach in a July 24 email to USA TODAY.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/hundreds-people-removed-alliga https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Alligator Alcatraz, Immigration, Florida, Detention C
Hurricane season warning signs pile up. Brace for a dangerous August.	Climate / Disasters	Federal immigration judges fired by the Trump administration are filing appeals, pursuing legal action and speaking out in an unusually public campaign to fight back. More than 50 immigration judges — from senior leaders to new appointees — have been fired since Donald Trump assumed the presidency for the second time. Normally bound by courtroom decorum, many are now unrestrained in describing terminations they consider unfair and why they believe they were targeted. A district court judge in New York issued a preliminary injunction Friday night stopping the mass cancellation of National Endowment for the Humanities grants to members of the Authors Guild on the grounds that their First Amendment rights were violated. In reaching her decision, the judge said the "defendants terminated the grants based on the recipients' perceived viewpoint, in an effort to drive such views out of the marketplace of ideas. This is most evident by the citation in the Termination Notices to executive orders purporting to combat "Radical Indoctrination" and "Radical ... DEI Programs, and to further "Biological Truth." As the clock ticks down the final days of July, thermometers will climb across much of the eastern half of the United States, creating a dangerous and long-lasting heat wave that will put millions at risk of heat stroke and other illnesses. Those in the path of the heat wave should plan to take extra measures to stay cool through at least July 30. Keep things chill by staying in air-conditioned spaces, visit friends with pools, pile up the poppers and lemonade and put out the recipe for your favorite cold summer salad. "This will be a long duration heat wave, with little to no overnight relief and high humidity levels, leading to an increased danger," The National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center said on July 24. Rep. Lauren Boebert's son has been charged with child abuse following an incident involving her grandson that she described as a "miscommunication."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/hurricane-season-warning-signs https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Hurricane Season, Climate, Weather, Disaster Prep
Immigration judges fired by Trump administration say they will fight back	Justice / Immigration	Federal immigration judges fired by the Trump administration are filing appeals, pursuing legal action and speaking out in an unusually public campaign to fight back. More than 50 immigration judges — from senior leaders to new appointees — have been fired since Donald Trump assumed the presidency for the second time. Normally bound by courtroom decorum, many are now unrestrained in describing terminations they consider unfair and why they believe they were targeted. A district court judge in New York issued a preliminary injunction Friday night stopping the mass cancellation of National Endowment for the Humanities grants to members of the Authors Guild on the grounds that their First Amendment rights were violated. In reaching her decision, the judge said the "defendants terminated the grants based on the recipients' perceived viewpoint, in an effort to drive such views out of the marketplace of ideas. This is most evident by the citation in the Termination Notices to executive orders purporting to combat "Radical Indoctrination" and "Radical ... DEI Programs, and to further "Biological Truth." As the clock ticks down the final days of July, thermometers will climb across much of the eastern half of the United States, creating a dangerous and long-lasting heat wave that will put millions at risk of heat stroke and other illnesses. Those in the path of the heat wave should plan to take extra measures to stay cool through at least July 30. Keep things chill by staying in air-conditioned spaces, visit friends with pools, pile up the poppers and lemonade and put out the recipe for your favorite cold summer salad. "This will be a long duration heat wave, with little to no overnight relief and high humidity levels, leading to an increased danger," The National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center said on July 24. Rep. Lauren Boebert's son has been charged with child abuse following an incident involving her grandson that she described as a "miscommunication."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/immigration-judges-fired-trump https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Immigration Judges, Trump, Legal Battle, Immigrat
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Late July's oppressive heat forecast isn't normal	Climate / Weather	Those in the path of the heat wave should plan to take extra measures to stay cool through at least July 30. Keep things chill by staying in air-conditioned spaces, visit friends with pools, pile up the poppers and lemonade and put out the recipe for your favorite cold summer salad. "This will be a long duration heat wave, with little to no overnight relief and high humidity levels, leading to an increased danger," The National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center said on July 24. Rep. Lauren Boebert's son has been charged with child abuse following an incident involving her grandson that she described as a "miscommunication."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/late-oppressive-heat-forecast-isn https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Heat Wave, Climate Change, Weather, Extreme Ter
Lauren Boebert's son charged with child abuse in incident she described as a 'miscommunication'	Political Cesspool	Authorities have not yet shared details about the incident, which the 38-year-old congresswoman brushed off as "a miscommunication on monitoring my young grandson that recently led to him getting out of the house." A federal judge in Miami is expected to hear arguments Monday from attorneys who say the Trump and DeSantis administrations are holding detainees at Alligator Alcatraz without charges and without access to immigration courts in violation of their constitutional rights. Questioning the very legality of the state-run detention center, the attorneys said in a legal filing Friday that immigrants held at the site are unable to challenge their detention because there is no federal immigration court overseeing their cases — even though the complex of tents and trailers has been operating for nearly a month.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/lauren-boebert-son-charged-child https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Lauren Boebert, Child Abuse, Legal Trouble, Politics
Lawyers question legality of Alligator Alcatraz, ask federal judge to intervene	Justice / Immigration	After the Flint water crisis, Michigan became a national leader on safe drinking water, requiring the removal of lead pipes and the reduction of harmful "forever chemicals" years before the federal government acted. But the state has a blind spot when it comes to the hundreds of thousands of people who live in its mobile home parks. Regulators say they have little power to enforce the rules in the state's estimated 100 or more unlicensed parks when caners fail to provide safe water. The problem is compounded by private equity firms that have been buying up parks over the past two decades and now control about 1 in every 5 parks in Michigan — among the highest rates in the country, according to the Private Equity Stakeholder Project, a group that advocates against such purchases. The Trump administration quietly scrapped a sweeping lie detector program inside the Pentagon this spring, just weeks after Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth launched it to root out leaks and just as he was facing one himself. All of it underscores the Trump administration's chaotic approach to secrecy: deploying polygraphs in one office, while classified war plans allegedly circulated in group texts like brunch updates. And it's not just the Pentagon. Across the federal government, agencies have embraced polygraph testing to investigate internal leaks — some led to embarrassing political blatout, not national security risks.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/lawyers-legality-alligator-alcatraz https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Alligator Alcatraz, Immigration, Legal Challenge, Flo
Michigan led on safe water after Flint, but mobile home parks are stubborn rough spot	Environment / Public Health	Regulators say they have little power to enforce the rules in the state's estimated 100 or more unlicensed parks when caners fail to provide safe water. The problem is compounded by private equity firms that have been buying up parks over the past two decades and now control about 1 in every 5 parks in Michigan — among the highest rates in the country, according to the Private Equity Stakeholder Project, a group that advocates against such purchases. The Trump administration quietly scrapped a sweeping lie detector program inside the Pentagon this spring, just weeks after Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth launched it to root out leaks and just as he was facing one himself. All of it underscores the Trump administration's chaotic approach to secrecy: deploying polygraphs in one office, while classified war plans allegedly circulated in group texts like brunch updates. And it's not just the Pentagon. Across the federal government, agencies have embraced polygraph testing to investigate internal leaks — some led to embarrassing political blatout, not national security risks.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/michigan-led-safe-water-flint-130 https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Michigan, Flint Water Crisis, Mobile Home Parks, Pu
Pentagon ends lie detector sweep as Hegseth faces leak probe	Military / Security	The Trump administration quietly scrapped a sweeping lie detector program inside the Pentagon this spring, just weeks after Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth launched it to root out leaks and just as he was facing one himself. All of it underscores the Trump administration's chaotic approach to secrecy: deploying polygraphs in one office, while classified war plans allegedly circulated in group texts like brunch updates. And it's not just the Pentagon. Across the federal government, agencies have embraced polygraph testing to investigate internal leaks — some led to embarrassing political blatout, not national security risks.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/pentagon-ends-lie-detector-sweep https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Pentagon, Hegseth, Leak Probe, Security
Researchers quietly planned a test to dim sunlight. They wanted to 'avoid scaring' the public.	Climate / Science	A team of researchers in California drew notoriety last year with an aborted experiment on a retired aircraft carrier that sought to test a machine for creating clouds. But behind the scenes, they were planning a much larger and potentially riskier study of salt-water-spraying exesent that could eventually be used to dim the sun's rays — a multi-million-dollar project aimed at producing clouds over a stretch of ocean larger than Puerto Rico. In the video circulated by liberal commentators, a cadet appears to walk ahead of the golf-loving president in his golf cart and drop a ball behind him as the president approaches. "Trump working hard to bring down grocery prices," the caption says, making a satirical reference to the president's campaign promises to tackle inflation and costs. The Supreme Court's right-wing supermajority helped push President Donald Trump back in office. Now it's telling him run rampant, often without even bothering to give us an explanation. In 17 straight cases — an unprecedented number compared to every prior presidency, according to Georgetown Law professor Stephen Vladeck — the Supreme Court granted the Trump Justice Department's emergency requests, halting orders from lower courts that had temporarily blocked the administration's overreach. In doing so, the court has allowed the key planks of Trump's Project 2025 agenda to take effect. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court's solicitude towards Trump on the shadow docket suggests Trump's attacks against lower court judges have influenced the votes of the members of the high court's right-wing supermajority that have not gone totally MAGA. To those justices — Roberts chief among them — Trump's ever-present threat of defiance has presented the Supreme Court with a choice: be a rubber stamp to appease Trump and preserve the prospect that he will obey future adverse rulings, or refuse to be a rubber stamp even just once and reveal just how illusory the court's power has always been.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/researchers-quietly-planned-maic https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Climate Change, Geoeengineering, Sunlight Dimming
Rough deal: Social media roasts Trump's golf game after clip appears to show alleged cheating in Scotland	Political Cesspool	The Trump administration quietly scrapped a sweeping lie detector program inside the Pentagon this spring, just weeks after Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth launched it to root out leaks and just as he was facing one himself. All of it underscores the Trump administration's chaotic approach to secrecy: deploying polygraphs in one office, while classified war plans allegedly circulated in group texts like brunch updates. And it's not just the Pentagon. Across the federal government, agencies have embraced polygraph testing to investigate internal leaks — some led to embarrassing political blatout, not national security risks.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/rough-deal-social-media-roasts-2 https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Trump, Golf, Scotland, Social Media, Political Humo
Supreme Court Lets Trump Enact His Authoritarian Agenda on Its 'Shadow Docket'	Supreme Court / Policy	Meanwhile, the Supreme Court's solicitude towards Trump on the shadow docket suggests Trump's attacks against lower court judges have influenced the votes of the members of the high court's right-wing supermajority that have not gone totally MAGA. To those justices — Roberts chief among them — Trump's ever-present threat of defiance has presented the Supreme Court with a choice: be a rubber stamp to appease Trump and preserve the prospect that he will obey future adverse rulings, or refuse to be a rubber stamp even just once and reveal just how illusory the court's power has always been.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/supreme-court-lets-trump-enact-1 https://ttnn.livyn.us	July 28, 2025	Supreme Court, Trump, Shadow Docket, Authoritari

Surgery center workers charged with blocking ICE from arresting immigrant who ran into their building	Justice / Immigration	Two surgery workers in California have been charged with interfering with an Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigation for allegedly blocking agents from detaining an immigrant who ran into a surgery center to escape. Disturbing footage showed a masked agent holding back a female member of staff by her neck as she tried to step in the way. The agent forcefully pulls the woman before another worker intervenes. Criminal charges have now been filed against Jose de Jesus Ortega, 38, of Highland, and Danielle Nadine Davila, 33, of Corona, who are accused of assaulting and interfering with an ICE investigation, according to a federal criminal complaint.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/surgery-center-workers-charged-1https://ttn.fty.us	July 28, 2025	ICE, Immigration, Surgery Center, Legal Case, Justi
Trump fired him over white supremacist links. Now he's leading the US Institute of Peace	Political Cespoo	Darren Beattie, a top State Department official who was fired from the first Trump administration after speaking at a conference attended by white supremacists, has been appointed to lead the U. S. Institute for Peace, an independent nonprofit funded by Congress. Beattie, who will continue serving as U.S. Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy while leading the institute as acting president, has a history of inflammatory views.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-fired-him-over-white-19470https://ttn.fty.us	July 28, 2025	Trump, White Supremacy, US Institute of Peace, Co
Trump and the GOP working on an 'agenda 2027' to tell voters what to expect if they retain Congressional control	Politics / Policy	The White House is strategizing to make sure Republicans win enough seats and is putting together "a 2027 policy agenda" so Trump, who plans to join candidates on the campaign trail, can explain what continued GOP control of the House, Senate and the White House could look like, a White House official told Politico.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-gop-working-agenda-2027https://ttn.fty.us	July 28, 2025	Trump, GOP Agenda 2027, Congressional Policy, E
U.S. Senator Does Not Hold Back on Delta's 'Predatory' Move	Economy / Airlines	During an earnings call last week, Hauenstein told reporters that about 3 percent of the airline's domestic ticket prices are already set using AI, and that the company hopes to expand that to 20 percent by the end of 2025. He also boasted about Delta's partnership with Facebook, a tech company that claims to be able to "set the perfect price every time" using AI. While Delta is clearly excited about the move, three lawmakers have already expressed concern about the airline's plan, sending a letter demanding answers about the plan to expand its use of AI in setting fares. One of those lawmakers took it a step further. On Monday, the Department of Defense announced that it had awarded a massive new contract to build the nation's largest migrant detention camp on the Fort Bliss military base, a facility that will play a key role in the Trump administration's deportation plans. Unmentioned was that one of the subcontractors slated to work on the project, Disaster Management Group, is owned by Nathan Alberts, who previously co-owned a company that pleaded guilty in 2019 to a scheme to hire undocumented workers and conceal them from immigration authorities. Alberts is a big-time Republican donor who has spent time at Mar-a-Lago.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/us-senator-does-not-hold-0802534https://ttn.fty.us	July 28, 2025	Delta, Airlines, Predatory Practices, Economy
His Former Company Got Caught Employing Undocumented Workers. Now He's Profiting Off an Immigrant Detention Camp.	Corruption	We're seeing a slight backlash to the ultimate performance... people want more of an analog experience, McKel Hagerly, CEO of Hagerly, an automotive enthusiast brand, told ABC News. "It feels like zero to 60 times are now so low and so fast. I am not sure that matters anymore, or if horsepower matters anymore." McKel pointed to the T.50 supercar being built by Gordon Murray, the founder of British carmaker Gordon Murray Automotive and creator of the legendary McLaren F1 road car. The T.50's naturally aspirated V12 engine produces 681 hp and is capable of 120, 100 rpm. It also has a six-speed manual gearbox, an anomaly in the supercar realm. The company said it engineered the T.50 "to be the race-centric supercar ever built" and Hagerly expects similar manufacturers to follow Murray's lead.	https://www.repubblica.org/section/nathan-alberts-for-bias-immigrationhttps://ttn.fty.us/v2b2u43	2025-07-29	drivers, analog experience, electrification, transporta
Why more drivers are demanding an 'analog experience'	Technology / Transportation	The first pilot for obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) could be around the corner after pharmaceutical company Apnimed Inc. reported positive results from its stage III clinical trial. Aprimed's lead candidate AD109 showed "clinically meaningful and statistically significant reductions" in airway obstruction after 28 weeks, the company said in a press release. AD109, a once-a-day pill, is a neuromuscular modulator that increases upper airway muscle tone, which is how contracted the muscles are in the upper airway.	https://abcnews.go.com/health/tai-pil-obstructive-sleep-apnea-cornerhttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	sleep apnea, medication, health innovation
1st pill for obstructive sleep apnea could be around the corner	Health / Science	OSA patients treated with the medication saw a nearly 60% reduction in the severity from baseline at week 26, compared to 6.8% of those in the placebo group. More than 200 million people across from South Dakota to Florida and up the East Coast to Boston are on alert for widespread, dangerous heat on Monday and into the new work week, and parts of the Southeast could experience the brunt of the sweltering conditions. On average, nearly 12,000 Americans die from extreme heat each year, according to CDC data going back to 2020.	https://abcnews.go.com/health/tai-pil-obstructive-sleep-apnea-cornerhttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	sleep apnea, medication, health innovation
Heat indices could hit 120 as sweltering temperatures grip eastern half of US	Climate / Weather	Parts of Mississippi and Louisiana are on alert for heat indices up to 120 degrees. A new species of ancient shark has been discovered at Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky, officials said. Named <i>Mazadens eloni</i> , the fossils were found in the Ste. Genevieve Formation, dating back approximately 340 to 335 million years when Mammoth Cave was submerged in a warm, shallow sea teeming with life including crocodiles and corals, according to the National Park Service.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/130-million-people-brace-sweltering-conditionshttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	heat wave, heat index, eastern U.S., weather warnin
New species of ancient shark discovered at Mammoth Cave National Park	Weird World	There's a new species of shark released Monday from a rigorous U.S. study of lifestyle changes in seniors at risk of developing dementia. People following a combination of healthier habits slowed typical age-related cognitive decline — achieving scores on brain tests as if they were a year or two younger, researchers reported in JAMA and at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/130-million-people-brace-sweltering-conditionshttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	ancient shark, Mammoth Cave, paleontology, fossils
Age-related cognitive decline can be slowed by eating healthy and exercising your body and brain	Health / Science	Heavy rains and flooding killed 30 people in Beijing, authorities in the Chinese capital reported on Tuesday, bringing the death toll from the storms in the region to at least 34. A city government statement said that 28 people had died in its hard-hit Miyun district and two others in 'Yanqing district as of midnight. Both are outlying parts of the sprawling city, far from the downtown. More heavy rain fell overnight in the area. More than 80,000 people have been relocated in Beijing, including about 17,000 in Miyun, the statement said.	https://apnews.com/article/brain-health-dementia-exercise-diet-36e2ac7https://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	cognitive decline, aging, exercise, diet
30 people die in heavy rains and flooding in Beijing	Climate / Disasters	Reports on Monday said a landslide had killed four people in a rural part of Luoping county in neighboring Hebei province. Eight others were missing. A resident told the state-backed Beijing News that communications were down and he couldn't reach his relatives. A derecho is a long-lived line of storms that often produces extreme wind damage, said Gino Iazzi, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service's office in Chicago. Derechos can last eight hours or longer and travel hundreds of miles (kilometers) across the country with winds typically gusting over 60 mph (97 kph). "There's been instances where derechos have moved from Iowa all the way to Washington, D.C.," said Iazzi. Because of the intense straight-line winds and vast distances a derecho can travel, the damage they cause is often compared to the forces of tornadoes or hurricanes.	https://apnews.com/article/china-beijing-hebei-floods-fan-jin-qin-4d94815https://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	Beijing, flooding, China, extreme weather
What you need to know about derechos, an uncommon and destructive weather event	Climate / Weather	Earlier this month, Reuters reported EV brands Neta and Zeekr had arranged for cars to be insured before buyers purchased them, a scheme that effectively inflates sales numbers and gives the appearance of a hot market. Trading partners from the European Union to Japan to Vietnam appear to be according to the president's demands to accept higher costs — in the form of high tariffs — for the privilege of selling their wares to the United States. For Donald Trump, the agreements, driven by a mix of threats and cajoling, are a fulfillment of a decades-long belief in protectionism and a massive gamble that it will pay off politically and economically with American consumers.	https://apnews.com/article/derecho-wind-weather-storm-tornado-hurricanehttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	derecho, severe weather, storms, climate
Exclusive-Chinese consumer complaints show widespread padding of car sales figures	Economy / International	But there's no guarantee that Trump's radical overhaul of U.S. trade policy will deliver the happy ending he's promised. The framework agreement was exceedingly sparse on details. Most trade deals require months and even years of painstaking negotiation that rise and fall on granular details. Robotic pioneer Waymo has added Dallas to its expanding list of cities where people will be able to request a driverless ride beginning sometime next year in attempt to further distance itself from rivals still scrambling to catch up in the autonomous race. The Trump administration released a memo Monday that aims to protect religious expression among federal workers, outlining that employees can attempt to persuade co-workers about why their religious beliefs are "correct." The memo outlined conduct that should not result in disciplinary or corrective action, including displaying in the office tables, religious artwork, jewelry, posters displaying religious messages and other indicia of religion "such as crosses, crucifixes and mezuzah."	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trump-getting-world-economy-worries-1https://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	China, car sales, consumer complaints, fraud
Trump is getting the world economy he wants — but the risk to growth could spoil his victory lap	Economy / Global	The Trump administration released a memo Monday that aims to protect religious expression among federal workers, outlining that employees can attempt to persuade co-workers about why their religious beliefs are "correct." The memo outlined conduct that should not result in disciplinary or corrective action, including displaying in the office tables, religious artwork, jewelry, posters displaying religious messages and other indicia of religion "such as crosses, crucifixes and mezuzah."	https://tech.yahoo.com/transportation/articles/waymo-dallas-dispatch-rhttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	Trump, global economy, trade, growth risks
Waymo plans to dispatch robotaxis in Dallas next year as its driverless expansion races ahead	Transportation / Tech	The Trump administration released a memo Monday that aims to protect religious expression among federal workers, outlining that employees can attempt to persuade co-workers about why their religious beliefs are "correct." The memo outlined conduct that should not result in disciplinary or corrective action, including displaying in the office tables, religious artwork, jewelry, posters displaying religious messages and other indicia of religion "such as crosses, crucifixes and mezuzah."	https://thehill.com/home/news/administration/54239509-trump-memo-relhttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	Trump, federal workers, religion, policy change
Trump memo allows federal workers to persuade coworkers their religion is 'correct'	Politics / Religion	The memo also said one or more employees should be allowed to engage in individual or communal religious expressions and that employees can engage in conversations on religious topics "including attempting to persuade others of the correctness of their own religious views, provided that such efforts are not harassing in nature." The planet has endured massive freshwater losses over the past two decades due to the combined effects of climate change, overconsumption and drought, a new study has found. And land areas are expanding at a rate roughly twice the size of California each year, according to the study, published in Science Advances. Dry spots are now drying up faster than wet areas are getting wetter, researchers say.	https://thehill.com/policy/agribusiness/sustainability/5423766-freshwaterhttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	Trump, federal workers, religion, policy change
Study warns of alarming decline in freshwater reserves	Climate / Environment	"The VICEp is broken, and I intend to fix it. I will not allow the VICEp to continue to ignore its mandate and fail its mission of quickly and fairly compensating vaccine-injured individuals," Kennedy wrote in a lengthy post on social platform X. He has previously said he wants to expand the program, making it easier for claimants to qualify for awards based on adverse events he claims are associated with vaccines but are not currently part of the program.	https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/5424550-ft-j-vaccine-injury-progrhttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	freshwater, climate change, drought, environment
RFK Jr. lashes out at vaccine injury program, pledges changes	Health / Policy	President Trump's new executive order to combat homelessness encourages local governments to revive civil commitment, a process to place people with mental health issues in treatment facilities without their consent. Involuntary civil commitment has historically been used as a preventative method to confine people before they harm themselves or others, and most frequently affects vulnerable groups such as LGBTQ+, people of color and people with disabilities, according to several studies. Ghislaire Maxwell pressed ahead with an appeal to the Supreme Court on Monday, seeking to overturn her conviction on the grounds that she was unlawfully prosecuted for sex trafficking minors with Jeffrey Epstein. The firing of Maxwell, who was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison in 2022, comes just three days after she met with a top Justice Department official tapped to re-examine the Epstein case.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/25/civil-commitment-trumps-homelessaghttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	RFK Jr., vaccines, injury program, reform
What to know about Trump's forced hospitalization policy for homeless people	Policy / Civil Rights	A lawyer who is working on a criminal lawsuit in New Jersey seeks to dismiss the case by questioning Alina Habba's legitimacy to lead the U.S. attorney's office in the state. The lawsuit challenging Habba's legal authority underscores the effects of the Trump administration's unconventional approach of appointing officials who sometimes lack the background or the congressional support necessary to lead key offices. President Trump said Monday that he disagrees with Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's claim that there is no starvation in Gaza. Trump and his top aides acknowledge privately and publicly that their strategy in Gaza hasn't worked. But they haven't yet decided whether or how to change it.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/28/ghislaire-maxwell-supreme-court-acthttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	Trump, homelessness, Civil Rights
Ghislaire Maxwell files Supreme Court brief appealing Epstein conviction	Courts / Espionage Case	The Operation Graybull investigation launched in 2020, when law enforcement agents noticed a spike in traffic to a dark web site suspected of hosting child abuse material. The dark web child abuse sites eventually attracted more than 120,000 members, millions of files and at least 100,000 visits in a single day, according to an FBI official who spoke with CBS News. Three young men were killed and 10 others injured early Sunday at a popular nightclub in the Turks and Caicos Islands in what authorities called the British territory's first mass shooting in recent history. The shooting took place on the most populous island, Providenciales.	https://www.axios.com/2025/07/28/lawsuit-alina-habba-legal-authorityhttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	Ghislaire Maxwell, Epstein, Supreme Court
Trump aide Alina Habba's legal authority questioned in NJ criminal case	Political Cespoo	"During a break, an employee may engage another in polite discussion of why his faith is correct and why the non-adherent should re-think his religious beliefs," reads one portion of the administration's memo. "However, if the nonadherent requests such attempts to stop, the employee should honor the request." Tourists have been asked to stay away from Spain's famous lavender fields, known for producing eye-catching Instagram photos, at the weekends as the strain of the crowds is becoming too much to bear. The Spanish town of Brihuega attracts thousands of visitors each year, with many drawn by its picturesque lavender fields that span 1,000 hectares and serve as a stunning spot for social media photos.	https://www.cbsnews.com/news/justice-dept-shuts-down-dark-child-abusehttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	Trump, Alina Habba, Legal Challenges
Trump says kids in Gaza are starving in break with Netanyahu	International / Middle East	The area has become more popular over the past decade, with the influx of tourism helping to combat depopulation in the rural town. This time frame has seen a 24 per cent increase in residents and millions of euros brought in for the local economy. Airports across the European Union (EU) are finally set to scrap the 100ml liquid restrictions for passengers — but there's a catch.	https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/brihuega-spainhttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	Trump, Gaza, Israel, Netanyahu
Justice Dept. shuts down dark web child abuse sites that had 120,000 members and millions of files	Crime / Justice	Now, aviation hubs with advanced scanners will allow passengers to carry wine, olive oil, perfume and other liquids in containers of up to two litres.	https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/brihuega-spainhttps://ttn.fty.us	2025-07-29	dark web, child abuse, Justice Department, investi
Turks and Caicos Islands' first mass shooting kills 3, injures 10, police say	International / Crime			2025-07-29	Turks and Caicos, mass shooting, crime
Trump administration encourages federal employees to push religion at work	Politics / Religion			2025-07-29	Trump, religion, federal workers, workplace policy
Tourists warned to stay away from Instagrammable lavender fields in Spanish town at weekends	Weird World			2025-07-29	Spain, tourism, lavender fields, overcrowding
100ml liquid restriction set to be scrapped across European airports — but there's a catch	Travel / Aviation			2025-07-29	EU airports, liquid restriction, travel policy, security

Forget Rooftops — Bay Area Residents Are Plugging Solar Into the Wall	Climate / Energy	Plug-in solar, also called balcony solar, is a new take on an old technology. For years, panels that turn sunlight into electricity have been bolted onto rooftops and largely limited to people who own homes, have well-maintained roofs in prime positions, and a decent amount of cash or good credit. Recently, a passenger took to posting on the popular Reddit board, rTSA, claiming they'd been probed by agents on more than one occasion when presenting their legal birth ID as proof of identification. An acceptable photo ID issued by a federally recognized Tribal Nation or Indian Tribe, per the Federal Register (including Enhanced Tribal Cards (ETCs)), is considered Real ID-compliant. The traveler said in their post on Reddit that they were forced to show a second piece of ID instead as a result of the rejection by TSA agents.	https://www.kqed.org/science/1997318/forget-rooftops-bay-area-reside https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	solar power, Bay Area, renewable energy, renters
TSA is Denying Travelers' Perfectly Legal Real ID Alternative Despite Being Federally Recognized	Politics / Transportation	House Republican proposals to name the Kennedy Center after President Donald Trump and its opera house after first lady Melania Trump would violate the law by which the Kennedy Center was created, four sources familiar with the issue told NBC News. Republicans last week passed an amendment through committee that would rename the opera house after Melania Trump, saying it was a way to recognize her support for and commitment to the arts. The measure, sponsored by GOP Rep. Mike Simpson of Idaho, is now part of key legislation to fund the Interior Department, but it would still need to pass through the full House and the Senate to become law.	https://www.msn.com/en-us/politics/government/tsa-is-denying-traveler https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	TSA, Real ID, travel, federal compliance
Renaming the Kennedy Center for Donald and Melania Trump would violate the law that created it	Politics / Legal	Three former board members for the Kennedy Center told NBC News that the law creating the center prohibited any of the facilities from being renamed, other than the Eisenhower Theater, after the president whose administration first authorized its construction in 1958.	https://www.tbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/renaming-kennedy-center https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	Kennedy Center, Trump, Melania, renaming law
Pete Buttigieg: Democrats can't go back to pre-Trump status quo	Politics / Elections 2028	Pete Buttigieg is making his own pitch in one of NPR's all-platform interviews. The past and possibly future presidential contender had a discussion that's available as an Up First podcast episode, a video on multiple platforms, and on the radio during Morning Edition. In his conversation with NPR, Buttigieg warned that Democrats can't, and shouldn't, try to restore everything in the government that President Trump has broken this year.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/28/npr-st-5475197/buttigieg-trump-democr https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	Pete Buttigieg, Democrats, 2028 election, strategy
Big study finds lifestyle changes after age 60 can enhance brain health	Health / Science	"The turn over the Epstein files reflects a larger loss of confidence. He wants to push back on 'the politics of fear.' —Watch the board for clues." A study of more than 2,100 sedentary people in their 60s and 70s found that those who spent two years on the intensive regimen not only improved their mental abilities but appeared to reduce the usual declines associated with aging.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/28/npr-st-5477556/age-brain-health-likes https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	aging, brain health, lifestyle, cognitive resilience
Alexandria, Va. mayor calls Trump homelessness order 'cruel'	Politics / Social Policy	It requires states and cities like mine to demonstrate aggressive enforcement, Gaskins told Morning Edition. "It ends support for housing first policies. It encourages the expanded use of law enforcement tactics with little oversight." "Homelessness doesn't work."	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/28/npr-st-5478438/trump-homelessness-va https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	Trump, homelessness, Alexandria, executive order
States sue over USDA's food stamp data demand	Politics / Legal	A coalition of 21 states and Washington, D.C. filed a lawsuit Monday against the U.S. Department of Agriculture after the federal agency told states to turn over the detailed, personal information of food assistance applicants and their household members. The USDA has told states they have until July 30 to turn over data about all applicants to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, over the last five years, including names, Social Security numbers, birth dates and addresses. Last week, the agency broadened the scope of information it is collecting to include other data points, including immigration status and information about household members.	https://www.npr.org/2025/07/28/npr-st-5485842/snap-data-privacy-laws https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	USDA, SNAP, lawsuit, data privacy
The U.S. is destroying \$9.7 million in contraceptives. Is there another option?	Health / Reproductive Rights	The products' expiration dates range from 2027 to 2031, according to Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières, or MSF) and the reproductive health care nonprofit MSI United States. — In a statement shared with NPR, the State Department confirmed that the U.S. will spend \$167,000 to destroy the contraceptives at a French facility that handles medical waste.	https://www.npr.org/sections/poals-and-solutions/2025/07/28/npr-st-548274 https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	contraceptives, reproductive rights, waste, policy shift
Do 'work requirements' in Medicaid work? Georgia's been trying it for two years	Health / Policy	Some states have already tried this, but Georgia is the only state that currently has an active system using work requirements to establish Medicaid eligibility — and recipients must report to the system once a month. That's why health advocates are concerned about other states having to set up their own systems, given Georgia's experience. They say the eligibility verification involves excessive red tape, leading to improper denials and loss of health coverage.	https://www.npr.org/sections/health/health-news/2025/07/28/npr-st-5466 https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	Medicaid, Georgia, work requirements, healthcare policy
The Forest Service Says It's Fully Staffed. Data Shows Otherwise. — ProPublica	Investigation / Government	Verification systems like Georgia's can be expensive to implement and run. In the two years since launching its program, Georgia has spent more than \$91 million in state and federal funds, according to state data. Despite the Trump administration's public pronouncements that it has hired enough wildland firefighters, documents obtained by ProPublica show a high vacancy rate, as well as internal concern among top officials as more than 11 million acres burn across 10 states. Since then, the Forest Service's assertions have gotten even more optimistic: The agency now claims it has reached 99% of its firefighting hiring goal.	https://www.propublica.org/article/forest-service-staff-fire-season https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	Forest Service, staffing, ProPublica, wildfires
Thacker Pass Protesters Surveilled by Law Enforcement for Years, Records Show — ProPublica	Investigation / Surveillance	But according to internal data obtained by ProPublica, Rollins' characterization is dangerously misleading. She omitted a wave of resignations from the agency this spring and that many senior management positions remain vacant. Layoffs by the Department of Government Efficiency voluntarily deferred resignations and early retirements have severely hampered the wildland firefighting force. According to the internal national data, which has not been previously reported, more than 4,500 Forest Service firefighting jobs — as many as 27% — remained vacant as of July 17. A Forest Service employee who is familiar with the data said it comes from administrators who post staffing information into a computer tool used to create organization charts. The employee said that while the data could contain inaccuracies in certain forests, it broadly reflects the agency's desired staffing levels. The employee said the data showing "active" unfilled positions was "current and up-to-date for last week."	https://www.propublica.org/article/thacker-pass-lithium-mine-nevada-ny https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	Thacker Pass, surveillance, lithium mine, activism
Sight of someone potentially infectious causes immune response, research suggests	Weird World	Now researchers using virtual reality avatars have shown that the mere sight of a potentially contagious person is enough to mobilize our immune system too. "Although surprising, our finding that immune responses can be triggered by simulated infections presented in VR is consistent with the principle of the smoke detector in biological systems," the authors said, adding the behavioral system that helps us avoid catching diseases is "exquisitely sensitive to cues that suggest someone is sick."	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/jul/28/sight-of-someone-pot https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	immune system, infection, research, health
Dropped cases against LA protesters reveal false claims from federal agents	Politics / Justice	US immigration officers made false and misleading statements in their reports about several Los Angeles protesters they arrested during the massive demonstrations that rocked the city in June, according to federal law enforcement files obtained by The Guardian. "I'm going to make a new deadline of about 10, 10 or 12 days from today," Trump said in response to a question while sitting with the British prime minister, Keir Starmer. "There's no reason in waiting. There's no reason in waiting. It's 50 days. I want to be generous, but we just don't see any progress being made."	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/28/la-protesters-fals https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	LA protests, federal agents, false claims, justice
Trump cuts deadline for Putin to reach Ukraine peace deal to '10 or 12 days'	International / Diplomacy	Some locations in Mississippi and Louisiana face an even greater threat, with the heat index possibly soaring as high as 120° (40°C). Meanwhile, the midwest isn't escaping the heat. Conditions there remain hazardous into Monday and Tuesday, after a weekend in which temperatures felt as if they were between 97° and 111° (36 to 44°C) in areas from Lincoln, Nebraska, north to Minneapolis.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/28/trump-ukraine-putin https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	Trump, Putin, Ukraine, peace deal
Eastern US sweaters from heatwave as high temperatures affect half of country	Climate / Weather	The most dangerous conditions, classified as level 4 out of 4 on the heat risk scale, encompass much of Florida and extend north into Georgia and the Carolinas. A broader level 3 zone stretches from the eastern plains through the midwest and into the mid-Atlantic. This follows a weekend already dominated by extreme temperatures.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/28/us-weather-heatwave https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	heatwave, Eastern US, extreme weather, climate
Political ad for Mike Collins mispells Georgia: 'Georgia, let's ride'	Political Censorship	U.S. Rep. Mike Collins made his run for Senate official on Monday, and in an ad posted to the "Mike Collins War Room" account on X, there was a bit of a mistake. At the end of the video posted on Sunday, it ends with the words "Georgia, Let's Ride." But the word Georgia is spelled wrong. The text actually reads: Georgia.	https://www.wsbtv.com/news/local/article/political-ad-mike-collins-misspells-georgia https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	Mike Collins, Georgia, campaign ad, typo
California dairy farmers got millions to cover bird flu losses. Critics say that's part of the problem	Agriculture / Public Health	The federal government has paid California dairy farms more than \$230 million to subsidize losses in milk production resulting from bird flu, records show, an amount that the dairy industry expects to climb higher as more claims for damages are processed. The H5N1 bird flu has swept through more than 75% of California's 1,000 dairy farms since August 2024, sickening cattle and leading to steep dropoffs in milk production.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/california-dairy-farms-230-million https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	California, dairy, bird flu, agriculture policy
Chaos In The Skies: Delta Pilot Arrested On Child Porn Charges, American Jet Catches Fire	Transportation / Aviation	The relief payments were obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request by Farm Forward, a nonprofit group that advocates against factory farming. The group asserts that the subsidies help prop up industrial-scale dairy operations that perpetuate the spread of bird flu. A Delta Air Lines co-pilot was arrested by federal agents moments after landing at San Francisco International Airport on Saturday, reportedly on charges related to child sexual abuse materials. The arrest unfolded on Delta Flight 3248 from Minneapolis in full view of passengers. Homeland Security Investigations agents boarded the aircraft immediately after it reached the gate and made their way to the cockpit, where they placed the co-pilot in handcuffs and removed him from the plane.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/chaos-skies-delta-pilot-arrested-1 https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	Delta Airlines, American Airlines, aviation, scandal
Cheyenne to host massive AI data center using more electricity than all Wyoming homes combined	Technology / Energy	An artificial intelligence data center that would use more electricity than every home in Wyoming combined before expanding to as much as five times that size will be built soon near Cheyenne, according to the city's mayor. After months of avoiding details about a divisive plan to end birthright citizenship, President Donald Trump's administration is rolling out a series of new documents that offer a stark glimpse into how it would implement an executive order that upends the century-old understanding about the benefits of being born in the United States.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/cheyenne-host-massive-ai-data-2 https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	Cheyenne, AI, data center, energy consumption
New documents show how passport and Social Security rules would change to enforce Trump's birthright citizenship order	Politics / Immigration	Under those guidance documents, parents of newborns — including US citizens — might be required to jump through additional hoops to verify their own immigration status to obtain a passport or Social Security number for their children.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/documents-show-passport-social-security https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	Trump, birthright citizenship, passport, Social Security
Ex-officer who mistook a Black man's keys and phone for a gun gets 15 years to life for murder	ACAB	A former Ohio police officer convicted of murder in the shooting of Andre Hill, a Black man who was holding a cellphone and keys when he was killed, was given a mandatory sentence Monday of 15 years to life. Former Columbus officer Adam Coy shot Hill four times in a garage in December 2020, as the country reckoned with a series of police killings of Black men, women and children. He told jurors that he feared for his life because he thought Hill was holding a silver revolver.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/ex-officer-mistook-black-mans-16 https://tfn.tfn.us	2025-07-29	police shooting, racial bias, murder conviction

		Sen. Markwayne Mullin tried to blame former President Barack Obama for Jeffrey Epstein's 2008 plea deal, despite Obama not being president at the time. "Remember there was a plea deal that was struck in 2008, way before I was in office, way before Trump was even considering it to be in office, way before Pam Bondi was office, way before Kash Patel was director," Mullin said. "[i]n 2009, there was a sweetheart plea deal that was made underneath the Obama administration with Epstein, and that sweetheart has not been exposed." "It's not? Well, when was the case heard?" Mullin asked. "It was 2008 ... The U.S. attorney at the time was a guy named Alex Acosta," Tapper said. "He was a Bush appointee. He went on to become President Trump's secretary of labor. It all took place in 2008." "Who was in office at the time?" Mullin asked. "[i]n 2008, George W. Bush," Tapper said, recting a well-known fact. But Mullin continued to insist on incorrect information. "No, 2009 is when the case came out, and it was — and Obama was in office at the time," Mullin said.				
GOP Senator Refuses to Admit Bush, Not Obama, Was President During Epstein's Plea Deal	Political Cesspool	"It's not true. It's not true," Tapper said. Hall's government said Monday it plans to send 400 police officers to Brazil next month for training as gang violence overwhelms the troubled Caribbean country. Currently, Hall only has about 10,000 police officers and 1,300 soldiers protecting a country of nearly 12 million people, said Fritz Alphonse Jean, leader of the transitional presidential council.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/gop-sen-refuses-admit-bush-155	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	GOP, Epstein, Bush, Obama, plea deal
Haiti to send 400 police officers to Brazil for training as gangs seize more territory	International / Security	A total of 700 Haitian police officers and soldiers will be trained by foreign countries in upcoming months and will then join a Kenyan-led, U.N.-backed mission in its fight against gangs.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/haiti-send-400-police-officers-224	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	Haiti, Brazil, police training, gang violence
At Least 18 Dead and 48 Injured After Double-Decker Bus Crashes Over Slope, Splits in Half: Shocking Footage	Disasters / Transportation	A double-decker bus crashed and landed upside down after careening over a slope, killing at least 18 people and injuring 48.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/least-18-dead-48-injured-195661	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	bus crash, transportation disaster, fatalities
Shooter opens fire at Reno casino, killing 3 and injuring several others	Gun Violence	A gunman opened fire Monday outside the largest casino in Reno, Nevada, killing three people and wounding at least 10 others, police said, according to Associated Press. Spioz, a natural resources coordinator and biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, is one of more than three dozen staffers gathered here to begin laying the groundwork for what will one day be Texas' newest state park — about a two hour drive northwest of Austin.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/police-involved-shooting-reported	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	Reno, mass shooting, casino, gun violence
Texas buys land for new state parks that will be developed using \$1 billion voter-approved fund	Environment / Public Lands	After voters approved the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund, a \$1 billion investment passed by lawmakers in 2023, Texas began a new era of public land acquisition and park development. The fund allows the parks department to expand access to natural spaces across the state, while preserving native ecosystems and cultural landmarks.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/texas-buys-land-state-parks-100	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	Texas, state parks, conservation, public lands
Trump CIA chief: Brennan, Comey and Hillary Clinton could face indictment	Politics / Investigations	CIA Director John Radcliffe said he made referrals to the Justice Department for former Obama administration officials following the release of intelligence information about the 2016 election. Radcliffe said former CIA Director John Brennan, former Director of National Intelligence (DNI) James Clapper and former FBI Director James Comey could all face charges relating to what he called a "hoax" about the election.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-cia-chief-brennan-comey-1	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	Trump, CIA, Brennan, Comey, Hillary Clinton, indictment
Trump in Rage Mode as Epstein Storm Refuses to Die Down	Political Cesspool	Nearly a dozen sources close to the situation spoke to the Post about the issue, painting a picture of an administration adrift, lacking a clear strategy and blindsided by the intensity of the backlash—particularly from Trump's own base. Many officials had reportedly hoped that Americans would move on from the unleased Epstein files, underestimating the sustained outrage. In the case of Trump, the president is not, today, the same man who first assumed office in 2017. He has new health issues, less self control, stronger authoritarian impulses, and visibly looser skin. His clear physical aging has been accompanied by a string of gaffes and senior moments that can no longer be excused by the trappings of his public persona. If the standard — as Trump has himself stressed repeatedly in reference to Biden — is that a president's cognitive decline is a disqualifier and a potential liability, it's worth taking a look at the man currently sitting behind the Resolute Desk and some of his more egregious senior moments in his second term as president.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-rage-mode-epstein-storm-1	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	Trump, Epstein, controversy, scandal
Trump's Senior Moments Are Getting Worse	Political Cesspool	-- Trump told false story about his uncle teaching the Unabomber -- Trump said he was surprised Jerome Powell, whom he appointed, was appointed -- Trump dumped on his own trade deal -- Trump called the prime minister of Japan "Mr. Japan" -- Trump said he's going to spend time in Florida when asked about detainees in Alligator Alcatraz -- Trump rambles about trophy wives and yachts during West Point commencement	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-senior-moments-getting-worse	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	Trump, cognitive decline, political controversy
In Bizarre Defense, Trump Calls It "Privilege" to Visit Epstein Island	Political Cesspool	Donald Trump on Monday suggested that he turned down invitations to travel to the late notorious pedophile Jeffrey Epstein's island. "I never had the privilege of going to his island," he told reporters.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-epstein-calls-privilege-19	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	Trump, Epstein Island, scandal, privilege remark
This Viral Video Has People Talking About Christianity Versus 'MAGA' Christianity	Religion / Politics	"Basically, I sat down at my kitchen table and began to read from Matthew 25 while overlaying MAGA policies that directly oppose the character and nature of Jesus' teachings," she told HuffPost.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/viral-video-people-talking-christianity	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	Christianity, MAGA, viral video, religion and politics
White House reportedly told Pete Hegseth's team to stop polygraph tests after complaint	Politics / White House	The White House has put out a statement to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's alleged use of polygraph tests in an attempt to root out leakers to the press, according to a new report.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/white-house-reportedly-told-pete-hegseth	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	White House, Pete Hegseth, polygraph, complaints
At least 2 people shot at Manhattan office building housing financial firms and NFL, AP source says	Crime / Mass Shootings	A man ran through a Manhattan office tower firing a Monday night gun, including a New York City police officer, and wounding a fifth before taking his own life, officials said. The shooting took place at a skyscraper that is home to the headquarters of both the NFL and Blackstone, one of the world's largest investment firms, as well as other tenants.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/new-york-city-authorities-respond-rapidly	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	Manhattan, shooting, NFL, financial firms
GO *** YOURSELVES': Leaked national park comments slam Washington	Political Cesspool	The United States Department of the Interior's efforts to revive unfavorable stories about American history at National Park Service sites appears to be backfiring — instead of reporting incidents of "negative" history as directed by new signs, visitors have used the signs' QR codes to submit hundreds of comments in support of the park service.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/your-selves-leaked-national-park-1	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	national parks, leaked comments, Washington, politics
Heat wave to scorch the U.S. this week — and some cities will experience 'feels like' heat index of 115°F	Climate / Weather	A dangerous heat wave continues to scorch a large part of the United States, with more than 130 million people under extreme heat watches and warnings from South Dakota to Florida as temperatures in some cities are expected to exceed 100 degrees, and heat indices — or "feels like" temperatures — could soar past 115°F.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/weather/news/articles/heat-wave-to-scorch	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025-07-29	heat wave, extreme weather, climate, U.S.
FEMA to send states \$608 million to build migrant detention centers	Immigration & Border --> Detention & Facilities	///////	https://www.rbnews.com/news/us-news/fema-sent-states-608-million-build-migrant-detention-centers		July 28, 2025	Detention State Watchlist, Pattern Watch, Criminalization
Private prisons and local jails are expanding the government's capacity for immigrant detention - NPR	Immigration & Border --> Detention & Facilities	///////	https://www.npr.org/2025/06/04/npr-s1-5417980/private-prisons-and-local-jails-are-rampin		June 4, 2025	Detention State Watchlist, Corporate Influence, Pattern Watch
Congress Approves Unprecedented Funding for Mass Deportation	Immigration & Border --> Detention & Facilities	///////	https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/press-release/congress-approves-unprecedented-funding-for-mass-deportation		July 1, 2025	Detention State Watchlist, Broken Promises, Pattern Watch
Female tour guides in Afghanistan lead women-only groups as some travelers return	Global / Women's Rights	The group of foreigners visiting the National Museum of Afghanistan was made up only of women. Its guide was a woman, too — one of the first Afghan female tour guides in a country whose Taliban rulers impose the severest restrictions on girls and women anywhere in the world.	https://apnews.com/article/afghanistan-women-tourism-guides-85ec28	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025/07/30	Afghanistan, Women, Tourism
Antarctic krill fishing boom sets record	Environment / Oceans	Trawling near Antarctica for krill — a crustacean central to the diet of whales and a critical buffer to global warming — has surged to a record and is fast approaching a never before reached seasonal catch limit that would trigger the unprecedented early closure of the remote fishery. The Associated Press has learned. The fishing boom follows the failure last year of the U.S., Russia, China and two dozen other governments to approve a new management plan that would have mandated spreading out the area in which krill can be caught and creating a California-sized reserve along the environmentally sensitive Antarctic Peninsula.	https://apnews.com/article/antarctica-krill-whales-global-warming-fishery	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025/07/30	Antarctica, Krill, Whales, Fishing
What to know about the brain disease the NYC shooter blamed for his mental health issues	Health / Crime	The degenerative brain disease that has beset the National Football League for two decades with a billion-dollar lawsuit, congressional hearings, an AIist movie and an unrelenting cortège of ex-players' obituaries has now intruded on America's favorite sport in the most violent manner yet. The Las Vegas casino worker who killed four people in a New York City skyscraper that is home to the NFL's headquarters carried a note blaming the league for his mental health problems.	https://apnews.com/article/ct-shootings-new-york-brain-disease-871	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025/07/30	CTE, NYC Shooting, Brain Health
Explosion at Thailand fireworks workshop kills 9	Global / Disasters	An explosion at a fireworks workshop in central Thailand killed at least nine people on Wednesday, local officials said.	https://apnews.com/article/fireworks-workshop-explosion-sueban-buri-6	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025/07/30	Thailand, Fireworks Explosion, Global Disasters
Georgia Republican Marjorie Taylor Greene won't run for governor in 2026	Politics / Elections	U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene announced Tuesday that she won't run for governor in Georgia in 2026, putting an end to her flirtation with the race in a long social media post saying she is turned off by a political "good ole boy" system and alleging that it was endangering Republican control of the state. The revelation that Attorney General Pam Bondi told President Donald Trump that his name was in the Jeffrey Epstein files has focused fresh attention on the president's relationship with the wealthy financier and the Justice Department's announcement this month that it would not be releasing any additional documents from the case.	https://apnews.com/article/marjorie-taylor-greene-republican-governor-1	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025/07/30	Marjorie Taylor Greene, Georgia, Elections
Trump's friendship with Jeffrey Epstein is well-known and documented	Political Cesspool	The president's association with Epstein is well-established and his name was included in records that his own Justice Department released back in February as part of an effort to satisfy public interest in information from the sex-trafficking investigation. President Donald Trump said Tuesday that the U.S. will partner with Israel to run new food centers in Gaza to address the worsening humanitarian crisis there, but he and U.S. officials offered few additional details about the plan or how it would differ from existing food distribution centers.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-epstein-justice-department-bondi-67a	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025/07/30	Trump, Epstein, Political Scandal
Trump says US, Israel to run new food centers in Gaza	Global Conflict / Humanitarian	The opaque details come as the Trump administration is facing calls at home and abroad to do more to address the hunger crisis in Gaza. The U.S.'s close ally, Israel, is at the center of an international outcry as more images of emaciated children continue to emerge. A federal appeals court panel on Monday ruled that private individuals and organizations cannot bring voting rights cases under a section of the law that allows others to assist voters who are blind, have disabilities or are unable to read. It's the latest ruling from the St. Louis-based 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, saying only the government can bring lawsuits alleging violations of the Voting Rights Act. The findings upend decades of precedent and will likely be headed to the U.S. Supreme Court.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-says-israel-gaza-relief-yahu-humanitarian-aid-sta	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025/07/30	Trump, Gaza, Humanitarian Aid
Federal appeals court restricts who can bring voting rights challenges	Politics / Voting Rights	A surging number of everyday Americans now boast a seven-figure net worth once the domain of celebrities and CEOs. But as the ranks of millionaires grow faster, the significance of the status is shifting alongside perceptions of what it takes to be truly rich. "Millionaire used to sound like Rich Uncle Pennybags in a top hat," says Michael Ashley Schulman, chief investment officer at Running Point Capital Advisors, a wealth management firm in El Segundo, California. "It's no longer a backstage pass to palatial estates and caviar bumps. It's the new mass-affluent middleweight class, financially secure but two zeros short of private jet territory."	https://apnews.com/article/voting-rights-section-2-lawsuits-federal-court	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025/07/30	Voting Rights, Federal Court, Elections
1 in 10 Americans now millionaires, but the status loses some luster	Economy / Wealth	On Friday, OpenAI's new ChatGPT Agent, which can perform multistep tasks for users, proved it can pass through one of the Internet's most common security checkpoints by clicking Cloudflare's anti-bot verification—the same checkbox that's supposed to keep automated programs like itself at bay.	https://apnews.com/article/wealth-retirement-millionaire-stocks-homes	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025/07/30	Wealth, Millionaires, Economy
OpenAI's ChatGPT Agent casually clicks through "I am not a robot" verification test	Weird World	At the Hill National Summit on July 16, Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem — who oversees the TSA — teased that big changes could be coming to what passengers are allowed to bring in their carry-ons. "I will tell you — I mean the liquids — [i]n questioning," she said during an interview with NewsNation's Blake Burman, as reported by The Hill. "So that may be the next big announcement is what size your liquids need to be."	https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2025/07/openais-chatgpt/	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025/07/30	ChatGPT, AI Agents, CAPTCHA
TSA preparing for 'big announcement' that would radically alter the airport screening process	Travel / Security	This isn't remotely far-fetched; lots of people are already getting legal assistance from AI, on everything from divorce proceedings to parking violations. Because people are amazingly stupid, it's almost certain that people have already asked the bot for advice about enormously consequential questions about, say, murder or drug charges. According to OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, anyone's who does so has made a massive error — because unlike a human lawyer with whom you enjoy keeping confidentiality protections, ChatGPT conversations can be used against you in court.	https://creators.yahoo.com/files/ai/bot/ttsa-preparing-for-big-announc	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025/07/30	TSA, Airport Security, Travel
If You've Asked ChatGPT a Legal Question, You May Have Accidentally Doomed Yourself in Court	Technology / Legal	SpaceX has launched over 9,000 satellites into orbit, and the vast majority of them are still in operation today. As a result of that massive constellation, the Elon Musk-led firm controls over 60 percent of all active satellites currently in orbit. So you might just spit out your coffee when you hear that despite that enormous footprint in the space surrounding our planet, SpaceX has sent a letter to the Federal Communications Commission complaining that a Texas-based startup called AST SpaceMobile, which is looking to compete with Starlink, is launching too many satellites.	https://ttn.it/yuu	https://ttn.it/yuu	2025/07/30	Elon Musk, Satellites, SpaceX

		a team of researchers from Columbia University has built a robot that can seek out and merge with other robots to grow bigger, stronger, and adapt its environment — perhaps one day enabling entire “robot ecologies” to blossom. “True autonomy means robots must not only think for themselves but also physically sustain themselves,” lead author Philippe Martin Wyder, a researcher at Columbia Engineering and the University of Washington, said in a statement about the work. “Just as biological life absorbs and integrates resources, these robots grow, adapt, and repair using materials from their environment or from other robots.” If Spain strikes a deal, the TMT would be built on La Palma in the Canary Islands rather than on Mauna Kea, a mountain in Hawaii. In 2016, La Palma became the backup location for the observatory in case the primary site in Hawaii didn't work out as an option, according to the TMT International Observatory. Now more than ever, it looks like that may be the case. President Donald Trump's Fiscal Year 2023 budget proposal for the National Science Foundation (NSF), which is funding the TMT's development, would reduce the agency's budget by nearly 60%. To make ends meet, the NSF has opted to halt progress on the TMT and instead prioritize development of the Giant Magellan Telescope (GMT) project in Chile. Maker World's user7R135 has created “GamiFires,” a custom Joy-Con grip shaped like a fries container from your favorite fast food restaurant, The Maker World page (Banks, TheGamer) use it. McDonald's fries as an example, but you could, theoretically, use it to hold your fries from Wendy's, Burger King, or whichever fast food chain's fries you prefer. The schematics include adapters that let you attach your controllers to its sides, and the whole setup works both as a standalone grip, or as an attachment to the Switch 2 itself in a handheld mode. While the schematic itself is free to use if you've got a 3D printer, if you want to go the latter route and attach your fries to the system itself, you'll have to buy some magnets separately and manually install them. But conspiracy theories about COVID's origins persist. And this is hampering our ability to prevent the next pandemic. “Since then, our paper has become a focal point of conspiracy theories and political attacks. The idea SARS-CoV-2 might have originated in a laboratory is not, in itself, a conspiracy theory. Like many scientists, we considered that possibility seriously. And we still do, although evidence hasn't emerged to support it. But the public discourse around the origin of the pandemic has increasingly been shaped by political agendas and conspiratorial narratives. Some of this has targeted our work and vilified experts who have studied this question in a data-driven manner. This anti-science agenda, stemming in part from COVID origin conspiracy theories, is being used to help justify deep cuts to funding for biomedical research, public health and global aid. These areas are essential for pandemic preparedness. The amplification of conspiracy theories about the origin of COVID has promoted a dangerously flawed understanding of pandemic risk. The idea that a researcher discovered or engineered a pandemic virus, accidentally infected themselves, and unknowingly sparked a global outbreak (in exactly the type of setting where natural spillovers are known to occur) defies logic. It also detracts from the significant risk posed by the wildlife trade. In contrast, the evidence-based conclusion that the COVID pandemic most likely began with a virus jumping from animals to humans highlights the very real risk we increasingly face. This is how we can prevent, and I will continue to do, what we can do to prevent it. Technically the Senate was debating bipartisan legislation on police grants. But Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) used it as an opportunity to accuse his party of not doing more to counter Trump. “This to me is the problem with Democrats in America right now,” Booker said. “We are being complicit to Donald Trump.” The Department of Justice filed a misconduct complaint against federal Judge James Boasberg “for making improper public comments about President Trump and his Administration,” Attorney General Pam Bondi announced Monday. The D.C.-based U.S. District Court chief judge has previously angered the Trump administration with his rulings on deportations. Boasberg has been the target of an impeachment effort by Trump and House Republicans after the George W. Bush-appointed judge questioned the administration's decision to disavow an order against the deportation of hundreds of Venezuelans. Trump's “announce first, details later” approach to trade deals has caught some global leaders off guard and led to contradictions about the billions of dollars the administration says foreign nations have pledged. These are not traditional, word-heavy trade deals with text agreed to by all negotiators. Instead, rounds of deals comes via flashy announcements with big numbers and title specificity, leaving global investors wondering about the durability of such frameworks. Sen. Josh Hawley's (R-Mo.) proposed stock trading ban is turning into a GOP headache — with the White House raising alarm ahead of a committee vote on Wednesday, Axios has learned. In order to move forward, the bill may now include the president and vice president, in addition to Congressional members, in its ban on certain investments. Hawley needs Democratic support to get the bill through the committee vote set for Wednesday due to opposition from Chair Rand Paul (R-Ky), at a minimum. So he agreed to include language that would subject the president and vice president to the ban, according to multiple sources familiar with the negotiations. The Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday unanimously advanced a huge housing bill aimed at boosting the supply of homes in the U.S. Many of the provisions in the ROAD to Housing Act of 2025 would cut red tape around zoning and building standards. Housing is possibly the one place where Democrats and Republicans agree on the need for deregulation. But the package directs a lot of action at the Department of Housing and Urban Development — at the same time the Trump White House is cutting that agency's budget and staffing levels. An estimated 8-magnitude earthquake struck off Russia's far eastern Kamchatka Peninsula Wednesday, triggering widespread tsunami warnings and evacuation orders along coastal areas in Japan and Hawaii. Following one of the biggest quakes ever recorded, tsunami waves topping 5 feet were detected at Maui Island, Hawaii, and waves exceeding well over a foot were reported in several parts of California, where a tsunami warning was in effect for the northern coast on Wednesday morning. The rockets-to-robotics bilinearine hasn't taken visible steps to make formal filings for the America Party, and once-hedge whippers from third party consultants about working for him have gone radio silent. Many U.S. cities now have more heat streaks on average each year compared to 1970, a new analysis finds. The average number of annual extreme heat streaks rose between 1970-2024 in 80% of the 247 U.S. cities analyzed in a new report from Climate Central, a climate research group. Climate Central defines an “extreme heat streak” as three or more days in a row with maximum temperatures over the 90th percentile of a given location's daily max temperatures during the 1991-2020 period. President Trump has extracted more than \$1.2 billion in settlements from 13 of the most powerful universities in academia, law, media and tech, according to an Axios analysis. President Trump suggested Tuesday the late disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein “poached” workers from his Mar-a-Lago resort and among them may have been Guffie — one of the highest-profile prosecutors in the case, who died by suicide in April. Guffie's lawsuit formed a key part of the Epstein investigation. Her 2015 lawsuit against Ghislaine Maxwell led to the criminal charges that brought the Epstein associate's ultimate conviction for the sex-trafficking of minors that she is suing the Supreme Court to overturn. An abandoned coal-burning power plant on Manassas Island, Connecticut, is set to be transformed into a multi-story family attraction and a 125-acre waterfront park called Manassas Wilds. Scientists have unveiled the precise atmospheric processes that trigger lightning, solving a mystery that has persisted for over 270 years. Three people remain missing after a massive explosion at a Nebraska plant Tuesday left crews battling a fire for hours. The explosion happened at the Horizon Biofuels plant in Fremont. The plant makes animal bedding and wood pellets for heating and smoking food. Florida schools could soon deploy the “Campus Guardian Angel” drone system to help police defend against shootings. The new drone technology could help prevent such tragedies by deploying drones to schools in seconds and providing police with immediate situational awareness, according to WTXL, which reported on the program. A lawsuit from Baptist, Lutheran and Quaker groups accuses Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem of chilling First Amendment protections and infringing on religious freedoms. The groups filed a motion for a preliminary injunction to block the policy on Tuesday. Within the last month, federal agents seized a man in front of a church, brandished a rifle at a pastor and detained a grandfather dropping off his granddaughter at a church school in Los Angeles, according to the lawsuit. Federal officers have also recently chased several men into a church parking lot and arrested a parishioner at churches across southern California, according to church leaders. Out of his first 191 days back in office, 75 of them have been spent at his own businesses at various locations including Florida, New Jersey, Virginia, Nevada, and now Scotland. Of these, over half (45 days) have been spent playing golf, according to online tracker Did Trump Golf Today? — which accounts for about 23 percent of his second term so far. The president visited his courses 16 out of the first 17 weekends back as Commander-in-Chief. The president's spent multiple weekends on his various golf courses — including every single one in March. The Trump golf tracker estimates that this has cost the U.S. tax payer roughly \$63 million. Donald Trump's team is reportedly eyeing several extremely conservative judges who could serve as potential Supreme Court picks, should the president get the chance to replace one of the aging justices. “We are looking for people in the mold of Alito, Clarence Thomas and the late [Antonin Scalia],” a White House official familiar with the situation told Time magazine. Historically, neuroscientists thought that memories of locations and features of our immediate environment were encoded by specific “place cells.” These place cells, located in a rat's hippocampus, light up when a mammal enters the specific environment they correspond to — say, the door to a home or a waterfall on a hiking trail. It was thought that the activation of these place cells acted as a kind of map in the brain by encoding lasting memories of specific places as well as enabling navigation. The House Oversight Committee on Tuesday declined a request from Ghislaine Maxwell's lawyers to grant her immunity for questioning in Congress. For years the Environmental Protection Agency has pushed lawmakers to reduce how much vehicles contribute to climate change. Today the EPA said out plans to not just weaken those rules, but end them entirely. EPA Administrator Lisa Zelnir announced the proposal at a truck dealership in Indiana on Tuesday, after previewing it on a conservative podcast. “We heard loud and clear the concern that EPA's GHG [greenhouse gas] emissions standards themselves, not carbon dioxide which the Finding never assessed independently, was the real threat to Americans' livelihoods,” Zelnir wrote in a statement. In recent months, the administration has tried to strip 625,000 DACA recipients, also known as Dreamers, of benefits, although no regulatory changes have been made to end the program. “Illegal aliens who claim to be recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are not automatically protected from deportations,” DHS assistant press secretary Tricia McLaughlin said in a statement to NPR. “DACA does not confer any form of legal status in this country.” McLaughlin added that any DACA recipient may be subject to arrest and deportation for a number of reasons, including if they've committed a crime. McLaughlin then urged recipients to self-deport. “We encourage every person here [illegally to take advantage of this offer and reserve the chance to come back to the U.S. the right legal way.”		https://4.rtfurium.com/prototype-robot-cannibalize-other-robots https://7fhn.fur.us https://gmmok.com/the-us-could-lose-a-crucial-futuristic-telescope-to- https://7fhn.fur.us https://kotaku.com/switch-2-joy-con-grip-fries-mcdonalds-holder-3d-pri- https://7fhn.fur.us https://19.conversation.com/how-conspiracy-theories-about-covid-orig- https://7fhn.fur.us https://www.axios.com/2025/07/29/senate-booker-cortex-masco-klobuchar https://7fhn.fur.us https://www.axios.com/2025/07/29/trump-doj-misconduct-complaint-jud- https://7fhn.fur.us https://www.axios.com/2025/07/29/trump-trade-deals-details https://7fhn.fur.us https://www.axios.com/2025/07/29/white-house-jobs-hawley-stock-tr- https://7fhn.fur.us https://www.axios.com/2025/07/30/elon-musk-america-party-trump-lea- https://7fhn.fur.us https://www.axios.com/2025/07/30/hot-shakes-climate-change-gilles- https://7fhn.fur.us https://www.axios.com/2025/07/30/trump-bayard-settlement-de-la-sauv- https://7fhn.fur.us https://www.independent.co.uk/bu/edin/finley/mannesa-island-power- https://7fhn.fur.us https://www.independent.co.uk/bu/edin/news/lightning-strikes-mystery-c- https://7fhn.fur.us https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/missing-explosion- https://7fhn.fur.us https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/school-shootings- https://7fhn.fur.us
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U.K. to recognize Palestinian state if Israel doesn't agree to Gaza ceasefire	Global Conflict / Diplomacy	The United Kingdom will recognize a Palestinian state by September unless Israeli demands to peace in the Gaza Strip, stopping the annexation of the West Bank and other measures, British Prime Minister Kier Starmer said Tuesday. But some classes of medications — from some beta blockers to diuretics to antidepressants — can affect the way people's bodies react to, or perceive, heart ACE inhibitors, commonly prescribed for heart issues, make it harder to realize you're thirsty, and beta blockers — another heart medication — can decrease sweating, making it harder to cool off. That doesn't mean you should stop taking your medications during heat waves, Eisenman stresses. It means keeping yourself from getting too hot in the first place. "Making sure people have access to a cool space" should be the priority, he says, whether that's running an air conditioner at home or finding a local cooling center. The Federal Reserve — the nation's central bank — helps maintain economic stability by managing monetary policy, setting interest rates, promoting stable prices and maximizing employment. In times of crisis, the Fed also serves as a lender of last resort, supplying emergency liquidity to banks and the broader financial system — as it did during the 2008 financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the years since its creation by Congress in 1913, the Federal Reserve's independence has been considered essential for maintaining credibility with both financial markets and the public, according to Joseph Gagnion, a former senior Fed economist. As summer turned into fall, they discovered that many papers continued to hang at bird feeders though. But others did not. Some couples seemed to start drifting apart, the readers researchers described the pairs as "divorcing." In a paper published today in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-54840011/uk-palestinian-state-jaq https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-54840011/uk-palestinian-state-jaq	2025/07/30	UK, Palestine, Gaza, Ceasefire
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Researchers find that Great Tit songbirds get 'divorced'	Weird World	The Senate confirmed former Trump lawyer Emil Bove 50-49 for a lifetime appointment as a federal appeals court Judge Tuesday as Republicans dismissed whistleblower complaints about his conduct at the Justice Department. Democrats have vehemently opposed Bove's nomination, citing his current position as a top Justice Department official and his role in the dismantling of the corruption case against New York City Mayor Eric Adams. They have also criticized his efforts to investigate department officials who were involved in the prosecutions of hundreds of Trump supporters who were involved in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol. The Senate confirmed Susan Monroney, a health scientist and longtime civil servant, to run the public health agency. She is the first CDC director to be confirmed by the Senate under a law passed in 2023, and the first to serve in the role without a medical degree in more than 70 years. The vote was 51-47, along party lines.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/30/mx-s1-5447863/great-tit-songbirds-om https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/30/mx-s1-5447863/great-tit-songbirds-om	2025/07/30	Birds, Divorce, Weird World
Dude, the history behind the word dude is wild	Weird World	By the 1880s, the term "dude" had been around for at least 100 years. The Senate confirmed former Trump lawyer Emil Bove 50-49 for a lifetime appointment as a federal appeals court Judge Tuesday as Republicans dismissed whistleblower complaints about his conduct at the Justice Department. Democrats have vehemently opposed Bove's nomination, citing his current position as a top Justice Department official and his role in the dismantling of the corruption case against New York City Mayor Eric Adams. They have also criticized his efforts to investigate department officials who were involved in the prosecutions of hundreds of Trump supporters who were involved in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol. The Senate confirmed Susan Monroney, a health scientist and longtime civil servant, to run the public health agency. She is the first CDC director to be confirmed by the Senate under a law passed in 2023, and the first to serve in the role without a medical degree in more than 70 years. The vote was 51-47, along party lines.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/30/mx-s1-5447849/dude-his-bowzoo-darf https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/30/mx-s1-5447849/dude-his-bowzoo-darf	2025/07/30	Language, Etymology, Pop Culture
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Ted Cruz looks to force changes to military flights near airports, after deadly airline crash	Politics / Aviation	Senate Commerce Chair Ted Cruz said Tuesday that he will introduce a bill that would force changes to the way the military uses helicopters around congested airports, ending prohibiting the Army from turning off location-transmitting technologies such as the one under investigation as part of an inquiry into the January midair collision near Washington that killed 67 people. The two women, who are recovering, fell at after receiving peptide injections at a conference both the doctor who ran the booth was a Los Angeles physician specializing in "age-reversal" therapies who did not have permission to practice medicine or dispense prescriptions in Nevada. Public health investigators are trying to determine if anyone else who attended the Revolution Against Aging and Death Festival experienced a similar illness.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Ted Cruz, Military Flights, Aviation Safety
Investigation Underway After Two Women Fell Ill at RAADfest, a Las Vegas Anti-Aging Conference	Health / Investigation	He said he became convinced the peptides weren't the cause of the severe reactions after plugging everything he knew about the incident into an artificial intelligence app. Union Pacific (UNP), opens new lab said on Tuesday it will buy smaller rival Norfolk Southern (NSC), opens new lab in an \$85 billion deal to create the first U.S. coast-to-coast freight rail operator and reshape the movement of goods from grains to autos across the country. If approved, the deal would be the largest ever buyout in the sector and combine Union Pacific's stronghold in the western two-thirds of the U.S. with Norfolk's 19,500-mile (31,400-mile) network that primarily serves the eastern half of the country. Gold remains perfectly solid when briefly heated beyond previously hypothesized limits, a new study reports, which may mean a complete reevaluation of how matter behaves under extreme conditions.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	RAADfest, Anti-Aging, Health Investigation
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Gold Does Something Unexpected When Superheated Past its Melting Point	Weird World	This morning, before a meeting with U.K. Prime Minister Kier Starmer in Scotland, Trump was asked by reporters whether he agreed with Netanyahu's assessment. "Based on television, I would say not particularly, because those children look very funny," Trump said. Later, he added: "That's real restoration stuff. I see it, and you can't take that." Trump has arrived at the right conclusion in a terrible way. As president, Trump has access to the most powerful information-gathering network in the world, yet he takes his cues from what he watches on television. This helps him see the news from the same perspective as the general public, which has enabled his political success. But it also narrows his understanding, and it makes him highly susceptible to manipulation.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Gold, Chemistry, Materials Science
How TV Warps Trump's Worldview	Political Cesspool	Just 474 out of more than 90,000 oil slicks from ships around the world were reported to authorities over a five-year period. It can be revealed, and barely any resulted in any punishment or sanctions. The figure, obtained from Lloyd's List by the Guardian and Watched Investigations, shows the pollution incidents reported between 2014 and 2019, compared against a scientific study using satellite imagery that counted the number of slicks from ships over the same period. Furthermore, all oil slicks from ships visible by satellites are illegal because they exceed pollution limits by at least three orders of magnitude, new research by Florida State University has found. Many of the slicks are the result of ships deliberately discharging black water containing oil in order to keep the vessels stable. The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is opening crucial gorilla habitats and pristine forests to bids for oil and gas drilling, with plans to carve up more than half the country into fossil fuel blocks. A series of strandings of one of the world's deepest dwelling and most rarely seen types of whale in the last few days has left experts baffled over why they might have appeared in such numbers. Beaked whales are used to deep ocean waters and are so rarely seen that some species have only ever been identified through dead specimens. But on 26 and 27 July there were reports from western Ireland, Orkney in Scotland and the Netherlands of three whales being stranded, raising concerns that human actions could be implicated in the animals' deaths.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Trump, Media, Political Perception
Only 0.5% of 90,000 oil slicks reported over five-year period, analysis finds	Environment / Accountability	There has been a significant rise in child casualties in Ukraine in recent months as Russia indiscriminately targets heavily populated civilian areas, with 222 children killed or injured between March and May this year, and 2,899 in total since the start of the invasion. Given the delay in verifying deaths, the UN says the true number is likely to be much higher. Ukrainian rights group say Russia's attacks are not accidental and should be more strongly condemned by international leaders. "Under international humanitarian law, deliberately targeting civilian infrastructure — especially schools, hospitals, and places where children gather — is considered a war crime," says Daria Kasyanova, chair of the Ukrainian Child Rights Network. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, operated by the National Weather Service, said in an update that "based on all available data," a major tsunami was not expected, although it warned all coasts could remain "a hazard to swimmers and boaters," including people near the shore. The city of New Orleans has announced a municipal identification program to provide ID cards to residents who may not be able to access such cards otherwise in a move seen as a positive step for the city's migrant communities as the Trump administration continues targeting undocumented people.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Oil Slicks, Pollution, Environmental Oversight
Gorilla habitats and pristine forest at risk as DRC opens half of country to oil and gas drilling bids	Environment / Conservation	The NFL's CTE casualties would only mount from there. In particular, four players had their brains posthumously donated to Boston University's CTE center, the foremost database of its kind, and the findings ratcheted up concerns about the disease's impact in professional football to an unprecedented level. Dave Duerson, a Chicago Bears hero who found more post-retirement success in the business world, sent texts instructing family members to donate his brain to science before shooting himself in the chest in 2011. Junior Seau, a hall of fame linebacker for the San Diego Chargers and New England Patriots who was renowned as the NFL's happy warrior, killed himself in much the same fashion in 2012. Aaron Hernandez — a preternaturally talented receiver who was tied to the murder of three people, one of them a friend — killed himself in prison in 2017 at age 27 and was later diagnosed with the worst case of CTE ever found in a young person. (He took up the game at five years old.) In 2021 Philip Adams, a veteran of five NFL teams who shot and killed five people in his South Carolina home town before shooting himself, was found to have had CTE all over his frontal lobe — the part of the brain responsible for decision-making, impulse control and other executive functions. It wasn't until 2016 that the league finally acknowledged the link between football-related head injuries and CTE — and, still, the legal battles continued as the league outright denies claims while punting the responsibility for medical care to individual teams. Meanwhile, retired players, who were left to manage their health problems in the background, could only call out the league for prioritizing profits and scold the game's incumbent generation of stars for not doing enough to consider their forebears in collective bargaining. The deeper the NFL digs in, the more it undermines college and high school leagues permission to do the same and risk tragedies like the one that unfolded inside the very building where the league is headquartered.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	DRC, Gorillas, Oil Drilling, Conservation
Experts baffled as rarely seen beaked whales involved in series of strandings	Weird World	The NFL's CTE casualties would only mount from there. In particular, four players had their brains posthumously donated to Boston University's CTE center, the foremost database of its kind, and the findings ratcheted up concerns about the disease's impact in professional football to an unprecedented level. Dave Duerson, a Chicago Bears hero who found more post-retirement success in the business world, sent texts instructing family members to donate his brain to science before shooting himself in the chest in 2011. Junior Seau, a hall of fame linebacker for the San Diego Chargers and New England Patriots who was renowned as the NFL's happy warrior, killed himself in much the same fashion in 2012. Aaron Hernandez — a preternaturally talented receiver who was tied to the murder of three people, one of them a friend — killed himself in prison in 2017 at age 27 and was later diagnosed with the worst case of CTE ever found in a young person. (He took up the game at five years old.) In 2021 Philip Adams, a veteran of five NFL teams who shot and killed five people in his South Carolina home town before shooting himself, was found to have had CTE all over his frontal lobe — the part of the brain responsible for decision-making, impulse control and other executive functions. It wasn't until 2016 that the league finally acknowledged the link between football-related head injuries and CTE — and, still, the legal battles continued as the league outright denies claims while punting the responsibility for medical care to individual teams. Meanwhile, retired players, who were left to manage their health problems in the background, could only call out the league for prioritizing profits and scold the game's incumbent generation of stars for not doing enough to consider their forebears in collective bargaining. The deeper the NFL digs in, the more it undermines college and high school leagues permission to do the same and risk tragedies like the one that unfolded inside the very building where the league is headquartered.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Whales, Strandings, Marine Biology
At home, in school and in hospital: how hundreds of Ukrainian children are dying in Russian attacks	Global Conflict / Humanitarian	The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, operated by the National Weather Service, said in an update that "based on all available data," a major tsunami was not expected, although it warned all coasts could remain "a hazard to swimmers and boaters," including people near the shore. The city of New Orleans has announced a municipal identification program to provide ID cards to residents who may not be able to access such cards otherwise in a move seen as a positive step for the city's migrant communities as the Trump administration continues targeting undocumented people.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Ukraine, Russia, Civilian Casualties
Hawaii tsunami warning downgraded and no major damage after first waves hit islands	Climate / Disasters	The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, operated by the National Weather Service, said in an update that "based on all available data," a major tsunami was not expected, although it warned all coasts could remain "a hazard to swimmers and boaters," including people near the shore. The city of New Orleans has announced a municipal identification program to provide ID cards to residents who may not be able to access such cards otherwise in a move seen as a positive step for the city's migrant communities as the Trump administration continues targeting undocumented people.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Hawaii, Tsunami, Earthquake
New Orleans announces municipal ID card amid nationwide ice crackdown	Immigration / Policy	The NFL's CTE casualties would only mount from there. In particular, four players had their brains posthumously donated to Boston University's CTE center, the foremost database of its kind, and the findings ratcheted up concerns about the disease's impact in professional football to an unprecedented level. Dave Duerson, a Chicago Bears hero who found more post-retirement success in the business world, sent texts instructing family members to donate his brain to science before shooting himself in the chest in 2011. Junior Seau, a hall of fame linebacker for the San Diego Chargers and New England Patriots who was renowned as the NFL's happy warrior, killed himself in much the same fashion in 2012. Aaron Hernandez — a preternaturally talented receiver who was tied to the murder of three people, one of them a friend — killed himself in prison in 2017 at age 27 and was later diagnosed with the worst case of CTE ever found in a young person. (He took up the game at five years old.) In 2021 Philip Adams, a veteran of five NFL teams who shot and killed five people in his South Carolina home town before shooting himself, was found to have had CTE all over his frontal lobe — the part of the brain responsible for decision-making, impulse control and other executive functions. It wasn't until 2016 that the league finally acknowledged the link between football-related head injuries and CTE — and, still, the legal battles continued as the league outright denies claims while punting the responsibility for medical care to individual teams. Meanwhile, retired players, who were left to manage their health problems in the background, could only call out the league for prioritizing profits and scold the game's incumbent generation of stars for not doing enough to consider their forebears in collective bargaining. The deeper the NFL digs in, the more it undermines college and high school leagues permission to do the same and risk tragedies like the one that unfolded inside the very building where the league is headquartered.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	New Orleans, Municipal ID, ICE Crackdown
Brain injuries and legal battles: the NFL's persistent problem with CTE	Sports / Health	It wasn't until 2016 that the league finally acknowledged the link between football-related head injuries and CTE — and, still, the legal battles continued as the league outright denies claims while punting the responsibility for medical care to individual teams. Meanwhile, retired players, who were left to manage their health problems in the background, could only call out the league for prioritizing profits and scold the game's incumbent generation of stars for not doing enough to consider their forebears in collective bargaining. The deeper the NFL digs in, the more it undermines college and high school leagues permission to do the same and risk tragedies like the one that unfolded inside the very building where the league is headquartered.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	NFL, CTE, Brain Injuries
'Shooting ourselves in the foot': how Trump is fumbling geothermal energy	Environment / Energy	Geothermal is one of the most promising clean energy sources in the US, providing 24/7 renewable power that could meet rising energy demand from AI datacenters. But former Department of Energy officials are alarmed that Donald Trump is fumbling its potential. Compared with other clean energy sources such as solar and wind, geothermal enjoys rare bipartisan support. The US energy secretary, Chris Wright, has praised the technology, calling it "an awesome resource that's under our feet," and Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act preserved tax credits for geothermal. But the administration's slashing of Department of Energy staff, delays in issuing low-interest loans, and tariffs on solar panels in the Pacific, according to local officials. The regional authorities declared a state of emergency but mayor Alexander Ovsyannikov said all residents were safe and had been evacuated. The city's emergency management team said parts of the town had been flooded. Thousands of children are malnourished and hunger-related deaths on the rise, particularly among the youngest. It is worth noting this is not a formal designation of famine in Gaza, and formal designations are incredibly rare and have only taken place a handful of times in the 21st century. In Somalia in 2011, in South Sudan in 2017 and 2020, and in Sudan in 2024. What is perhaps most extraordinary about the situation is that desperately needed food and medicine lie at the borders of Gaza, leaving many to say that this famine is entirely human-made.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Trump, Geothermal, Renewable Energy
Trump moves to scrap climate rule tying greenhouse gases to public health risk	Environment / Policy	Zelkin called for a rewrite of the endangerment finding in March as part of a series of environmental rollbacks announced at the same time in what Zelkin said was "the greatest day of deregulation in American history." A total of 31 key environmental rules on topics from clean air to clean water and climate change would be rolled back or repealed under Zelkin's plan. A group of global civil society organizations have placed the US on a watchlist for urgent concern over the health of its civic society, alongside Turkey, Serbia, El Salvador, Indonesia and Kenya. Civics pointed to three major issues including the deployment of military to quell protests, growing restrictions placed on journalists and civil society as well as the aggressive targeting of anti-war advocates surrounding Palestine.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Trump, EPA, Greenhouse Gases
US placed on rights watchlist over health of its civil society under Trump	Human Rights / Politics	A tsunami wave swept away buildings on the coast of al-Sevur-Kurdika, the main settlement on Russia's Kuril Islands in the Pacific, according to local officials. The regional authorities declared a state of emergency but mayor Alexander Ovsyannikov said all residents were safe and had been evacuated. The city's emergency management team said parts of the town had been flooded. Thousands of children are malnourished and hunger-related deaths on the rise, particularly among the youngest. It is worth noting this is not a formal designation of famine in Gaza, and formal designations are incredibly rare and have only taken place a handful of times in the 21st century. In Somalia in 2011, in South Sudan in 2017 and 2020, and in Sudan in 2024. What is perhaps most extraordinary about the situation is that desperately needed food and medicine lie at the borders of Gaza, leaving many to say that this famine is entirely human-made.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Tsunami, Pacific, Japan, US
Pacific tsunami alerts: what we know so far about the warnings stretching from Japan to the US	Climate / Disasters	Thousands of children are malnourished and hunger-related deaths on the rise, particularly among the youngest. It is worth noting this is not a formal designation of famine in Gaza, and formal designations are incredibly rare and have only taken place a handful of times in the 21st century. In Somalia in 2011, in South Sudan in 2017 and 2020, and in Sudan in 2024. What is perhaps most extraordinary about the situation is that desperately needed food and medicine lie at the borders of Gaza, leaving many to say that this famine is entirely human-made.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Tsunami, Pacific, Japan, US
Facing the reality of Gaza's 'unfolding' famine	Global Conflict / Humanitarian	Donald Trump is heavily weighing giving Sen "Diddy" Combs a full presidential pardon ahead of the convicted Bad Boy Records founder's sentencing later this year. In the early hours of last Friday, the city's cybersecurity protection systems detected "suspicious activity" on its network. St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter said during a Tuesday press conference: "We now know this was not a system glitch or technical error. This was a deliberate, coordinated, digital attack, carried out by a sophisticated external actor, intentionally and criminally targeting our city's information infrastructure," Carter warned. The hurricane center said in a July 29 advisory Hurricane Iona has strengthened into a major hurricane well south of the Hawaiian Islands. The NHC said the storm was located about 765 miles south-southwest of Honolulu with maximum sustained winds near 125 mph with higher gusts. Iona was a near Category 4 but officially a Category 3 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson wind scale.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Gaza, Famine, Humanitarian Crisis
Trump Now 'Seriously Considering' Pardon For Sean Combs Ahead Of Sentencing, White House Officially Says Nothing	Political Cesspool	Donald Trump is heavily weighing giving Sen "Diddy" Combs a full presidential pardon ahead of the convicted Bad Boy Records founder's sentencing later this year. In the early hours of last Friday, the city's cybersecurity protection systems detected "suspicious activity" on its network. St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter said during a Tuesday press conference: "We now know this was not a system glitch or technical error. This was a deliberate, coordinated, digital attack, carried out by a sophisticated external actor, intentionally and criminally targeting our city's information infrastructure," Carter warned. The hurricane center said in a July 29 advisory Hurricane Iona has strengthened into a major hurricane well south of the Hawaiian Islands. The NHC said the storm was located about 765 miles south-southwest of Honolulu with maximum sustained winds near 125 mph with higher gusts. Iona was a near Category 4 but officially a Category 3 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson wind scale.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Trump, Sean Combs, Pardon
Governor Tim Walz calls in National Guard after huge cyberattack prompts safety concerns in major Minnesota city	Cybersecurity / Emergency Response	The hurricane center said in a July 29 advisory Hurricane Iona has strengthened into a major hurricane well south of the Hawaiian Islands. The NHC said the storm was located about 765 miles south-southwest of Honolulu with maximum sustained winds near 125 mph with higher gusts. Iona was a near Category 4 but officially a Category 3 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson wind scale.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Cyberattack, Minnesota, National Guard
Hurricane Iona has strengthened into a Category 3 storm: See path	Climate / Disasters	Bond is "stuck between a rock and a hard place" as she struggles to "satisfy MAGA's thirst" for Epstein investigation details without implicating her boss in the scandal," said The Daily Beast. As such, the AG has become the "poster child for MAGA anger" for failing far too far to provide new revelations into the case. Bond was already being "criticized" in various conservative corners in March for relating Epstein-related documents to a small group of right-wing influencers and operatives in what critics dismissed as a "whodunnit" of old news.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Hurricane Iona, Climate, Storm
Knives come out for Pam Bondi	Political Cesspool	Bond is "stuck between a rock and a hard place" as she struggles to "satisfy MAGA's thirst" for Epstein investigation details without implicating her boss in the scandal," said The Daily Beast. As such, the AG has become the "poster child for MAGA anger" for failing far too far to provide new revelations into the case. Bond was already being "criticized" in various conservative corners in March for relating Epstein-related documents to a small group of right-wing influencers and operatives in what critics dismissed as a "whodunnit" of old news.	https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je https://www.rtr.org/2025/07/29/mx-s1-5447954/fmr-power-federal-je	2025/07/30	Pam Bondi, GOP, Trump

		The chief of police in a Maine resort town has called for an investigation into the arrest by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement of one of its officers, who the chief said was federally approved to work in the country in May. ICE arrested Old Orchard Beach Police Department reserve officer Jon Luke Evans, of Jamaica, on July 25. The agency said Evans was illegally present in the U.S. and unlawfully attempted to purchase a firearm.		
ICE says detained Maine police officer overstayed visa. The chief says he cleared a federal check	Immigration / Law Enforcement	ICE said in a Monday statement that Evans had legally entered the U.S. in September 2021 and violated the terms of his admission by overstaying his visa. But Old Orchard Beach Police Chief Elliot Chard said in her own Monday statement that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security had verified that Evans was authorized to work in the U.S. in May of this year.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/maine-police-chief-says-jamaican-20250730	2025-07-30 ICE, Immigration, Law Enforcement
Map reveals best and worst places to live for natural disasters	Climate / Disasters	Looking at the county version of the map, the worst areas to live are California, Florida, or anywhere on the U.S. coast, with a few exceptions. Most of Texas is moderate to high risk, but there are some pockets of low risk. The same goes for Washington, Oregon, and Nevada.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/map-reveals-best-worst-places-20250730	2025-07-30 Natural Disasters, Safety, Geography
Maryland delegation denied access to inspect Baltimore ICE facility	Immigration / Oversight	Six members of Maryland's congressional delegation were turned away Monday when they showed up to inspect a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Baltimore where they said people are being temporarily held for deportation or awaiting court hearings.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/maryland-delegation-denied-access-20250730	2025-07-30 Maryland, ICE, Detention Facility
MI Dems seek to prosecute mask-wearing ICE, after state instituted \$500 fine for forcing maskless during COVID	Political Cesspool	A Michigan Democratic effort would open up ICE agents to state prosecution if they conduct immigration enforcement operations while wearing masks that conceal their identity. The effort comes five years after Michigan Democrats supported Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order outlining \$500 fines for civilians who, conversely, defied her executive order to wear masks in public during the coronavirus pandemic.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/mi-dems-seek-prosecute-mask-10-20250730	2025-07-30 Michigan, ICE, Mask Policy, COVID
FBI Leaders Have 'No Idea What They're Doing,' Ex-Agent Warns	Political Cesspool	The federal investigative agency is undergoing a "radical deprofessionalization," with a growing emphasis on ideological loyalty to the Trump administration over a responsibility to serve the public, reported The Atlantic Tuesday. No longer is competence a key priority for new recruits.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/fbi-leaders-have-no-idea-what-theyre-doing-ex-agent-warns-10-20250730	2025-07-30 FBI, Leadership, Scandal
Republicans introduce Nearly 20 Bills Based on Debunked Conspiracy	Political Cesspool	Republican lawmakers in nearly 20 states have introduced legislation to prevent weather modification. Some of the laws allude to "chemicals," a conspiracy theory that planes aren't leaving "contrails" of condensation in the atmosphere but are spreading chemicals on an unsuspecting public. In no states, Florida and Tennessee. Those bills have passed and been signed into law.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/republicans-introduce-nearly-20-20250730	2025-07-30 GOP, Conspiracy Theories, Legislation
GOP shorts short of backing Gabbard, Trump on arresting Obama officials	Political Cesspool	Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard's document releases about the Obama administration's review of the 2016 election are leading President Trump to call for prosecution of former officials, including his predecessor.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/gop-trump-also-short-endorsing-20250730	2025-07-30 GOP, Trump, Tulsi Gabbard, Obama Officials
Schumer blasts Trump's EU deal: 'It's fake!'	Political Cesspool	"Trump would have you believe it's the biggest deal ever," Schumer complained. "Europe has admitted that this agreement isn't legally binding, and they have no control over whether these investments even happen."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/schumer-blasts-trump-eu-deal-00-20250730	2025-07-30 Schumer, Trump, EU Trade Deal
Scientist and green-card holder detained at SFO for more than a week, lawyer says	Immigration / Law Enforcement	Lee said that he has no idea where Kim is now and that Kim has not been allowed to communicate with anyone aside from a brief call last week to his family. A Senate official told him that Kim was being moved to an immigration facility in Texas, while a representative from the Korean Consulate told Kim's family that he was going to be sent somewhere else.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/scientist-green-card-holder-detained-20250730	2025-07-30 Scientist, Immigration, SFO
Pentagon thrown into confusion over think tank ban	Defense / Policy	A wide swath of Defense Department officials fear that new rules barring employees from participating at think tank and research events — a key way the Pentagon delivers its message and solicits feedback — will leave the military muzzled and further isolated from allies.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/about-themselves-foot-pentag-20250730	2025-07-30 Pentagon, Think Tanks, Defense Policy
Texas Republican Admits Affair, Denies Other Disturbing Allegations	Political Cesspool	In 2021, Texas state Rep. Governor Capriglione introduced the Human Life Protection Act, a trigger ban that turned Texas into one of the strictest anti-abortion states in the nation after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade the following summer.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/texas-republican-admits-affair-denies-20250730	2025-07-30 Texas, Republican, Affair
Why it matters that top Republicans are deferring to Trump on a possible Maxwell pardon	Political Cesspool	The answer doesn't just call into question Trump's honesty about his partnership with Epstein, but also his potential knowledge of the accused sex trafficker's misconduct. (Trump has not been accused of any wrongdoing in connection with Epstein.)	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-actually-pardon-ghislaine-7-20250730	2025-07-30 Trump, Maxwell, Pardon, GOP
Vice President J.D. Vance hit the campaign trail in Ohio on Monday, as he sought to help his boss and the GOP that is lined up behind him sell the "big, beautiful" budget reconciliation package to midterm voters.	Political Cesspool	The vice president, who less than three weeks before the 2024 election declared that "we" should release the "Epstein list," has a new message, as his colleagues now insist that the list isn't real: "Donald J. Trump, I'm telling you, he's got nothing to hide."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/jd-vance-21-5452-215452-20250730	2025-07-30 JD Vance, Epstein, Trump, Bondi
Birthright citizenship: Crucial new details on how the Trump administration's policy would work — if the courts ever allow it	Immigration / Policy	That first category is straightforward. The children of mothers who are not in the U.S. legally would not be granted citizenship. That second category, though, hinges on the definition of "lawful but temporary," which was not included in the original order.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/politics/articles/birthright-citizenship-crucial-20250730	2025-07-30 Trump, Birthright Citizenship, Immigration Policy
Radioactive wasp nest found at site where US once made nuclear bombs - ABC News	Environment / Nuclear	The nest had a radiation level 10 times what is allowed by federal regulations, officials said.	https://thn.in/yus/2q6c293c	July 31, 2025 Nuclear, Environment, Contamination
CVS Health hits 2025 forecast again, boosted by insurance, pharmacy businesses AP News	Business / Healthcare	CVS Health hoped that the second quarter and third its full-year forecast again, as the health care giant continued to rally under new management from a forgettable 2024.	https://thn.in/yus/yaycavsn	2025-07-31 CVS Health, Forecast, Insurance, Pharmacy
Millions are flocking to grow virtual gardens in viral Roblox game created by teenager AP News	personal interest	Grown a Garden is as simple as its name suggests — players can fill a plot of land with plants and animals, harvest and sell, trade or steal each others' bounty. The game is low stress, with an aesthetic reminiscent of Minecraft and a soundtrack of soothing classical lutes such as Mozart's Rondo Alla Turca playing in the background. Its popularity has further cemented Roblox' place not just in the gaming world but in popular culture — for better or for worse, it's where the kids hang out.	https://thn.in/yus/yaycse2c	July 31, 2025 Roblox, Gaming, Virtual Gardens, Viral Trend
Chinese scientists suggest sabotage to counter Musk's Starlink satellites AP News	International / Space	Chinese government and military scientists, concerned about Starlink's potential use by adversaries in a military confrontation and for spying, have published dozens of papers in public journals that explore ways to hunt and destroy way's satellites, an Associated Press review found.	https://thn.in/yus/53h4kks	July 31, 2025 China, Space, Starlink, Geopolitics
Peacock feathers can emit laser beams - Ars Technica	Weird World	Peacock feathers are greatly admired for their bright iridescent colors, but it turns out they can also emit laser light when dyed multiple times, according to a paper published in the journal Scientific Reports. Per the authors, it's the first example of a biolaser cavity within the animal kingdom.	https://thn.in/yus/2q6y8mf	2025-07-31 Peacock Feathers, Physics, Lasers
Pete Hegseth wants out of the Pentagon and is planning to run for office, report says	Military / Politics	The sources, who said they have spoken with Hegseth directly, claimed the defense secretary specifically mentioned a possible campaign for governor in Tennessee, where he has his primary residence. In a separate report, sources also told The Washington Post that Hegseth had discussed seeking political office.	https://thn.in/yus/2q6cw2nc	2025-07-31 Pete Hegseth, Pentagon, Politics, Election Plans
Copper futures tumble as White House says refined metal exempt from 50% tariffs	Economy / Trade	Copper futures (HG=F) tanked as much as 19% on Wednesday after a much-anticipated Trump administration directive to impose 50% tariffs on the industrial metal carved out an exemption for refined copper, used in a wide range of industries.	https://thn.in/yus/ydcfhw2nf	2025-07-31 Copper, Tariffs, White House, Economy
Pakistan and US reach a trade agreement to develop oil reserves and reduce tariffs	International / Trade	The United States and Pakistan reached a trade agreement expected to allow Washington to help develop Pakistan's largely untapped oil reserves and lower tariffs for the South Asian country, officials from both nations said Thursday.	https://thn.in/yus/44uf8f5c	July 31, 2025 Pakistan, US, Trade Agreement, Oil
China: 'World's first' robot dog-patrolled wind farm runs human-free	Weird World	Built by China Three Gorges and equipped with Goldwind GW150-3MW turbines, the desert site has operated without human presence since September 2024. Instead, four-legged inspection robots, fleets of drones, and a web of smart cameras and sensors patrol the rows of towers daily, flagging any anomaly in real time.	https://thn.in/yus/5r6e2uf	July 31, 2025 China, Robotics, Renewable Energy
MAGA Official Says Everyone Investigating Him for Porn Should Resign The New Republic	Politics / Scandal	Oklahoma state Superintendent Ryan Walters wants the board members who say they caught him watching porn to "resign in disgrace."	https://thn.in/yus/3xcm9c7	2025-07-31 MAGA, Scandal, Porn Investigation, Oklahoma
Trump releases birthright citizenship plan. It's worse than expected.	Politics / Immigration	For months, federal courts blocked the Trump administration from developing any such plans, finding the executive order unconstitutional from top to bottom. In June, however, the Supreme Court expressly permitted the government to begin "developing and issuing public guidance about the executive's plans to implement" Trump's order. Acting on that decision, an immigration agency released the first stage of its "implementation plan" last Friday. It shocks the conscience. In dry bureaucratic language, the memo outlines a plan to revoke citizenship from the children of both immigrants who lack permanent legal status and many lawful residents, including visa holders, Dreamers, and asylum-seekers. It envisions intrusive federal review of parents' papers—quite possibly in the hospital, before or shortly after birth—to gauge the newborn's legal status. And it paves the way for people who spend their entire lives in the United States to be deported to countries in which they've never stepped foot, or to be condemned to the limbo of statelessness. To this administration, enacting these unconstitutional harms isn't a mere byproduct of the plan. It's the whole point.	https://thn.in/yus/mrvqv7u0	July 31, 2025 Trump, Immigration, Citizenship, Policy
Too many em dashes? Weird words like 'delves'? Spotting text written by ChatGPT is still more art than science	AI / Media	Research participants recruited for a 2021 online study, for example, were unable to distinguish between human- and ChatGPT-generated stories, news articles and recipes.	https://thn.in/yus/bdfckeb	July 31, 2025 AI, Writing, Media Analysis
Trump goes off on Josh Hawley over insider trading bill	Politics / Corruption	President Trump on Wednesday went off on one his closest allies in Congress, Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), over voting in committee on a bill that would ban stock trading by lawmakers, presidents and vice presidents, arguing that Hawley teamed up with Democrats to advance the measure.	https://thn.in/yus/y5gm9ufw	2025-07-31 Trump, Josh Hawley, Insider Trading, Politics
Trump to Launch Private Health Tracking System With Tech Firms TIME	Politics / Health Data	The Trump Administration announced a new initiative on Wednesday designed to allow Americans to share their medical records across a host of apps and programs managed by private tech companies—a move that proponents say will facilitate easier access to those records across the country's fragmented health care system, but that digital privacy experts fear will risk making patients' data less safe.	https://thn.in/yus/y3a3bf5b	2025-07-31 Trump, Health Data, Privacy, Tech
Migrant traffic through Darién Gap falls to near zero after Trump crackdown	Immigration / Border Policy	New data show that the number of migrants attempting to cross the dangerous Darién Gap from Colombia into Panama has dropped to almost zero.	https://thn.in/yus/556cm98f	July 31, 2025 Migrant Crossings, Darien Gap, Trump, Border Polic
Trump DOJ rewrites DEI rules for grant programs	Politics / Civil Rights	The Trump administration is flipping language about inclusion and diversity on its head to the advantage of white Americans as a requirement to receive federal grants.	https://thn.in/yus/4zcbzpa5	July 31, 2025 Trump, DOJ, DEI, Civil Rights
Delta flight diverted to Minneapolis after severe turbulence: 25 hospitalized	Transportation / Safety	The guidelines could have sweeping effects, possibly forcing universities to end ethnic studies programs, media companies to stop paying for staffers to attend journalists of color conferences or nonprofits to cease programs studying health disparities.	https://thn.in/yus/4d4cm9m6	July 31, 2025 Delta, Flight Turbulence, Safety, Injuries
Gaza starvation widens MAGA's rupture with Israel	International / Politics	A COP co-chairment — in tandem with Democrats' overwhelming disapproval of the war in Gaza — could threaten the foundation and future of America's decades-old alliance with Israel.	https://thn.in/yus/y3b7u07m	2025-07-31 Gaza, Israel, MAGA, Starvation
ICE raids leave abandoned pets and property in their wake	Immigration / Human Impact	Federal immigration raids across the U.S. are leaving many immigrants no choice but to abandon their vehicles, work tools and even cherished family dogs and cats. The forsaken pets and property can pose safety problems for cities and towns, along with ramping up the stress for family members who also fear being detained.	https://thn.in/yus/2q6ef88c	2025-07-31 ICE, Immigration, Pets, Humanitarian Impact

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MLB gambling investigation raises game integrity concerns	Sports / Integrity	Easy mobile access to legal betting is leading to growing suspicions of players consorting with gamblers to fix outcomes.	https://nbn.bny.us/8f99aw6m	https://www.espn.com	July 31, 2025	MLB, Gambling, Integrity, Sports
Social Security: Treasury secretary calls new Trump accounts 'a backdoor' way to privatize the program CNN Politics	Politics / Social Security	Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on Wednesday likened the Trump accounts created by Republicans' massive new domestic policy law to "a backdoor for privatizing Social Security." Democrats are already launching political attacks.				
Canada joins France and UK in planning to recognize Palestinian state as gulf with US and key allies grows CNN	International / Diplomacy	"Donald Trump's Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent just said the quiet part out loud: The administration is scheming to privatize Social Security," Tim Hogan, the Democratic National Committee's treasury adviser for messaging, mobilization and strategy, said in a statement. "Trump is now coming after American seniors with a 'backdoor' scam to take away the benefits they earned."	https://nbn.bny.us/9b1493m	https://www.cnn.com	2025-07-31	Trump, Social Security, Privatization, Treasury
Scientists Find MS Triggers in the Gut--If You Believe the Mice	Health / MS Research	Canada has joined France and Britain in announcing plans to recognize a Palestinian state in September as international pressure builds on Israel over the ongoing starvation crisis and war in Gaza. The move leaves the United States increasingly isolated from some of its closest allies on the issue of Israel and how it has conducted its military campaign.	https://nbn.bny.us/3b1483dm	https://www.cnn.com	2025-07-31	Palestine, Canada, Diplomacy, Recognition
Exclusive: Google could be reading your ChatGPT conversations. Concerned? You should be - Fast Company	Technology / Privacy	Nearly a million Americans wake up each day with multiple sclerosis, a disease that turns their own immune system against their brain and spinal cord. For decades, researchers have suspected that something in the gut might trigger this autoimmune assault. Now, a clever new study has fingered two specific bacterial culprits: Eisenbergiella tayi and Lachnospirillum.	https://nbn.bny.us/5b2ccpzy	https://www.fastcompany.com	July 31, 2025	MS, Gut Health, Research
Pregnant sea turtle returns to the ocean off Florida after treatment for a boat strike The Independent	Environment / Wildlife	A basic Google site search using part of the link created when someone proactively clicks "Share" on ChatGPT can uncover conversations where people reveal deeply personal details, including struggles with addiction, experiences of physical abuse, or serious mental health issues—sometimes even fears that AI models are spying on them. While the user's identities aren't shown by ChatGPT, some potentially identify themselves by sharing highly specific personal information during the chats.	https://nbn.bny.us/3pccpdey	https://www.theindependent.com	2025-07-31	Google, ChatGPT, Privacy, AI
Trump's tariffs are harming US chocolate firms in one unfortunate way Indy100	Economy / Trade	A huge pregnant sea turtle was returned to its home off the Florida coast on Wednesday after it had been injured by a boat. Permyles, an adult female sea turtle weighing 302 pounds, was cleared for release into the wild after she received treatment from the Loggerhead Marine Turtle Center's veterinary team in Palm Beach County, Florida.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	Sea Turtle, Florida, Wildlife Rescue
Study: Pandemic aged our brains faster, whether or not we got COVID - Los Angeles Times	Health / COVID-19	Let's talk making chocolate. Thanks to the US-Mexico-Canada agreement negotiated by the first Trump administration — which came into effect in July 2020 — Canada and Mexico can export their finished chocolate to US companies without said companies paying any tariffs. The cocoa needed to make that chocolate can be brought into Canada without Canadian businesses having to pay any tariffs to do so.	https://nbn.bny.us/3b2cuzko	https://www.indy100.com	July 31, 2025	Trump, Tariffs, Chocolate Industry, Trade
Universat' cancer vaccine heading to human trials could be useful for 'all forms of cancer' Live Science	Health / Cancer Research	Mexico, meanwhile, produces its own cocoa beans, so there's no issues there. Compare that to US chocolate makers, and if they want to make it in America first (to reference Trump's slogan), then they're in a spot of bother, because they'll need to source the cocoa beans from elsewhere, and that comes with a fee on imports thanks to Trump's global tariffs first set out on April's "Liberation Day".	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	July 31, 2025	Trump, Tariffs, Chocolate Industry, Trade
Hot blob beneath Appalachians formed when Greenland split from North America — and it's heading to New York Live Science	Geology / Natural Phenomena	Living through the pandemic aged our brains faster — even among people who never became sick with COVID-19, according to a recent study. "Our study suggests that the experience of living through the COVID-19 pandemic was associated with slightly faster brain aging, even in people who were never infected with the virus," the study's lead author, Ali-Reza Mohammadi-Nejad of the University of Nottingham in England, wrote in an email to The Times.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Google has turned 2 billion smartphones into a global earthquake warning system — it's just as effective as seismometers Live Science	Geology / Natural Phenomena	A universal cancer vaccine in development could help rev up the immune system against tumors and supercharge the effects of existing cancer therapies, an animal study suggests. Similar to vaccines for viral infections like flu, many cancer vaccines are designed to help the immune system recognize specific proteins. However, while conventional vaccines aim to prevent disease, cancer vaccines are currently being developed to clear away cancers already growing in the body and to help prevent treated cancers from coming back.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Study raises new questions over Minnesota lakes and waterskiing MPR News	Environment / Waterways	A giant blob of abnormally hot rock beneath the Appalachian Mountains formed when Greenland separated from the Americas around 80 million years ago, new research suggests. Google has harnessed motion sensors on more than 2 billion smartphones to create an earthquake early-warning system that's as effective as standard seismometers, a new study reveals.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Hundreds of meatpacking workers with work permits lose their jobs following Trump immigration crackdown	Immigration / Labor	Between 2021 and 2024, the company's Android Earthquake Alerts (AEA) system captured more than 11,000 quakes through smartphone accelerometers and issued more than 1,200 alerts to Android users across 98 countries. This system has led to a tenfold increase in the number of people with access to earthquake alerts, from 250 million in 2019 to 2.5 billion today. The researchers published their findings July 17 in the journal Science.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Virginia city councilman doused in gasoline and lit on fire in attack at his office	Crime / Domestic	Wake boats have specially designed hulls to create a large wave for surfers to ride. Many have a ballast tank that can be filled with water to add extra weight to create a perfect wake. They typically travel at 10 to 12 mph, about half of the speed required of waterskiing.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Trump says U.S. will impose 25% tariffs on India - NPR	International / Trade	Hundreds of immigrant workers at a meatpacking plant in Iowa have lost their jobs and face deportation after their work authorizations, which were tied to their immigration status, were revoked following the Trump administration's termination of a series of legal immigration programs. A man entered the office Wednesday morning and confronted Vogler before he doused him in flammable liquid, authorities said. Vogler and the suspect then exited the building, where the suspect lit Vogler on fire, they said.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
DOJ firings spread fear, reshape the federal workforce - NPR	Politics / Justice Department	Police said that Vogler was afflicted to a hospital and that his condition remains unknown. Police identified the suspect as Shontae Michael Buck Hayes, 29, of Danville. He fed but was picked up by law enforcement several blocks away, police added.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Autmakers are eating the cost of tariffs — for now - NPR	Economy / Trade	He has been charged with attempted first-degree murder and aggravated malicious wounding, police said on X.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Despite White House promises, Christian refugees get deported - NPR	Politics / Immigration	President Trump on Wednesday said that the United States will begin imposing 25% tariffs on goods imported from India on Aug. 1.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Keeping a journal can change your life. How to start a daily practice - NPR	Personal Interest	This year hundreds of employees at the Justice Department have been fired. Sometimes, because they clash with the Trump administration, and other times, for reasons they don't even know. Tariffs have been costly for the auto industry. Higher taxes on imports like aluminum and steel are pushing up the prices of the materials that go into cars, while tariffs on foreign-made parts and imported vehicles have been as high as 25% since the spring. Even after recent deals struck with Japan and the European Union, tariffs on imports from those countries are still at 15% — far higher than in previous years.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Gaza Hunger Presents Trump With Moral Test Familiar to Past Presidents - The New York Times	International / Humanitarian Crisis	Torlosian has been advocating for the release from ICE custody of the Iranian members of his congregation, who entered the U.S. to escape religious persecution in their home country. According to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, Iranian authorities routinely target members of minority faith communities, especially Christians who converted from Islam. The journal is the space where I go to make sense of what has happened to me. [It gives me] the opportunity to think and figure out how I'm going to choose my response.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
How Louisiana Built Trump's Busiest ICE Deportation Hub - The New York Times	Immigration / Policy	Time after time, presidents have found themselves watching suffering in faraway countries with the knowledge that they could act to save innocent lives. Images of death and misery in places like the Balkans, Rwanda, Darfur and Syria, to name a few, haunted their consciences — sometimes moving them to act, but often leading to excuses. The airport is the only hub of its kind in the country, with a 400-bed detention facility on the tarmac.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
DeSantis says a census redo could be in works amid state redistricting wars - POLITICO	Politics / Elections	Since January, more than 40,000 people have been shuttled through this systemmaking Alexandria the deportation capital of America, and Louisiana a model for ICE's expansion.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Some air traffic controllers wanted to close a helicopter route near Washington's airport. It was abandoned as 'too political' - POLITICO	Transportation / Policy	Gov. Ron DeSantis, maintaining that the last U.S. Census was "flawed," said Wednesday that the Trump administration was considering whether to approve a new census before the end of the decade — a move that the Republican governor predicted could help Florida gain extra congressional seats.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Congressional stock trading ban gets Senate panel's OK - POLITICO	Politics / Corruption	An ad hoc working group that included air traffic controllers at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport previously sought changes to a helicopter route at the center of an investigation into what caused a mid-air collision between an Army helicopter and a commercial jet in January — but ultimately those changes were seen as "too political" to move forward, according to documents made public Wednesday as part of a crash probe.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Breakthrough male contraceptive pill passes first hurdle The Independent	Health / Reproductive Health	A Senate committee voted to advance a bill that would ban stock trading by lawmakers, presidents and vice presidents — over objections from most Republicans and with a limited carve-out for President Donald Trump.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
First Came Tea. Then Came the Male Rage. - The Atlantic	Culture / Gender	A potential new male contraceptive drug has just undergone its first tests in human volunteers. The results give the first indication that the drug, which does not use artificial hormones or affect testosterone production by testies, may be safe in humans. While previous attempts have been made to develop a male contraceptive in the past, these largely failed to pass clinical trials due to their unacceptable side effects. But this newest contraceptive works differently from past attempts, which means it doesn't require surgery and is much less likely to cause hormonal side-effects — problems that have helped stop previous attempts from reaching the market.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
What the George Floyd Summer Wrought - The Atlantic	Social Justice / Reflection	But by Thursday evening, angry men had begun to amass online. They gathered on the anonymous messaging board 4chan, clamoring for a "hack and leak" to publicly expose the app's users. On Friday morning, someone on 4chan posted a link leading to more than 70,000 images of Tea's users, including verification photos and pictures of government IDs, according to 404 Media, which first reported these events. Shortly afterward, someone created a map that claimed to link Tea users to locations and told anyone viewing it to "enjoy," another person created a site for comparing and ranking the users' physical appearances. Posters across social-media platforms had a field day sharing Tea users' images, calling them "whales" and "ugly bitches," saying that they deserved all of this. On Monday, 404 Media reported that a second data breach had revealed direct messages between users, including sensitive personal conversations, real names, social-media handles, and phone numbers. (A Tea representative told me that the company is investigating the issue and, having found that some messages were accessed in the breach, has taken their direct-messaging system offline. Tea has found no evidence of further exposures, she said, and is working to identify affected users and offer them free identity-protection services.)	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
We are witnessing the silencing of American media Robert Reich The Guardian	Politics / Media	Yet the ensuing riots—and the disorder they appeared to counterbalance—prefigured a surge of white grievance that still hasn't subsided. Throughout the summer of 2020, many on the left exalted lawlessness and violence as pardonable offenses, if not political virtues. Within a few months, this impulse had migrated to the right, yielding even worse damage to the liberal order, most notably on January 6, 2021. The mass unrest of the preceding year certainly did not cause the sacking of the Capitol. But that winter surge amounted to an outgrowth of the summer revolt—the rotten fruit of initiation.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging
Supersized stick insect discovered in high-altitude trees in Australia Insects The Guardian	Weird World	Jeff Bezos and his new head of Opinion are taking the paper down a path I cannot follow, directed toward the relentless promotion of free markets and personal liberties. I have no idea to what extent this is driven by Mr Bezos' fear of what Donald Trump could do to his various business interests, most of which are more valuable to him than The Post.	https://nbn.bny.us/2p44242z	https://www.indy100.com	2025-07-31	COVID-19, Brain Health, Aging

Arizona Democrat challenges Trump after denied entry to ICE facility: 'We can't tick the other way' US immigration The Guardian	Politics / Immigration	An Arizona congressman says the US government violated federal law when it refused to allow him to visit a local restaurant owner held in an immigration detention facility last week. Greg Stanton, who represents Arizona's fourth congressional district, is the latest in a series of Democrats who have been denied entry into Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities, despite members of Congress's legal right to conduct oversight without notice at places that detain migrants.	https://thn.lnky.us/2q33524f	https://www.theguardian.com/us/immigration/2025/jul/31/arizona-immigration-ice-trump	July 31, 2025	Arizona, Immigration, ICE, Trump
Medicare and Medicaid turn 60 – and face historic cuts decades in the making Medicaid The Guardian	Politics / Social Programs	"This is an infamous day for the US, which already has the most abysmal healthcare system among our peer nations," said Lawrence Gostin, a professor of global health law at Georgetown Law. "Now, in order to give tax relief and spend more on defense, we're kicking off our most needy citizens from life-saving care."	https://thn.lnky.us/5f8xv79x	https://www.theguardian.com/us/medicare/2025/jul/31/medicare-medicare-social-programs-cuts	2025-07-31	Medicare, Medicaid, Social Programs, Cuts
US medical groups fill gap with own vaccine guides amid 'information crisis' US healthcare The Guardian	Health / Public Policy	The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is adopting a recommendation from independent advisers to drop thimerosal, a preservative found in about 4% of its vaccines, despite evidence that it poses no risks and helps prevent bacterial and fungal infections. But Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the HHS secretary, has not adopted two other votes from the advisory panel recommending annual flu vaccines for everyone over the age of six months and RSV shots for infants.	https://thn.lnky.us/43ar6x4f	https://www.theguardian.com/us/healthcare/2025/jul/31/vaccine-public-health-information-crisis	2025-07-31	Vaccine, Public Health, Information Crisis
Georgia detainee with prosthetic legs who objected to flooded cell sent to solitary Trump administration The Guardian	Politics / Immigration	A Liberian-born man detained by ICE in Georgia was put in solitary confinement after complaining about flooding in his cell that he said was potentially dangerous for his electronic prosthetic legs, the Guardian can reveal.	https://thn.lnky.us/a82cmhw	https://www.theguardian.com/us/immigration/2025/jul/31/georgia-detainee-solitary-confinement-trump-admin	July 31, 2025	Georgia, Detainee, Solitary Confinement, Trump Admin
After nearly 100 years, adult winter-run Chinook salmon seen in California river California The Guardian	Environment / Wildlife	Adult winter-run Chinook salmon have been spotted in northern California's McCloud River for the first time in nearly a century, according to the California department of fish and wildlife (CDFW).	https://thn.lnky.us/2p7emskw	https://www.theguardian.com/us/california/2025/jul/31/california-chinook-salmon-wildlife	July 31, 2025	California, Chinook Salmon, Wildlife
Israel's new measures do nothing to stop the starvation crisis in Gaza, say aid workers Israel-Gaza war The Guardian	International / Humanitarian Crisis	Aid workers have said Israel's new measures – meant to improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza – fall far short of what is needed and aid access continues to be blocked amid the population's spiralling famine. The new measures, which came into effect on Sunday and include daily humanitarian pauses, as well as air-dropped aid and humanitarian corridors for UN aid trucks, were announced by Israel as international pressure mounted to alleviate the hunger crisis.	https://thn.lnky.us/tm5p9d4	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/31/israel-gaza-humanitarian-crisis-starvation	2025-07-31	Israel, Gaza, Humanitarian Crisis, Starvation
Trump accused of 'attack on Brazilian democracy' after sanctioning Bolsonaro trial judge Brazil The Guardian	International / Politics	Allies of Brazil's president, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, have accused Donald Trump of launching "a direct attack on Brazilian democracy" after the US treasury slapped sanctions on Alexandre de Moraes, the supreme court judge widely credited with helping save Brazilian democracy from a 2022 rightwing coup. The highly controversial US move was announced on Wednesday by the secretary of the treasury, Scott Bessent, shortly before Trump followed through on a threat to hit Brazilian imports with 50% tariffs as signing an executive order "to deal with the recent policies, practices, and actions by the government of Brazil".	https://thn.lnky.us/292d4bc2	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/31/trump-brazil-bolsonaro-sanctions	July 31, 2025	Trump, Brazil, Bolsonaro, Sanctions
New Zealand government votes to bring back fossil fuel exploration in major reversal New Zealand The Guardian	Environment / Energy Policy	New Zealand's government has voted to resume oil and gas exploration despite an outcry from the opposition and environmental groups who argue the resulting oil will waste to the country's climate credentials.	https://thn.lnky.us/yckm72c	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/31/new-zealand-fossil-fuels-energy-policy	July 31, 2025	New Zealand, Fossil Fuels, Energy Policy
Trump's new plan to install MAGA cronies as top federal prosecutors, explained Vox	Politics / Corruption	If Trump is also able to appoint district judges without seeking home-state senators' permission, these political trials could be conducted by Trump loyalists and then heard by Trump judges who are likely to attempt to rig them to ensure a conviction. Imagine judges like Aileen Cannon, the Trump judge who sabotaged the Justice Department's attempt to prosecute Trump for stealing documents, hearing political trials in every blue state.	https://thn.lnky.us/hb3k3ds	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/trump-corruption-justice-system-federal-prosecutors	2025-07-31	Trump, Corruption, Justice System, Federal Prosecutors
Analysis: Donald Trump's long history of fake history	Politics / Media	Trump's imaginary story about these events nine years ago might be considered trivial compared to his lies about pressing topics like inflation and the war in Ukraine. But it's part of a pattern – a long line of similarly fabricated tales from the president about his own history and world history. And the pattern has a purpose: Trump's stories serve to exaggerate his foresight about and knowledge of domestic and foreign affairs, embellish his biography and record in office, and diminish his political opponents.	https://thn.lnky.us/25ebfhd5	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/trump-fake-history-media-analysis	2025-07-31	Trump, Fake History, Media Analysis
Communities' of strange, extreme life seen for first time in deep ocean	Science / Exploration	Beats of crabs, nests of bacteria that look like ice and fields of tube worms – these are just some examples of the strange, extreme life that an expedition to the deepest parts of the ocean has observed, filmed and photographed. Diving in a human-occupied submersible to ocean trenches in the northwest Pacific Ocean, a Chinese-led research team captured pictures of life at depths of more than 9km (5.6 miles).	https://thn.lnky.us/yckurh3d	https://www.vox.com/science/2025/7/31/deep-sea-extreme-life-exploration	2025-07-31	Deep Sea, Extreme Life, Exploration
Democrats invoke rare federal law to force release of Epstein files. Here's how it works	Politics / Transparency	The deepest marine life filmed before this expedition was at 8,336m – a snailfish that was filmed swimming in a deep ocean trench off the coast of Japan in 2023. Senate Democrats invoked an obscure and rarely used law on Wednesday, compelling the Department of Justice to release all files related to its investigation into convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.	https://thn.lnky.us/2q8f7vg	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/epstein-democrats-transparency-federal-law	2025-07-31	Epstein, Democrats, Transparency, Federal Law
DHS used a Thomas Kinkade painting to push 'anti-immigration' homeland message. His family is fuming	Politics / Immigration	However, Democrats could still face challenges with forcing the actual release of the files, with party leaders saying they would prepare for litigation if needed. Immigration officials used late artist Thomas Kinkade's painting in a social media post pushing the Trump administration's anti-immigration agenda – a move that the painter's family "strongly condemns."	https://thn.lnky.us/5f8xv79x	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/dhs-thomas-kinkade-immigration-messaging	July 31, 2025	DHS, Thomas Kinkade, Immigration Messaging
ICE entices new recruits with patriotism pitch and promise of \$50,000 signing bonuses	Immigration / ICE Recruitment	"We strongly condemn the sentiment expressed in the post and the deplorable actions that DHS continues to carry out. Like many of you, we were deeply troubled to see this image used to promote division and xenophobia associated with the ideals of DHS, as this is antithetical to our mission," the Kinkade Family Foundation wrote in a statement on its website. The use of this painting was "unauthorized," the foundation said, noting it has requested that DHS remove the post.	https://thn.lnky.us/4kxvd8rp	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/ice-recruitment-immigration-enforcement	2025-07-31	ICE, Recruitment, Immigration Enforcement
ICE is trying to increase recruitment with \$50K signing bonus and 'defend the Homeland' posters	Immigration / ICE Recruitment	The agency responsible for carrying out President Donald Trump's mass deportations is launching a recruiting campaign to entice "brave and heroic Americans" to serve as new deportation officers, lawyers and investigators as the government gears up for a major expansion of immigration enforcement thanks to a recent infusion of money from Congress. ICE is set to get \$76.5 billion, nearly 10 times its current annual budget. Some \$45 billion will go toward increasing detention capacity. Nearly \$30 billion is for hiring 10,000 more staff so the agency can meet its goal of 1 million annual deportations.	https://thn.lnky.us/2k7m2zh	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/ice-recruitment-immigration-enforcement	July 31, 2025	ICE, Recruitment, Immigration Enforcement
Judge orders Trump administration to explain why order to restore Voice of America wasn't followed	Politics / Media	Immigration and Customs Enforcement is attempting to sign on recruits with bonuses of as much as \$50,000 as well as student loan forgiveness, as it tries to reach the Trump administration's goal of hiring 10,000 new ICE agents. A federal judge on Wednesday essentially accused the Trump administration of ignoring his orders to restore Voice of America's operations and explain clearly what it is doing with the government-run operation that provides news to other countries. U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth of the District of Columbia gave the administration until Aug. 13 to explain how it will get VOA working again. The outlet that dates back to World War II has been largely dark since March.	https://thn.lnky.us/2p8f87p	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/laura-loomer-trump-internal-conflict	2025-07-31	Trump, Voice of America, Court Order, Media
Laura Loomer Claims Two More Trump Heads in Just 24 Hours	Politics / Infighting	Lamberth said the administration needs to show what it is doing with the \$260 million Congress appropriated for VOA's operations this year. In the past 24 hours, far-right internet personality Laura Loomer has majorly flexed the influence she wields over the Trump administration's staffing decisions, claiming not one but two heads. On Tuesday evening, Loomer publicly cast aspersions on Jen Easterly, a former Biden cybersecurity official who was recently named to a distinguished chair position in West Point's social sciences department.	https://thn.lnky.us/2p8f87p	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/laura-loomer-trump-internal-conflict	2025-07-31	Laura Loomer, Trump, Internal Conflict
MAGA Civil War Erupts Over Gaza as GOP Rep Says 'Starve Away'	Politics / GOP Divide	Right-wing Florida Rep. Randy Fine, who made a name for himself with a series of blatant Islamophobic and racist statements, wrote a recent post on X that was a step too far for some. "Release the starving. Let them starve away," he wrote about the hunger crisis in Gaza. Welcome to the dumbing down of the Department of Justice, where the smartest and most experienced prosecutors are resigning or being dismissed; partisan, substandard lawyers are replacing them; and the department's mission is reshaped to serve the president's political and vengeance agenda – and to investigate bizarre conspiracy theories. Ten experienced, high-quality federal prosecutors left the department over its decision to drop corruption charges against New York City Mayor Eric Adams in an apparent quid pro quo for his support for Trump's immigration crackdown. Over two-thirds of the attorneys in the department's Civil Rights Division have left because its mission has been twisted from enforcing civil rights to enforcing Trump's executive orders. Trump aides forced out most of the lawyers in the Public Integrity Section because prosecuting corrupt Washington officials evidently is less important than deporting undocumented immigrants who work hard, pay taxes and have committed no crimes. Growing Democratic rancor in the U.S. Congress over President Donald Trump's tactics on the federal budget is threatening the long legislative tradition of funding the government through bipartisan deals, while raising the risk of a partial shutdown this fall.	https://thn.lnky.us/55cd8f73	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/maga-gop-gaza-infighting	2025-07-31	MAGA, GOP, Gaza, Infighting
Opinion - Trump and Bondi have degraded the once-proud Justice Department	Politics / Opinion	Some headline Republicans have floated the unprecedented idea of bypassing Senate rules requiring 60 of the 100 members to agree on most legislation to pass a funding bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1 without any Democratic votes. Puerto Rico's governor declared a state of emergency on Wednesday and activated the National Guard after thousands of homes were left without water. Nearly 180,000 customers were affected at the peak of the outage late last week. As of Wednesday, nearly 3,000 customers were still without water, including nearly a dozen hotels, according to Gov. Jennifer González.	https://thn.lnky.us/2ar6emad	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/russia-sanctions-trump-ceasefire	2025-07-31	Russia, Sanctions, Trump, Ceasefire
Partisan rancor in Congress raises risk of US government shutdown this fall	Politics / Government	The Senate confirmed President Donald Trump's pick to lead the National Counterterrorism Center, Joe Kent, on Wednesday evening as Republicans looked past his connections to right-wing extremists and support for conspiracy theories about the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. The Texas Senate voted 17-12 Wednesday to preliminarily approve a bill that would allow the attorney general to independently prosecute election crimes without waiting to be invited by a local district attorney, a long-standing priority for the office's GOP incumbent, Ken Paxton.	https://thn.lnky.us/2v9w8f9h	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/trump-counterterrorism-senate-confirmation	2025-07-31	Trump, Counterterrorism, Senate Confirmation
Puerto Rico declares emergency and activates National Guard over water outages	Climate / Infrastructure	Lamarcair has proposed a bill that would institute a pretty significant change for the Transportation Security Administration, limiting the agency's ability to use facial recognition software at its security checkpoints. As the bill goes through Congress, the major airlines in the United States are voicing their opposition. More than 60 companies, including major tech companies like Google, Amazon and Apple as well as health care giants like UnitedHealth Group and CVS Health, have agreed to share patient data in the system. The initiative will focus on diabetes and weight management, conventional artificial intelligence that helps patients, and digital tools such as QR codes and apps that register patients for check-ins on track medications.	https://thn.lnky.us/dj43d9v	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/texas-senate-election-crimes-attorney-general	July 31, 2025	Texas Senate, Election Crimes, Attorney General
Russia has developed immunity to sanctions, Kremlin says after Trump tightens ceasefire deadline	International / Sanctions	Immigration officers were caught on video celebrating proudly after using chokeholds and a stun gun to arrest two undocumented immigrants in Florida. The owner of the video, an 18-year-old American citizen, was threatened and charged after he refused to delete the footage revealing the harsh tactics used by immigration authorities to meet the Trump administration's mass deportation goals.	https://thn.lnky.us/bdc8d9ev	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/airlines-tsa-transportation-policy	July 31, 2025	Airlines, TSA, Transportation Policy
Senate confirms Trump's pick for counterterrorism agency, former Green Beret with extremist ties	Politics / Security	The U.S. Treasury is seeking to recoup COVID-19 pandemic relief funds from hundreds of local governments that received millions of dollars but never complied with requirements to report how they used the money. The federal government distributed \$350 billion to state, local, territorial and tribal governments as part of the American Rescue Plan approved by Congress and President Joe Biden in 2021. More than 30,000 governments, from the largest state to the tiniest town, were to get a share.	https://thn.lnky.us/bdc8d9ev	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/trump-health-tracking-privacy-big-tech	2025-07-31	Trump, Health Tracking, Privacy, Big Tech
Texas Senate once again tries to give the attorney general authority to prosecute election crimes	Politics / Elections	The U.S. Treasury is seeking to recoup COVID-19 pandemic relief funds from hundreds of local governments that received millions of dollars but never complied with requirements to report how they used the money. The federal government distributed \$350 billion to state, local, territorial and tribal governments as part of the American Rescue Plan approved by Congress and President Joe Biden in 2021. More than 30,000 governments, from the largest state to the tiniest town, were to get a share.	https://thn.lnky.us/2p8f87p	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/immigration-civil-rights-arrest-recording	2025-07-31	Immigration, Civil Rights, Arrest Recording
Top U.S. Airlines Speak Out Against Possible TSA Changes	Transportation / Policy	Governments had until the end of 2024 to obligate the money for specific projects and were supposed to file either quarterly or annual progress reports, depending on their population and how much money they received. Most complied. But as of January, about 1,000 mostly smaller governments had failed to file any reports with the Treasury detailing how they used a total of \$139 million, according to an analysis by the U.S. Government Accountability Office.	https://thn.lnky.us/2p8f87p	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/covid-relief-federal-oversight-local-government	2025-07-31	COVID Relief, Federal Oversight, Local Government
Trump administration is launching a new private health tracking system with Big Tech's help	Politics / Health Data	White House officials are worried about losing support from Trump's MAGA base outraged about his handling of Jeffrey Epstein's case—with an insider saying that the president's all-important crowd sizes could be affected.	https://thn.lnky.us/ydhtyhep	https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2025/7/31/trump-epstein-white-house-scandal	2025-07-31	Trump, Epstein, White House, Scandal

		This raises a key question: Considering that the Kamchatka oceanic megquake had a magnitude of 8.8—one of the most powerful ever recorded—why wasn't the resulting tsunami more devastating? The answer, in short, is this: the specific fault that ruptured produced pretty much exactly the tsunami it was capable of making, even if we intuitively feel like the effect should have been worse.			
Why the Tsunami from Russia's Earthquake Wasn't as Large as Feared	Science / Natural Disasters	"First, it's important to recognize that the issuance of any warning at all is a success story," says Diego Melgar, an earthquake and tsunami scientist at the University of Oregon. A tsunami doesn't have to be 30 feet tall to cause intense destruction and death, even a relatively modest one can wash people and structures away with ease. So far, it looks like there won't be a high number of casualties—and that's in part because "the warnings went out, and they were effective," Melgar says: people got out of danger.	https://the.tiny.cc/48jgumw	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=48jgumw	2025-07-31 Tsunami, Russia, Earthquake, Disaster
Deadly DC plane crash was years in the making, air traffic manager tells NTSB	Transportation / Safety	I don't think this accident occurred that night, Clark Allen, the operations manager, said at the investigative hearing. "I think it happened years before we're talked about, you know, resources, whether they were available or unavailable at certain time frames, folks being listened to or not being listened to at certain times. This was not that evening. It was a combination over many years that I think built up to that evening."	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Plane Crash, DC, NTSB, Transportation Safety
		But it is possible to get the sniffles — or worse — in the summer: Federal data released Friday, for example, shows COVID-19 is trending up in many parts of the county, with emergency department visits up among people of all ages.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se		
		Flu is trending down and RSV was steady this week. But COVID-19 is trending up in many mid-Atlantic, southeast, Southern and West Coast states.			
		The expectation is that COVID-19 will eventually settle into a winter seasonal pattern like other coronaviruses, but the past few years have brought a late summer surge, said Dr. Dean Blumberg, chief of pediatric infectious diseases at University of California Davis Children's Hospital.			
Summer heat and cold symptoms: COVID-19 is rising	Health / COVID	Other viruses circulating this time of year include the one that causes "hand, foot and mouth" disease — which has symptoms similar to a cold, plus sores and rashes — and norovirus, sometimes called the stomach flu.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 COVID-19, Public Health, Summer Surge
"A zoo in Denmark asks for pet donations to feed predators"	Weird World	The zoo in northern Denmark explained in a Facebook post that "if you have a healthy animal that needs to be given away for various reasons, feel free to donate it to us." The zoo points to guinea pigs, rabbits and chickens as possible donations. After being euthanized, the animals will be used as fodder, the zoo said.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Denmark, Zoos, Weird World
		Delayed treatments, canceled doctor visits, skipped prescriptions. Losing insurance is bad for your health. And, thanks to a natural experiment nearly two decades ago, researchers can forecast what will mean for patient care. Among the problems they predict will develop as a direct result of these people losing coverage:	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se		
"One Big Beautiful Bill effects: Debt and delayed care predicted by researchers"	Health / Policy	— About 2.5 million people may no longer have a personal doctor. — About 1.6 million patients will take on medical debt. — The lack of care may cause nearly 22,000 deaths annually.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Big Beautiful Bill, Medicaid, Health Policy
"Nancy Mace announces Republican primary run for South Carolina governor"	Politics / Elections	Republican Rep. Nancy Mace of South Carolina is running for governor, entering a GOP primary in which competition for President Donald Trump's endorsement — and the backing of his base of supporters — is expected to be fierce.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Nancy Mace, South Carolina, Elections
		Both Wilson and Evette have touted their own connections to the Republican president, but Mace calling herself "Trump in high heels" — said she is best positioned to carry out his agenda in South Carolina, where he has remained popular since his 2016 state primary win helped cement his status as a GOP presidential nominee.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Nancy Mace, South Carolina, Elections
"About half of US adults say grocery costs cause major stress, poll finds"	Economy / Society	The vast majority of U.S. adults are at least somewhat stressed about the cost of groceries, a new poll finds, as prices continue to rise and concerns about the impact of President Donald Trump's tariffs remain widespread.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Groceries, Cost of Living, Economy
"Somalia's camel milk revolution is improving nutrition"	International / Agriculture	About half of all Americans say the cost of groceries is a "major" source of stress in their life right now, while 33% say it's a "minor" source of stress, according to the poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Only 14% say it's not a source of stress, underscoring the pervasive anxiety most Americans continue to feel about the cost of everyday essentials.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Somalia, Camel Milk, Nutrition
"Japan's oldest person is a 114-year-old retired doctor"	Weird World	Shigeko Kagawa, a 114-year-old retired physician from Nara Prefecture, has become Japan's oldest living person, following the death of 114-year-old Miyoko Itoyasawa, according to Japan's Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Japan, Longevity, Centenarians
		For all of President Donald Trump's promises of an economic "golden age," a series of weak indicators this week told a potentially worrisome story as the impacts of his policies are coming into focus. Job gains are dwindling. Inflation is ticking upward. Growth has slowed compared with last year.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
"It's Trump's economy now. The latest financial numbers offer some warning signs"	Economy	More than six months into his term, Trump's blitz of tariff hikes and his new tax and spending bill have remodeled America's trading, manufacturing, energy and tax systems to his own liking. He's eager to take credit for any wins that might occur and is hurting for someone else to blame if the financial situation starts to totter.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Trump, Economy, Financial Indicators
"From Laos to Brazil, Trump's tariffs leave a lot of losers. But even the winners will pay a price"	International Trade	President Donald Trump's tariff onslaught this week left a lot of losers — from small, poor countries like Laos and Algeria to wealthy U.S. trading partners like Canada and Switzerland. They're now facing especially hefty taxes — tariffs — on the products they export to the United States starting Aug. 7.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Trump, Tariffs, International Trade
		The closest thing to winners may be the countries that caved to Trump's demands — and avoided even more pain. But it's unclear whether anyone will be able to claim victory in the long run — even the United States, the intended beneficiary of Trump's protectionist policies.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Trump, Tariffs, International Trade
"American Medical Association excluded from vaccine recommendation panel"	Health / Policy	U.S. health officials have told more than a half-dozen of the nation's top medical organizations that they will no longer help establish vaccination recommendations.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
"Photos of participants at the annual costumed 'Ontanka' SUP boat festival"	Weird World	"I'm concerned and distressed," said Dr. William Schaffner, a Vanderbilt University vaccine expert who for decades has been involved with ACP and its workgroups.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 AMA, Vaccines, CDC
		He said the move will likely prompt a confusing fragmentation of vaccine guidance, as patients may hear the government say one thing and hear their doctors say another.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Russia, Paddle Boarding, Weird World
"China welcomes 183 Brazil coffee sellers in wake of US tariff"	International Trade	Picture history	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 China, Brazil, Coffee Trade
		China has approved 183 new Brazilian coffee companies to export products to the Chinese market, according to a social media post of the Chinese embassy in Brazil on Saturday.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 China, Brazil, Coffee Trade
		The measure, a boon to local exporters after the United States government's announcement of steep tariffs on Brazilian coffee and other products, took effect on July 30.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
		Although the seven-figure price tag for a lot with no house might feel exorbitant, real estate agents told Business Insider that these properties are still big-ticket purchases, even in the face of natural disasters and reluctant home insurers.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
"Empty lots in Malibu destroyed by the LA fires are now on the market for millions"	Climate / Disasters	"They're not making any more beachfront properties," Josh Flagg, a real estate agent in Los Angeles, said. "There are only so many properties available, and the smart people will be taking these lots now before the demand picks up, which it inevitably will."	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Wildfires, Malibu, Housing
		The president has hailed the world's "hottest" economy — and found others to blame for any wobbles. When Friday's jobs report showed a dramatic slowdown in hiring, he fired the head of the agency that published it. He's pinned some frustrations on his predecessor Joe Biden, and continues to berate the Federal Reserve for what he considers too-high interest rates.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
"Trump's Next Job: Selling Skeptical Americans on His Economy"	Economy	"The economy has held up remarkably well. Inflation has stayed relatively tame. But I do think there are storm clouds on the horizon," said Republican strategist Marc Short, who served in Trump's first administration. Many businesses have so far avoided passing on tariff costs to consumers, he said, but "the frog has been boiling all along."	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Trump, Economy, Public Opinion
States sue Trump admin over trans care access	LGBTQ+ Rights	Sixteen states and the District of Columbia are suing the Trump administration over what they charge is a coordinated federal effort to intimidate health care providers into stopping gender-affirming care for individuals under age 18.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Trump, Trans Rights, Health Care, Lawsuit
		A five-alarm fire broke through the economic establishment Friday after President Trump ousted the government's top labor statistician, accusing her — without evidence — of "fudging" a weak jobs report.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
		It's just one glaring example from a week that bore many authoritarian hallmarks — purging dissenters, rewriting history, criminalizing opposition and demanding total institutional loyalty.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
Trump's firing of BLS chief mirrors authoritarian playbook	Political Cesspool	1. Trump fired Bureau of Labor Statistics commissioner Ecka McEniff earlier. 2. Eagar to shift scrutiny from his handling of the Jeffrey Epstein scandal, Trump has demanded his Justice Department prosecute former President Obama for "treason" over the 2016 Russia investigation. 3. In his crackdown on liberal power centers, Trump has extracted more than \$12 billion in settlements from 13 of the most elite players in academia. 4. Dozens of Venezuelan migrants deported to El Salvador's notorious CECOT megaperson say they were beaten, sexually assaulted and denied access to lawyers and medical care. 5. Trump's months-long campaign to oust Fed Chair Jay Powell, or at least pressure him to cut interest rates, is still lingering.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Trump, Authoritarianism, BLS, Jobs Report
		An AI-generated video of rabbits jumping on a rampolope that went viral this week — and was widely believed to be real — proved even cute animal aids aren't safe from convincing social machines.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
		AI-generated oddities are showing up in our feeds more often because they're lucrative for creators.			
		The weirder it is, the more time we spend looking at it, signaling the algorithm that we want to see more like it.			
AI pop videos are ruining our scrolling	Tech / AI	If we watch content over and over again or stop scrolling to see if an image or video shows the signs of being AI-generated, that's more fuel for the algorithm.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 AI, Viral Content, Social Media
		Engagement — especially confusion-driven engagement — is valuable.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
		It's a very good time to be an employed, married homeowner in America, and a very bad time to be looking for those things.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
		Finally, 2025 is shaping up to be one of the worst years for home sales in a generation — possibly the worst in 30 years, per Atlanta's Heather Long.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
The American Dream's closing gate	Economy / Society	Supply is way too low. That keeps values high for people who already have homes, and makes homeownership that much less attainable for many who don't.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Economy, American Dream, Housing, Jobs
		Folks who locked in super-low mortgage rates a few years ago are sitting particularly pretty. Now, with relatively high rates and record-high prices in much of the country, millions of Americans are deferring dreams of buying homes or giving up entirely.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
		MAGA sources warn the movement's appetite for unity won't naturally extend to anyone not named Donald Trump, and that future leaders will be on far shakier leaders if they cross the base on its core issues.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
MAGA's warning to Trump's heir	Political Cesspool	"The reason Trump can be so formidable is he inspires that fanatical degree of direct loyalty. And it also means people in his own party can't easily stand against him without everyone getting very angry at them," one MAGA-media figure told Axios.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 MAGA, Trump, Political Cesspool
		The Christmas business is typically pretty cheerful, but not this year: Companies that import and sell Christmas trees, twinkling lights and other holiday decorations say they've been hammered by tariffs.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
		Christmas executives (yes, that's a thing) have had to be real Scrooges since President Trump's "Liberation Day" tariffs.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
Tariffs could mean higher prices for Christmas decorations	Economy / Trade	They've laid off workers, canceled or cut back imports, and raised prices to deal with higher import taxes — and they're still waiting to see where tariffs wind up.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Tariffs, Economy, Holiday Shopping
		"It's like lack of sleep, absolute anxiety fest all the time — ughs, I mean. It's just awful," says Jared Hendricks CEO of Village Lighting Company, which sells Christmas lighting and decorations.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
		Over 50 Texas Democrats fled the state Sunday in an attempt to prevent Republicans from holding a vote in the state House on a new congressional district map.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
Texas Democrats flee state in bid to block Trump-backed redistricting vote	Politics / Elections	Texas Republicans have threatened to arrest the Democrats over the action. Democratic Caucus chair Gene Wu said at a Sunday evening briefing with Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker after arriving in Chicago that they had discussed this matter as "a topic of serious concern."	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Texas, Redistricting, Democrats, Republicans, Trump
Oxford chemists find honey offering in 2,500-year-old shrine	Weird World	Chemists have identified a residue found in 2,500-year-old bronze jars as honey, solving a "decades-old archaeological puzzle."	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Weird World, Archaeology, Ancient Honey
		Multiple fire agencies are on the scene of a growing brush fire off Highway 166 in Santa Barbara County that sparked Friday afternoon.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	
Gifford Fire Reaches Nearly 40,000 Acres, Additional Evacuations Issued with Three Injuries	Climate / Disasters	As of 4:45 a.m. Sunday, the fire is approximately to be 39,76 acres with 0% containment.	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	https://the.tiny.cc/29h6w3se	8/4/2025 Wildfire, California, Evacuations, Climate Disaster

"Democrats see party as 'weak and ineffective,' new poll finds"	Politics / Polling	More than one in three Democrats consider their party "weak" and "ineffective" as it struggles to come to terms with Donald Trump's administration, according to a new poll.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/267s8hr	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/democrats-polling	8/4/2025	Democrats, Polling, Political Perception
"ICE turned Louisiana into America's deportation capital. The inspiration was Amazon and FedEx with human beings"	Immigration / Human Rights	"We need to get better at treating this like a business, where this mass deportation operation is something like you would see and say, like, Amazon trying to get your Prime delivery within 24 hours," Lyons told a law enforcement conference in Phoenix earlier this year. "So, trying to figure out how to do that with human beings," he said.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26ag9d9z	https://www.foxnews.com/immigration/ice-louisiana-deportation	8/4/2025	ICE, Louisiana, Deportation, Human Rights
"Trump officials scramble to justify firing of economic statisticians – as critics say 'scary' move is a sign of 'authoritarianism'"	Political Cesspool	McIntarfer's firing was immediately denounced by her Trump-appointed predecessor and numerous others in Washington. Republicans on the Hill struggled to defend it, while members of Donald Trump's team insisted in interviews that the president and the nation needed what he called "reliable" numbers. Trump accused McIntarfer of cooking the numbers on Kamala Harris's behalf during the 2024 election, and now working to make him look bad, a notion even the president's own advisers wouldn't echo directly.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26jnu738	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-justifies-firing-economic-statisticians	8/4/2025	Trump, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Authoritarianism
"Trump's DOJ is demanding states hand over election information. Officials are wondering what they intend to do with it"	Political Cesspool	The Department of Justice is on a mission to collect election information, including sensitive voter information, from states as part of President Donald Trump's executive order cracking down on voting accessibility – but it's left state officials concerned.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26jdx4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/doj-demanding-states-hand-over-election-information	8/4/2025	Trump, DOJ, Elections
"Trump dubbed himself the 'father of IVF' on the campaign trail. But his pledge to mandate insurance cover has disappeared"	Promises Broken	But some state officials have flagged concerns with the swath of information being requested, saying voter rolls contain private information about individuals and cannot be shared without congressional notification.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k5d4cj	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-dubbed-himself-the-father-of-ivf	8/4/2025	Trump, IVF, Promises Broken
New tariffs, alarming job numbers and a high-profile firing: A wild week for the Trump economy	Economy / Jobs	"We've offered the public voter list. If they want protected data, there's a process for government entities to request it for lawful purposes," Henderson told The Salt Lake Tribune.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k7r63e	https://www.foxnews.com/economy/tariffs-jobs	8/4/2025	Trump, Economy, Tariffs, Jobs
Senate confirms former Fox News host Jeanine Pirro as U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia	Political Cesspool	Donald Trump's vow to expand in vitro fertilization (IVF) access to millions of Americans is on hold, with White House officials backing away from plans to require Obamacare's health plans to include the service as an essential health benefit, the Washington Post reported on Sunday.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k7r63e	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/senate-confirms-jeanine-pirro	8/4/2025	Jeanine Pirro, Trump, Political Appointment
Woman charged after toddler is found in suitcase in New Zealand bus' luggage compartment	Weird World	The suspect asked to access the compartment during the stop, said Harrison, acting crime manager for the Auckland-adjacent district of Mairangi.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/world/new-zealand-crime-toddler-suitcase	8/4/2025	New Zealand, Crime, Toddler, Suitcase
Many Canadians are avoiding American travel and goods amid Trump's trade war	Economy / Trade	"The driver became concerned when he noticed the bag moving," he said. "When the driver opened the suitcase, they discovered the two-year-old girl."	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/economy/canadians-avoiding-american-travel	8/4/2025	Trump, Trade War, Canada, Economy
Inside the world of professional comhole, and what it takes to be a player	Weird World	"We're more worried about Trump in Canada, it seems, than we are our own well-being, said Bagnato. "Talking about that guy, I mean it's important who the President is, but I mean, it's more important who our leadership is."	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/sports/professional-comhole	8/4/2025	Weird World, Comhole, Professional Sports
Retired federal workers get ICE recruitment emails	Immigration / Border	"Our founder and commissioner, Stacy Moore, had a passion for taggling. [She realized] a lot of people are taking this seriously. There's an opportunity here to professionalize it. [Moore] decided to do it [and] had our first championship event in 2016. Now going into year number ten, there's been a lot of ups and downs – a lot more ups than downs – and two different network deals, and 50 million people playing worldwide. Now it's officially a professional sport."	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/immigration/retired-workers-ice-recruitment	8/4/2025	Trump, ICE, Immigration, Retired Workers
CPB shut down after public media loses federal funding	Media / Policy	The government has already deported more than 185,000 people during Trump's second term, a senior DHS official said in an email, but deportations are still unlikely to reach 1 million at the current pace.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/media/cpb-shut-down	8/4/2025	CPB, Public Broadcasting, Trump, Media Policy
3 big takeaways from the NTSB hearing on the DCA collision	Transportation / Safety	The Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the conduit for federal funds to NPR and PBS, announced on Friday that it is beginning to wind down its operations. President Trump has signed a law clawing back \$1.1 billion in funding for public broadcasting through fiscal year 2027.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/transportation/ntsb-hearing-dca-collision	8/4/2025	NTSB, Plane Crash, DC, Transportation Safety
Who's the top dog? Wave-riding canines compete in the World Dog Surfing Championships	Weird World	The Army helicopter's altimeter may have been wrong – and that wasn't unusual. DCA air traffic controllers faced pressure to "make it work."	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/sports/world-dog-surfing-championships	8/4/2025	Weird World, Dogs, Surfing, Competition
More than 3,200 Boeing workers to strike after rejecting contract	Labor & Unions	FAA staff had warned about the helicopter route, but the agency didn't act.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/labor/boeing-workers-strike	8/4/2025	Boeing, Labor Strike, Unions
Antidepressants in pregnancy: Doctors decry 'misinformation' after FDA panel meets	Health / Reproductive	Thousands of unionized workers at Boeing facilities in Missouri and Illinois went on strike early Monday after failing to reach an agreement on a labor contract.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/health/antidepressants-pregnancy	8/4/2025	Antidepressants, Pregnancy, FDA, Health Misinformation
How Trump is Transforming the U.S. Government's Environmental Role	Climate / Environment	Roughly 3,200 workers at sites in St. Louis, St. Charles, Mo., and Mascoutah, Ill., began striking at midnight local time. In a post on X, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District 637 (IAM), the union representing the workers, said the strike began because, "... this is about respect and dignity, not empty promises."	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/climate/trump-environment	8/4/2025	Trump, Environment, EPA, Climate Policy
Experts Raise Concerns Over Trump's White House Ballroom Renovation Plans	Political Cesspool	Unreated or undertreated depression during pregnancy carries health risks, such as suicide, preterm birth, preclampsia, and low birth weight, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine wrote in a statement late last month. "Unfortunately, misinformation about depression and its treatment creates confusion and doubt among patients and the public leading to unnecessary barriers to care."	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/experts-raise-concerns-over-trumps-white-house	8/4/2025	Trump, White House, Renovation, Political Cesspool
Watchdog agency investigates ex-Trump prosecutor Jack Smith for alleged illegal political activity	Political Cesspool	Now, however, the Trump administration appears to be essentially abandoning this principle, claiming that the costs of addressing climate change outweigh the benefits. The effect is to shift more of the risk and responsibility onto states and, ultimately, individual Americans, even as rising temperatures fuel more extreme and costly weather disasters nationwide, experts say.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/watchdog-agency-investigates-jack-smith	8/4/2025	Jack Smith, Trump, Investigation
"UK academics studying topics sensitive to China face harassment, survey finds"	International / Human Rights	In April the Trump administration dismissed hundreds of scientists and experts who had been compiling the federal government's flagship analysis of how climate change is affecting the country. In May, Mr. Trump proposed to stop collecting key measurements of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere as part of his 2020 budget plan. And since January he has called for eliminating or overhauling the Federal Emergency Management Agency to shift disaster response to the states.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/international/uk-academics-harassment	8/4/2025	China, Academic Freedom, Harassment
"Nordic countries hit by 'truly unprecedented' heatwave"	Climate / Disasters	Alongside other sweeping policy changes, like recent cuts to food stamps and the dismantling of the United States Agency for International Development, the rollback of federal climate efforts has also had the cumulative effect of leaving vulnerable people more exposed.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/climate/nordic-countries-heatwave	8/4/2025	Nordic Countries, Heatwave, Climate Crisis
"World in \$1.8m 'plastics crisis' hitting health from infancy to old age, report warns"	Environment / Health	Experts on historic preservation are raising concerns over the feasibility of President Trump's plans to complete large-scale renovations to the White House by the end of his term, and whether the project can be done while respecting the historic nature of the building.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/environment/world-plastics-crisis	8/4/2025	Plastics, Health, Environment
"Jobless, homeless and helpless without a man: Afghan women expelled by Iran into hands of the Taliban"	International / Human Rights	The White House, the Supreme Court building, the Capitol and all their "related buildings and grounds" are exempt from the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, which requires federal agencies to assess and mitigate adverse effects to historic properties and seek consultation through a formal review process.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/international/afghan-women-expelled	8/4/2025	Afghanistan, Iran, Women, Human Rights
"As if we're real guests": the startup selling strangers invitations to weddings"	Weird World	An independent watchdog agency responsible for enforcing a law against partisan political activity by federal employees has opened an investigation into Jack Smith, the Justice Department special counsel who brought two criminal cases against then-candidate Donald Trump before his election to the White House last year.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/weird-world/startup-selling-strangers	8/4/2025	Weddings, Startups, Weird World
"Two wildfires in US west spur 'fire clouds' with erratic weather systems"	Climate / Disasters	The Office of Special Counsel confirmed Saturday that it was investigating Smith on allegations he engaged in political activity through his inquiries into Trump. Smith was named special counsel by then-Attorney General Merrick Garland in November 2022 and his special counsel title is entirely distinct from the agency now investigating him. The office has no criminal enforcement power but does have the authority to impose fines and other sanctions for violations.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/climate/two-wildfires-us-west	8/4/2025	Wildfires, Arizona, Utah, Climate Crisis
"He has trouble completing a thought": bizarre public appearances again cast doubt on Trump's mental acuity"	Political Cesspool	Academics and students of Chinese studies in Britain are being subject to harassment, surveillance and pressure to self-censor as they seek to avoid disruption to funding, a survey of universities by a transparency group has concluded.	https://ttrn.kiny.us/26k8d4ub	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/he-has-trouble-completing-a-thought	8/4/2025	Trump, Mental Health, Political Cesspool

"Michigan's governor replaces clean energy advocate on utilities board with 'industry ally'"	Energy / Environment	Michigan's governor, Gretchen Whitmer, has effectively ousted a clean energy advocate from serving on a board that regulates the state's energy utilities monopoly, and replaced her with someone who environmental groups charge is an "industry ally", campaigners say. Montana's attorney general on Sunday released the names of the four people who were shot to death in a mass murder at a bar two days earlier. The victims were Daniel Edwin Ballie, 59; Nancy Lauretta Kelly, 64; David Allen Leach, 70; and Tony Wayne Palm, 74. All four were residents of Anaconda, Montana, where the quadruple murder took place, a statement from the Montana attorney general, Austin Krudsen, said. Former US army soldier Michael Paul Brown, 45, is suspected of having killed Ballie, Kelly, Leach and Palm at The Owl Bar in Anaconda. Kelly was a bartender, and the others were patrons. Krudsen said at a news conference on Sunday. Brown remained at large as of Sunday, with officials warning that he may be armed as well as getting away in a stolen car containing clothes and camping gear. As working from home became the norm for many people, Chapman was able to find jobs for the foreign workers at hundreds of US companies, including some in the Fortune 500, such as Nike, "a premier Silicon Valley technology company", and one of the "most recognizable media and entertainment companies in the world". The employers thought they were hiring US citizens. They were actually people in North Korea.	https://thn.tiny.us/2p5fz9x https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	Michigan, Energy, Clean Energy
"Montana shooting victims named as manhunt for suspect continues"	Crime / US	Chapman was participating in the North Korean government's scheme to deploy thousands of "highly skilled IT workers" by stealing identities to make it look like they were in the US or other countries. They have collected millions of dollars to boost the government's nuclear weapons development, according to the US justice department and court records. In a new court filing, attorneys for the Trump administration denied the existence of a daily quota for immigration arrests, despite reports and prior statements from White House officials about pursuing a goal of at least 3,000 deportations or deportation arrests per day. In May, reports from both the Guardian and Axios revealed that during a meeting with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) leaders on 21 May, the White House adviser Stephen Miller and the Department of Homeland Security secretary, Kristi Noem, demanded that immigration agents seek to arrest 3,000 people per day. However, in a court filing on Friday, lawyers representing the US justice department said that the Department of Homeland Security had confirmed that "neither ICE leadership nor its field offices have been directed to meet any numerical quota or target for arrests, detentions, removals, field encounters, or any other operational activities that ICE or its components undertake in the course of enforcing federal immigration law."	https://thn.tiny.us/2p87z9z https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	Montana, Shooting, Crime
"Ninety laptops, millions of dollars: US woman jailed over North Korea remote-work scam"	Crime / International	Chapman was participating in the North Korean government's scheme to deploy thousands of "highly skilled IT workers" by stealing identities to make it look like they were in the US or other countries. They have collected millions of dollars to boost the government's nuclear weapons development, according to the US justice department and court records. In a new court filing, attorneys for the Trump administration denied the existence of a daily quota for immigration arrests, despite reports and prior statements from White House officials about pursuing a goal of at least 3,000 deportations or deportation arrests per day. In May, reports from both the Guardian and Axios revealed that during a meeting with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) leaders on 21 May, the White House adviser Stephen Miller and the Department of Homeland Security secretary, Kristi Noem, demanded that immigration agents seek to arrest 3,000 people per day. However, in a court filing on Friday, lawyers representing the US justice department said that the Department of Homeland Security had confirmed that "neither ICE leadership nor its field offices have been directed to meet any numerical quota or target for arrests, detentions, removals, field encounters, or any other operational activities that ICE or its components undertake in the course of enforcing federal immigration law."	https://thn.tiny.us/2p87z9z https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	North Korea, Cybercrime, Remote Work
Trump administration denies daily quota for immigration arrests	Immigration / Border	A dog reportedly braved heavy traffic to catch a stranger's attention and get life-saving emergency help to the animal's two owners after they became unresponsive in a tent encampment in Pittsburgh recently, earning the canine feting as a hero. The justice department's politicization to please Trump was underscored by an announcement on 23 July of a new "strike force" to investigate unsubstantiated charges that ex-president Barack Obama and top officials conspired to hurt Trump's 2016 campaign and his presidency with inquiries into Russian influence operations to help Trump win, say critics.	https://thn.tiny.us/2p22g9w https://www.thn https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	Trump, Immigration, Border Policy
"Heroic dog crosses busy street to get owners emergency help in Pittsburgh"	Weird World	A dog reportedly braved heavy traffic to catch a stranger's attention and get life-saving emergency help to the animal's two owners after they became unresponsive in a tent encampment in Pittsburgh recently, earning the canine feting as a hero. The justice department's politicization to please Trump was underscored by an announcement on 23 July of a new "strike force" to investigate unsubstantiated charges that ex-president Barack Obama and top officials conspired to hurt Trump's 2016 campaign and his presidency with inquiries into Russian influence operations to help Trump win, say critics.	https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b https://www.thn https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	Dogs, Heroism, Weird World
"How Trump is contorting Department of Justice into his 'personal weapon'"	Political Cesspool	"It's not unprecedented for presidents to deploy their powers for personal ends, but no one including Nixon has done this with the intensity of Trump," Peter Shane, who teaches constitutional law at New York University, told the Guardian. All five trapped workers who were missing in a collapsed shaft in the world's biggest underground copper mine have been found dead, an official said on Sunday. A boat has capsized off Yemen's coast leaving 68 African migrants dead and 74 others missing, the UN's migration agency said.	https://www.thncg https://thn.tiny.us/2cm9b9d https://www.thn	8/4/2025	Trump, DOJ, Political Cesspool
All five missing miners confirmed dead after Chile copper mine collapse	Tragic	All five trapped workers who were missing in a collapsed shaft in the world's biggest underground copper mine have been found dead, an official said on Sunday. A boat has capsized off Yemen's coast leaving 68 African migrants dead and 74 others missing, the UN's migration agency said.	https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b	8/4/2025	Chile, Mining Disaster, Global Disasters
More than 140 migrants believed dead as boat capsizes off Yemen	Tragic	A boat has capsized off Yemen's coast leaving 68 African migrants dead and 74 others missing, the UN's migration agency said.	https://thn.tiny.us/45c9z9w https://www.thn	8/4/2025	Migrants, Yemen, Shipwreck, Immigration Crisis
The public defender crisis isn't just a Massachusetts problem	Justice System	Massachusetts has received national attention since it began dismissing criminal cases last month because of a pay dispute with public defenders. But it's not the only state struggling to pay for attorneys to represent defendants who can't afford their own. "There are problems all over the country, and they're all the same problem," said Jennifer Nash, chair of the Oregon public defense commission. "It's extremely difficult to recruit and retain public defense lawyers. The pay is too low, and the caseload is too high, and the work is very difficult." After putting the children on antiretroviral drugs early in their lives to control the virus, Goulder and his colleagues were keen to monitor their progress and adherence to standard antiretroviral treatment, which stops HIV from replicating. But over the following decade, something unusual happened: Five of the children stopped coming to the clinic to collect their drugs, and when the team eventually tracked them down many months later, they appeared to be in perfect health. "Instead of their viral loads being through the roof, they were undetectable," says Goulder. "And normally HIV rebounds within two or three weeks."	https://www.wbur https://thn.tiny.us/yg9z9u4 https://www.thn	8/4/2025	Public Defenders, Justice System, Legal Crisis
The First Widespread Cure for HIV Could Be in Children	Health / Breakthroughs	And putting the children on antiretroviral drugs early in their lives to control the virus, Goulder and his colleagues were keen to monitor their progress and adherence to standard antiretroviral treatment, which stops HIV from replicating. But over the following decade, something unusual happened: Five of the children stopped coming to the clinic to collect their drugs, and when the team eventually tracked them down many months later, they appeared to be in perfect health. "Instead of their viral loads being through the roof, they were undetectable," says Goulder. "And normally HIV rebounds within two or three weeks." Since April, Ginsberg and his friends have watched as the birds laid a pair of eggs in a nest on the banks of the pond, with one hatching into a fluffy colt. Not long after that, water levels rose from recent rains and flooded the nest. It's unclear what happened to the other egg, but the birds soon went in search of a new home. They took up residence in the nest of a pair of Canada geese, forcing those birds to go elsewhere. It soon became clear that a goose egg had remained behind — because it hatched into a gosling. "All of a sudden, we had the rather strange sight here of a sandhill crane mother with two chicks, one being a Canada gosling and the other one being a sandhill crane colt," Ginsberg said. New research by the University of Georgia and its partners shows that an invasive species of archfish in the state of Georgia may be not so as denure as previously believed. Researchers working with the university said in the study that they normally describe the Joro spiders as a "tiny" species, at least shy compared to their America-native peers.	https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b https://www.thn https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	HIV, Medical Breakthrough, Children's Health
A beautifully blended family: Sandhill cranes take goose under their wing	Weird World	Since April, Ginsberg and his friends have watched as the birds laid a pair of eggs in a nest on the banks of the pond, with one hatching into a fluffy colt. Not long after that, water levels rose from recent rains and flooded the nest. It's unclear what happened to the other egg, but the birds soon went in search of a new home. They took up residence in the nest of a pair of Canada geese, forcing those birds to go elsewhere. It soon became clear that a goose egg had remained behind — because it hatched into a gosling. "All of a sudden, we had the rather strange sight here of a sandhill crane mother with two chicks, one being a Canada gosling and the other one being a sandhill crane colt," Ginsberg said. New research by the University of Georgia and its partners shows that an invasive species of archfish in the state of Georgia may be not so as denure as previously believed. Researchers working with the university said in the study that they normally describe the Joro spiders as a "tiny" species, at least shy compared to their America-native peers.	https://thn.tiny.us/2p8a9m9f https://www.thn https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	Weird World, Sandhill Cranes, Goose, Wildlife
UGA research shows invasive species of spiders in Georgia may also be cannibals	Weird World	The researchers never observations show, however, that the species might also be cannibals. President Donald Trump's former personal attorney Michael Cohen has predicted that Trump might set his sights on the fortune of tech magnate Elon Musk following their recent spat. What Happened: Cohen thinks Trump's jealousy of Musk's position as the wealthiest man in the world could drive him to target Musk's wealth. Email exchanges between Tesla and California regulators obtained by Politico reveal a comical discrepancy between what Elon Musk is saying his RoboTaxi services can do publicly, and what the automaker is actually telling authorities behind closed doors. Also, there's this detail: Tesla's not-a-robotaxi come with a human supervisor sitting in the driver's seat, which is a step backward from its Austin program, which features a safety monitor sitting in the front passenger seat.	https://thn.tiny.us/479z9u9b https://www.thn https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	Weird World, Georgia, Invasive Species, Spiders
"Ex-Trump Lawyer Says Trump Could Set Sights on Musk's Billions: 'It Bother Him That He Is the Richest Man'"	Fuck That Guy	President Donald Trump's former personal attorney Michael Cohen has predicted that Trump might set his sights on the fortune of tech magnate Elon Musk following their recent spat. What Happened: Cohen thinks Trump's jealousy of Musk's position as the wealthiest man in the world could drive him to target Musk's wealth. Email exchanges between Tesla and California regulators obtained by Politico reveal a comical discrepancy between what Elon Musk is saying his RoboTaxi services can do publicly, and what the automaker is actually telling authorities behind closed doors. Also, there's this detail: Tesla's not-a-robotaxi come with a human supervisor sitting in the driver's seat, which is a step backward from its Austin program, which features a safety monitor sitting in the front passenger seat.	https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b https://www.thn https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	Trump, Elon Musk, Wealth
"These Behind-the-Scenes Emails From Tesla Meekly Begging the State of California to Allow its Horrible Robotaxis Are Unintentionally Hilarious"	Fuck That Guy	Also, there's this detail: Tesla's not-a-robotaxi come with a human supervisor sitting in the driver's seat, which is a step backward from its Austin program, which features a safety monitor sitting in the front passenger seat. Donald Trump's White House is not pursuing a campaign promise to mandate health insurance pay for in vitro fertilization (IVF), even though he pledged to do so multiple times on the 2024 campaign trail. The Washington Post reported Sunday. In order to mandate insurers pay for IVF treatments, it would require an act of Congress. Two sources with knowledge of internal White House discussions told the paper that the administration does not intend to ask legislators to draft a bill making IVF coverage mandatory. The paper's sources also said that forcing insurers to cover IVF is also not in the administration's plans.	https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b https://www.thn https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	Tesla, Robotaxis, Elon Musk
"Campaign Promise Broken? Trump Has No Plans to Mandate IVF Coverage"	Promises Broken	Donald Trump's White House is not pursuing a campaign promise to mandate health insurance pay for in vitro fertilization (IVF), even though he pledged to do so multiple times on the 2024 campaign trail. The Washington Post reported Sunday. In order to mandate insurers pay for IVF treatments, it would require an act of Congress. Two sources with knowledge of internal White House discussions told the paper that the administration does not intend to ask legislators to draft a bill making IVF coverage mandatory. The paper's sources also said that forcing insurers to cover IVF is also not in the administration's plans.	https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b	8/4/2025	Trump, IVF, Promises Broken
"Doctors Without Borders CEO Stunned By ABC's Bizarre Question On Gaza Starvation"	International / Humanitarian	"Airing videos like that is something of a war crime, isn't it?" Stephanooulos asked, leading Benoit to pause for several seconds. She then answers, "Airing the videos?" to which the host responds in the affirmative. With ICE officers chasing undocumented immigrants through fields and barging into meatpacking plants, workers are spooked. Even before the farm raids, workforce shortages and economic uncertainty riddled the industry. Now, as harvest season arrives for many crops, concerns are growing that there may not be enough workers out there to feed the country.	https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b https://www.thn https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	Doctors Without Borders, Gaza, Humanitarian Crisis
"What It Will Take to Get U.S. Citizens to Work the Farm — According to Dolores Huerta"	Labor / Immigration	With ICE officers chasing undocumented immigrants through fields and barging into meatpacking plants, workers are spooked. Even before the farm raids, workforce shortages and economic uncertainty riddled the industry. Now, as harvest season arrives for many crops, concerns are growing that there may not be enough workers out there to feed the country. Well, right now, we're trying to stop a detention center here in California City, which is up here in the Mojave Desert. They are offering the people to work in that center \$20 an hour. In California, our minimum wage is \$16. That's what a lot of workers get.	https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/5c9b9d9c https://www.thn	8/4/2025	Dolores Huerta, Farm Labor, Immigration
"Donald Trump's Latest Bomb Breaks Math Brains Across The Internet"	Political Cesspool	"You know, we've cut crop prices by 1,200, 1,300, 1,400, 1,500%," Trump said. Also, drug prices haven't actually come down, despite Trump's pressure on pharmaceutical companies. Trump appeared to acknowledge that when he later said, "We're not dropping drug prices... by 1,200, 1,300 and even 1,400% and 500% but not just 50% or 25%, which normally would be a lot because the rest of the world pays much less for the identical drug." The Federal Emergency Management Agency is making nearly \$1 billion in disaster preparedness and homeland security funding available to communities nationwide, just one week after CNN reported on the agency's proposed plan to slash the programs at the direction of the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees FEMA. In a notice sent to states Friday, which CNN obtained from one of the states, FEMA announced it is now taking applications for more than a dozen grant programs "making nearly \$1 billion available to communities across the country."	https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b https://www.thn https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	Trump, Math, Political Cesspool
"FEMA plans to release nearly \$1 billion in security funding after CNN report on proposal to slash it"	Government / Policy	Just day ago, those grants were on the verge of being cut, according to internal memo signed by acting FEMA administrator David Richardson and approved by Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem. CNN reported last week. If she was just fired because the president or whoever decided to fire the director just... because they didn't like the numbers, they ought to grow up," said Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.). The Department of Homeland Security is accused of sharing thinly-veiled nationalist propaganda on social media through art as it pursues a sweeping campaign of mass deportations.	https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/2d8mc9y https://www.thn	8/4/2025	FEMA, Security Funding, Government Policy
"Grow Up: Conservative Senators, Economists Slam Trump for Firing Labor State Chief"	Political Cesspool	If she was just fired because the president or whoever decided to fire the director just... because they didn't like the numbers, they ought to grow up," said Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.). The Department of Homeland Security is accused of sharing thinly-veiled nationalist propaganda on social media through art as it pursues a sweeping campaign of mass deportations.	https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b https://www.thn https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	Trump, Labor Statistics, Political Cesspool
"Kristi Noem's DHS is posting 1800s-style 'fascist propaganda' art to encourage Americans to 'Protect the Homeland'"	Political Cesspool	The creators and guardians of these works have expressed outrage over being drafted into DHS publicity — and history and politics experts have also raised concerns over this art being used as "propaganda". Weinstein said he wasn't consulted prior to the Trump administration using his work. The Kinkadee Family Foundation, meanwhile, said Morning Pledge was also being used without permission, perverted to "promote division and xenophobia associated with the deeds of DHS."	https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b	8/4/2025	Kristi Noem, DHS, Propaganda
"Marjorie Taylor Greene Knifes GOP and Goes Rogue"	Political Cesspool	"I don't know if the Republican Party is leaving me, or if I'm kind of not relating to the Republican Party as much anymore," Greene told the Daily Mail. "The course that it's on, I don't want to have anything to do with it." "I just don't care anymore," she added. Ramirez believed that one of Celaya's most urgent problems was its police, who instead of fighting organized crime appeared to be involved in it.	https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b https://thn.tiny.us/2p8b9c9d	8/4/2025	Marjorie Taylor Greene, GOP, Political Cesspool
"This Mexican city had one of the world's highest homicide rates — so it fired most of its police"	International	Ramirez won the election. And in his first act as mayor, he fired 340 of the roughly 600 officers on the force. Then — as officials across Mexico have been doing for nearly two decades now — he called in federal troops. The green lawn at the center of the garden, used for decades for White House events, has been replaced with what appeared to be white stone. Some foliage remained, with rose bushes and hedges bordering the new patio area.	https://thn.tiny.us/8d4z9c9d https://www.thn https://www.thncg	8/4/2025	Mexico, Crime, Policing
"New Photos Reveal Iconic White House Rose Garden Paved Over After Trump Makeover"	Political Cesspool	One of the latest changes is RFK's postponement of a preventive health panel meeting by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), which was scheduled for July 10 and the rumored dismissal of all task force members, as reported by the Wall Street Journal. The USPSTF sets guidelines for preventive health screenings for conditions such as diabetes, depression and cancer in children and adults. Insurance companies are then required to cover these screenings based on the USPSTF's guidelines.	https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/mb9bz9p9e https://www.thn	8/4/2025	Trump, Rose Garden, Political Cesspool
"RFK Indefinitely Postponed A Critical Meeting — And It Could Have 'Devastating Effects' On All Of Us"	Politics / Policy	One of the latest changes is RFK's postponement of a preventive health panel meeting by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), which was scheduled for July 10 and the rumored dismissal of all task force members, as reported by the Wall Street Journal. The USPSTF sets guidelines for preventive health screenings for conditions such as diabetes, depression and cancer in children and adults. Insurance companies are then required to cover these screenings based on the USPSTF's guidelines.	https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/5c9b9d9c https://www.thn	8/4/2025	RFK Jr, Policy, Delays
"Trump Admin Broke Rules to Move Gishlane to Club Fed Camp"	Political Cesspool	Convicted child sex trafficker Gishlane Maxwell secured a secret prison transfer after the Bureau of Prisons waived a rule designated to punish sex offenders. Maxwell, alleged sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein's accomplice, has spent the last three years serving a 20-year sentence at a federal prison in Tallahassee, Florida. She was transferred to a lower-security federal prison camp closer to her family in Bryan, Texas, last week after she reportedly spent two days speaking with Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche about her connections to Epstein.	https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/2p22g9w https://www.thn	8/4/2025	Trump, Christine Maxwell, Prison
"Trump eats his own: President appears to relish flaying Republican senators in the public square amid Epstein repression"	Political Cesspool	But this week, Hawley learned a bitter truth: no matter how MAGA someone is, Trump demands absolute loyalty — and even a perceived slight can leave you on the outside looking in. Hawley's crime? Trying to pass a bill he sponsored that would ban lawmakers from trading stocks. It seemed like a great way to "Own the Libs," since Hawley named it the FLETSO Act, a riff off of the former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's stock trading outperforming the market. But he faced significant opposition in committee — and every other Republican opposed it. "She's become a star. It's that fact, it's those lips, the way they move. They move like she's a machine gun," Trump said. "She's a great person, actually. But she's — I don't think anybody has ever had a better press secretary than Karoline. She's been amazing."	https://thn.tiny.us/2p22g9w https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b	8/4/2025	Trump, GOP, Epstein
"Trump gashes over Karoline Leavitt: 'It's that face, it's that bratin, it's those lips, the way they move'"	Political Cesspool	"She's become a star. It's that fact, it's those lips, the way they move. They move like she's a machine gun," Trump said. "She's a great person, actually. But she's — I don't think anybody has ever had a better press secretary than Karoline. She's been amazing."	https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/ykz6z9b	8/4/2025	Trump, Karoline Leavitt, Political Cesspool
"Trump's Rose Garden redesign is in. And critics aren't I impressed"	Political Cesspool	"Looks awful. Devil of life. Just totally lifeless in the concrete jungle. Could have at least interlaid brick or some sort of designed pattern," added another. A drastic departure from its former sprawling, lush lawn, one commentator roasted the tombstone-colored terrace as a "parking lot."	https://thn.tiny.us/2p8b9c9d https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/2p8b9c9d	8/4/2025	Trump, Rose Garden, Political Cesspool
"Trump Slammed for Turning Rose Garden Into Parking Lot"	Political Cesspool	A drastic departure from its former sprawling, lush lawn, one commentator roasted the tombstone-colored terrace as a "parking lot."	https://thn.tiny.us/2p8b9c9d https://www.thn https://thn.tiny.us/2p8b9c9d	8/4/2025	Trump, Rose Garden, Political Cesspool

Driver dies at Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats speed race	Sports / Tragedy	A driver going 283 mph trying to set a land speed record during a racing event at Utah's famed Bonneville Salt Flats died Sunday after he lost control of his rocket-like vehicle called the Speed Demon, organizers said.	https://apnews.com/article/driver-died-land-speed-racing-bonneville-f16e8f0cd48235e141b45a12be89ade1b5	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-florida-immigration-46	8/5/2025	Bonneville, Racing, Fatality
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Florida officials ordered to produce agreements for 'Alligator Alcatraz'	Immigration / Policy	Federal and state officials in Florida must produce agreements showing which government agency or private contractor has legal authority to detain people or perform immigration officer roles at 'Alligator Alcatraz,' the immigration detention facility in the Everglades, a federal judge said Monday. Officials must provide by Thursday all written agreements and contracts showing who has legal custody of the hundreds of detainees at the facility that was hastily constructed more than a month ago in an isolated area in South Florida's Everglades wilderness, said U.S. District Judge Rodolfo Ruiz, an appointee of President Donald Trump.	https://apnews.com/article/florida-immigration-alligator-alcatraz-77bae2174279e120589203232d7e0550	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-trump-etc-45	8/5/2025	Florida, Alligator Alcatraz, Immigration
					8/5/2025	
Company advised by Trump sons said it hoped to benefit from fed money, then took it back	Politics / Business	A public document filed by a company that just hired President Donald Trump's two oldest sons as advisers included a sentence early Monday that said it hoped to benefit from grants and other incentives from the federal government, which their father happens to lead. But when The Associated Press asked the Trump family business about the apparent conflict of interest, the document was revised and the line taken out.	https://apnews.com/article/trump-sons-etc-45-86760765e1dc12a592d3357d1c14885c	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-scotland-storm-17	8/5/2025	Trump, Business, Federal Funding
					8/5/2025	
Storm Floris batters Scotland with 90 mph winds, disrupts travel and festivals	Climate / Disasters	Authorities in Scotland canceled trains, closed parks and warned people to tie down backyard trampolines as an unusually strong summer storm toppled trees, felled power lines and disrupted travel across northern Britain. The U.K.'s Meteorological Office on Monday issued an 'amber' wind warning in Scotland for Storm Floris, meaning there is potential risk to lives and property, especially from large waves in coastal areas.	https://apnews.com/article/scotland-storm-floris-amber-warn-806726a537d730e4e0b0114a6ea13a	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-hassett-says-61	8/5/2025	Storm Floris, Scotland, Climate
					8/5/2025	
Hassett says Trump 'wants his own people' at the Bureau of Labor Statistics after firing commissioner	Economy / Labor	"We'll be announcing a new statisticalin sometime over the next three, four days. We had no confidence. I mean, the numbers were ridiculous, which she announced, but that was just one negative number. All of the numbers seem to be great," Trump said before boarding Air Force One in Aftonville, Pennsylvania.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-analyst-says-34	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-trumps-student-70	8/5/2025	Trump, Student Loans, Economy
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Top analyst says the next 5 years could see 'no growth in workers at all' and sends a warning about the fate of the U.S. economy	Economy / Labor	As the U.S. labor market shows clear signs of stalling, one of Wall Street's leading strategists is sounding a sharp warning. With America's workforce in a demographic crunch and historic changes in immigration policy underway, it is "quite possible that the next five years will see no growth in workers at all."	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-trumps-student-70	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-brazil-president-21	8/5/2025	Trump, Student Loans, Economy
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Trump's student-loan repayment overhaul could push borrowers out of the federal system. Democratic lawmakers want to know if private lenders are ready.	Economy / Education	Trump's legislation included a major overhaul to student-loan repayment, including capping borrowing on graduate and professional loans and condensing income-driven repayment options into two less-generous plans. Business Insider previously reported that the changes could drive some borrowers away from federal lending and into the private lending market, which education experts said tends to have higher interest rates and riskier terms.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-brazil-president-21	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-netanyahu-fires-23	8/5/2025	Brazil, Bolsonaro, Coup Plot
					8/5/2025	
Brazil's ex-President Bolsonaro accused coup plot by police	International / Politics	Brazil's former President Jair Bolsonaro was formally accused of being involved in an attempted a coup over his 2022 election loss to President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, the country's police announced Thursday. The proposed indictments against Bolsonaro and 36 others conclude the Brazilian federal police's two-year investigation into the fallout from the election that the populist leader never formally conceded, which saw his supporters storm the presidential palace and other government buildings on Jan. 8, 2023.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-netanyahu-fires-23	https://www.abc.com/2025/08/04/netanyahu-fires-abbott-8010107c	8/5/2025	Netanyahu, Israel, Corruption
					8/5/2025	
Netanyahu moves to fire attorney general prosecuting him for corruption	International / Politics	Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government unanimously voted Monday to fire Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara, who is currently prosecuting him for corruption. Before the cabinet vote, the supreme court told the government this procedure for firing the attorney general was inappropriate and made clear it would issue an injunction if it passed. Once it did, the court swiftly ruled that the attorney general would maintain all her authorities and the government won't be allowed to name a replacement. The firing won't come into effect until the supreme court rules on the immediate appeals against it. Political backlash, fires and legal challenges are all on the table if the departed Democrats don't make their way back to Texas soon. After Democrats did not return to Texas on Wednesday afternoon, the state House voted to issue civil warrants for those lawmakers to return to the state. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) ordered their arrests shortly afterwards.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-texas-democrats-22	https://www.abc.com/2025/08/04/texas-democrats-flee-80c010107c	8/5/2025	Texas, Democrats, GOP
					8/5/2025	
Texas House Democrats left the state. Here's what happens if they don't return	Politics / State	"Texas House Democrats abandoned their duty to Texans," Abbott said in a statement, adding: "There are consequences for dereliction of duty."	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-texas-democrats-20	https://www.abc.com/2025/08/04/texas-democrats-greg-abbott-8010107c	8/5/2025	Texas, Democrats, Greg Abbott
					8/5/2025	
Arrest warrants issued for Texas Democrats who fled state	Politics / State	Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Monday he had ordered state police to find and arrest Democratic lawmakers after the state House issued civil arrest warrants — though state law enforcement is restricted to making arrests in Texas. For all their complaints about how under President Trump's tariffs are for U.S. automakers, the industry seems quite pleased with his environmental policies, which lift a massive regulatory cost burden. Trump's agenda could wind up as a net win for the auto industry, allowing them to sell more high-margin, U.S.-built trucks and SUVs for the foreseeable future, while avoiding penalties for not building enough electric vehicles.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-trump-ford-24	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	8/5/2025	Nigeria, Chibok, Abductees
					8/5/2025	
Beaten-down carmakers smell fatter profits under Trump	Economy / Business	Trump's agenda could wind up as a net win for the auto industry, allowing them to sell more high-margin, U.S.-built trucks and SUVs for the foreseeable future, while avoiding penalties for not building enough electric vehicles.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-yonggong-52	8/5/2025	Australia, Gareth Ward, Politics
					8/5/2025	
Gonorrhea vaccine roll-out begins across the UK	Health / Medicine	Gonorrhea vaccines will be widely available from Monday in sexual health clinics across the UK, in a bid to tackle record-breaking levels of infections.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	8/5/2025	Gonorrhea, Vaccine, UK Health
					8/5/2025	
Gareth Ward: Convicted rapist fighting to remain in parliament in Australia	International / Politics	An Australian politician convicted of rape is fighting - from his jail cell - to remain a member of the New South Wales (NSW) state parliament. Researchers have embarked on a mission to save what some consider to be the world's most beautiful snails, and also unlock their biological secrets. Endangered Polybia tree snails, which are disappearing from their native forest habitats in Eastern Cuba, have vibrant, colorful and extravagantly patterned shells. Unfortunately, those shells are desirable for collectors, and conservation experts say the shell trade is putting the snails towards extinction.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	8/5/2025	Conservation, Snails, Environment
					8/5/2025	
Mission under way to save 'world's most beautiful snails	Environment / Conservation	Endangered Polybia tree snails, which are disappearing from their native forest habitats in Eastern Cuba, have vibrant, colorful and extravagantly patterned shells. Unfortunately, those shells are desirable for collectors, and conservation experts say the shell trade is putting the snails towards extinction. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem says "Alligator Alcatraz" will serve as a model for state-run migrant detention centers, and she told CBS News in an interview that she hopes to launch a handful of similar detention centers in multiple airports and jails across the country, in the coming months. Potential sites are already under consideration in Arizona, Nebraska and Louisiana. "The locations we're looking at are right by airport runways that will help give us an efficiency that we've never had before," Noem said, adding that she's appealed directly to governors and state leaders nationwide to gauge their interest in contributing to the Trump administration's program to detain and deport more unauthorized migrants.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	8/5/2025	Kristi Noem, ICE, Immigration
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Kristi Noem says 'Alligator Alcatraz' to be model for ICE state-run detention centers	Immigration / Policy	That's right, a fruit. Potatoes and tomatoes don't look alike, smell alike or taste alike, but in a study published Thursday in the journal Cell, scientists said that the potato evolved from a tomato ancestor around 6 million years ago. The origin of the modern potato has puzzled scientists for years. In terms of appearance, potatoes resemble a species from Chile called Eluberosum, with one crucial difference: Eluberosum don't produce the starch-rich tubers. That's where the tomato comes in. While tomatoes don't have tubers, the ancient tomato did provide a crucial gene that, when mixed with the genetics of Eluberosum, told the modern potato to form tubers, according to the researchers. The SPGA gene from the tomato parent tells the potato plant to make tubers, while the T1 gene from Eluberosum assists in controlling the growth of the underground stems that form tubers. Both pieces were needed to create the potato that's known and loved today.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	8/5/2025	Potatoes, Tomatoes, Agriculture
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Potatoes from tomatoes? Popular starchy vegetable derived from ancient interbreeding, researchers say	Weird World	The European Union announced Monday that it will suspend for six months its planned countervailing duties against the United States' tariffs, which were set to take effect this week. "On 27 July 2025, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and US President Donald J. Trump agreed a deal on tariffs and trade," the EU Commission spokesperson for trade said in a statement.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	8/5/2025	EU, Tariffs, Trade
					8/5/2025	
EU will delay planned U.S. tariffs for six months	International Trade	The spokesperson touted the agreement as restoring "stability and predictability for citizens and businesses on both sides of the Atlantic."	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	8/5/2025	Canada, Fish, Weird World
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A fish fell from the sky and sparked a brush fire that knocked out power, officials say	Weird World	A brush fire that prompted a power outage in rural Canada broke out after an airborne fish dropped from the sky, say fire officials. Firefighters were called out to the blaze near the village of Ashcroft, British Columbia. When they arrived, a handful of ranchers and employees from the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, a Canadian electric utility company, were actively fighting the flames. ... "A quick investigation revealed the cause of this fire," Ashcroft fire officials posted on Facebook on Thursday. "It was determined to be a fish, yes, you read that right, the fish had an incredible journey, considering the river is 3km east from the point of origin. "The fish had been dropped by a local osprey onto the hydro line causing embers to drop, along with the fish, to the dry grasses below. We do suspect by the size of the fish and the heat of the day probably caused the rather sized bird to drop its catch."	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	8/5/2025	Canada, Fish, Weird World
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Noem wants 'Alligator Alcatraz' detention centers near airport runways across US to boost migrant deportation 'efficiency	Immigration / Policy	The administration has reportedly sought out facilities in Arizona, Nebraska and Louisiana, which currently houses the only Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention center on a tarmac. The Alexandria Shaping Facility sits across from the Alexandria International Airport, which has emerged as the nation's deportation capital under the Trump administration.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	8/5/2025	Kristi Noem, Immigration, Detention Centers
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New Ohio bill wants to make state registry of those who skip job interviews	Labor / Policy	A new bill in Ohio has called for the creation of an online registry list for anyone who fails to show up for job interviews without notice. The House Bill 395 wants the Department of Job and Family Services to find a way to report anyone who doesn't show, claiming it would protect employers and state unemployment services. ... "This bill is another answer, looking for a question," DeMora said to NBC4. "It is something that's not needed. I mean, there are procedures in line already for unemployment compensation," he said.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	8/5/2025	Ohio, Labor, Policy
					8/5/2025	
Former DOJ Trump 'loyalty test' prosecutors are planning to run for office and fight back	Politics / Elections	At this time last year, Ryan Crosswell was hard at work trying to put New York City's mayor in prison on corruption charges while serving as a prosecutor in the Justice Department. But after resigning in protest over the Trump administration's decision to drop the case against Mayor Eric Adams and cut back on prosecutions of public corruption cases, he's looking at a switching careers to making laws instead of enforcing them.	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	https://thn.tiny.us/AuG5-nigeria-chibok-54	8/5/2025	Trump, DOJ, Elections
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Chile's plunging birth rate may foreshadow future in U.S.	International / Demographics	But according to the latest United Nations report, the region's fertility rate had fallen to fewer than two children per woman. That's well below the 2.1 "Total fertility rate," a technical term used by researchers, that is widely considered the minimum necessary to maintain a stable population. In Chile, meanwhile, the number has plunged even lower, barely above one child per woman, and is still falling.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-chiles-plunging-26	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/05/1570032349/chile-plunging-birth-rate-may-foreshadow-future-in-u-s	8/5/2025	Chile, Birth Rate, Demographics	
Russian volcano erupts days after monster quake shakes region	Climate / Disasters	A massive volcano has erupted in Russia's far eastern Kamchatka Peninsula region for the first time in centuries, just days after a powerful magnitude 8.8 earthquake rocked the area.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-russian-volcano-28	https://www.fox.com/2025/08/05/russian-volcano-erupts-days-after-quake-shakes-region/	8/5/2025	Russia, Volcano, Earthquake	
Yosemite employees worked for weeks with no pay before the government hired them	Labor / Government	Some seasonal employees at Yosemite National Park worked for as long as six weeks without pay this spring and summer as park supervisors scrambled to manage hiring amid federal budget cuts, workers told NPR. The employees said they are now receiving hourly wages but have not been paid for the work they were asked to do as volunteers while they waited to be put on the federal payroll. Some of the workers said they feel exploited.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-yosemite-workers-26	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/05/1587772722/yosemite-workers-lose-pay-volunteer-pay-ask	8/5/2025	Yosemite, Labor, Government	
Trump administration takes aim at satellite that measures carbon dioxide and crops	Politics / Environment	The Trump administration has asked NASA employees to draw up plans to end at least two major satellite missions, according to current and former NASA staffers. If the plans are carried out, one of the missions would be permanently terminated, because the satellite would burn up in the atmosphere. The data the two missions collect is widely used, including by scientists, oil and gas companies and farmers who need detailed information about carbon dioxide and crop health. They are the only two federal satellite missions that were designed and built specifically to monitor planet-warming greenhouse gases.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-nasa-carbon-4	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/05/1585371199/nasa-carbon-dioxide-satellite-trump-administration	8/5/2025	Trump, NASA, Climate Policy	
Here's what the health risks are from Canadian wildfire smoke	Climate / Health	Canada is experiencing its second worst wildfire season on record, according to government data. There have been nearly 4,000 fires recorded already this calendar year. ... On Monday the AQI in Detroit was at least 159. On a smoky day, when AQI levels reach 100 to 200, "the exposure to the fine particulate matter, the air pollution, is similar to smoking a quarter to half a pack a day," Wilgus says.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-health-michigan-9	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/05/1589248888/health-michigan-canadians-smoke-quality-wildfire	8/5/2025	Wildfires, Canada, Air Quality	
Teen suicide is on the decline, new federal data shows	Health / Youth	The new report shows that the prevalence of serious suicidal thoughts in 12-to-17-year-olds fell from nearly 13% in 2021 to 10% in 2024. And the prevalence of suicide attempts by teens also fell slightly — from 3.6% to 2.7%. By the 2010s, journal editors and watchdog organizations were warning that this trust was under threat. They flagged a growing number of papers with fabricated data and doctored images. In the years that followed, the factors driving this increase grew more intense. As more graduate students were trained in labs, the competition for a limited number of research jobs sharpened. High-profile papers became essential for success, not just for landing a job, but also for getting promotions and grants.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-science-papers-2	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/05/1589005050/science-papers-fraud-research-paper-mills.html	8/5/2025	Teen Suicide, Mental Health, Federal Data	
Fraudulent Scientific Papers Are Rapidly Increasing, Study Finds	Science / Research	Academic publishers have responded to the demand by opening thousands of new scientific journals every year. "All of the incentives are for publishers to publish more and more," said Dr. Ivan Oransky, the executive director of the Center for Scientific Integrity. Organizations known as paper mills are now turning scientific fraud into a lucrative business. Scientists eager to pad out their resumes can pay hundreds to thousands of dollars to be named as an author of a paper that they had nothing to do with, according to Anna Abalkina, a social scientist at Free University of Berlin who studies paper mills.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-trumps-decline-12	https://www.fox.com/2025/08/05/science-papers-fraud-research-paper-mills.html	8/5/2025	Science, Fraud, Research Integrity	
Trump's deadline for the Kremlin looms but Putin shows no sign of making concessions	International / Politics	So far Trump's promises, threats and cajoling have failed to shift the Kremlin's position, and the stubborn diplomatic stalemate remains in place. Meanwhile, Ukraine is losing more territory on the front line, although there is no sign of a looming collapse of its defenses. ... The Kremlin has insisted that international sanctions imposed since its February 2022 invasion of its neighbor have had a limited impact. The Russian leader has hailed its capabilities, saying its multiple warheads that plunge to a target at speeds of up to Mach 10 cannot be intercepted. He claimed that they are so powerful that the use of several of them in one conventional strike could be as devastating as a nuclear attack.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-e16306-1	https://www.abc.com/news/2025/08/05/trumps-deadline-for-the-kremlin-looks-but-putin-shows-no-sign-of-making-concessions/	8/5/2025	Trump, Putin, Russia	
ChatGPT removes the ability for conversations to be displayed by search engines as 'nearly 4,500 conversations' indexed by Google	Tech / AI	Separately, one of Putin's top lieutenants warned that the Ukraine war could nudge Russia and the U.S. into armed conflict.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-nasa-ctgpa-7	https://www.businessinsider.com/2025/08/05/chatgpt-removes-the-ability-for-conversations-to-be-displayed-by-search-engines-reports-4-500-conversations-indexed-by-google/	8/5/2025	ChatGPT, AI, Privacy	
Duffy to announce nuclear reactor on the moon	Space / Technology	As Fast Company reports, "Nearly 4,500 conversations come up in results for the Google site search, though many don't include personal details or identifying information." In ChatGPT, if you chose to share a chat or prompt with someone else, you were hit with a tick option, which gave it permission to "make this chat discoverable." Underneath this tickbox, in smaller text, sat the disclaimer, "Allows it to be shown in web searches." Fast Company reports that, though no identifying information came through, one of those publicly accessible chats "described in detail their sex life and unhappiness living in a foreign country, claiming they were suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and seeking support."	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-nasa-ctgpa-7	https://www.nasa.gov/news/2025/08/05/nasa-announces-reactor-duffy-rocketry-04949-172	8/5/2025	NASA, Moon, Nuclear Power	
More Gazans die seeking aid and from hunger; borial shrouds in short supply	International / Humanitarian	Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy will announce expedited plans this week to build a nuclear reactor on the moon, the first major action by the former Fox News host as the interim NASA administrator.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-e38160-16	https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/2025/08/05/gaza-aid-seeking-and-hunger-turkey-shrouds-short-supply-2025-08-05/	8/5/2025	Gaza, Humanitarian Crisis, Hunger	
US could require up to \$15,000 bonds for some tourist visas under pilot program	Immigration / Policy	At the hospital, some bodies were wrapped in thick patterned blankets because white shrouds, which hold special significance in Islamic burials, were in short supply due to continued Israeli border restrictions and the mounting number of daily deaths, Palestinians said.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-7a819c-11	https://www.reuters.com/world/us/2025/08/05/us-immigration-visa-bonds-some-tourists-under-pilot-program-2025-08-05/	8/5/2025	Visas, Immigration, Policy	
Lightning Kills Way More Trees Than You Would Ever Believe	Environment / Nature	The U.S. could require bonds of up to \$15,000 for some tourist and business visas under a pilot program launching in two weeks, a government notice said on Monday, an effort that aims to crack down on visitors who overstay their visas. The program gives U.S. consular officers the discretion to impose bonds on visitors from countries with high rates of visa overstays, according to a Federal Register notice. Bonds could also be applied to people coming from countries where screening and vetting information is deemed insufficient, the notice said.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-lightning-kills-18	https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0304378925001500	8/5/2025	Lightning, Trees, Environment	
People With a Home by The Ocean Live Longer And We Don't Know Why	Health / Lifestyle	A first-of-its-kind study estimates that lightning strikes kill 320 million trees every year.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-people-with-3	https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0304378925001500	8/5/2025	Ocean, Longevity, Health	
Thousands of formerly secret files on police misconduct now public in California through searchable database	ACAB	What the data found was that living near the coast was associated with a longer life, but somewhat surprisingly, the same wasn't true of living in urban areas with inland blue spaces, such as lakes or rivers. People in those areas actually tended to live shorter lives.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-california-police-47	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/california-police-misconduct-database-b2801901.html	8/5/2025	California, Police Misconduct, Database	
An Illinois non-profit helps ease trauma inflicted by gun violence. Now it may close due to lack of funding	Community / Gun Violence	Thousands of previously secret files on alleged police misconduct in California have now been made public through a searchable database. The Police Records Access Project database, painstakingly assembled over seven years by journalists, activists, and data scientists, went public on Monday with documents from more than 400 government agencies across the Golden State.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-illinois-trauma-41	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/illinois-trauma-and-violence-gun-violence	8/5/2025	Illinois, Gun Violence, Non-Profit	
Swiss president under fire after Trump call leads to US tariffs shock	International Trade / Politics	The records open a window into nearly 12,000 cases involving alleged police misconduct or the use of serious force, ranging from dishonesty through brutality complaints to repeated sexual harassment by officers.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-swiss-president-40	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/aug/05/swiss-president-trump-call-us-tariffs	8/5/2025	Switzerland, Trump, Tariffs	
Trump contorting justice department into his 'personal weapon', experts warn	Politics / Corruption	But the neighbor-to-neighbor counseling, which helped Miller cope, is no more. The non-profit's funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), a Biden-era stimulus bill, ran out. And the organization had to end its crisis support for gun-violence survivors in July. Before then, Simms and her team had offered a free 40-hour training program to community members in areas with gun violence, as well as to providers who work with people experiencing homelessness, formerly incarcerated people and religious congregation members. From the non-profit's founding in 2019 until funding recently ran out, Simms and her team trained more than 500 people in Champaign-Urbana.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug5-trump-justice-42	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/aug/05/trump-justice-department	8/5/2025	Trump, DOJ, Corruption	

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No one should act surprised,’ says UN expert who warned of starvation in Gaza last year	International / Humanitarian		https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-gaza-starvation-51	https://www.kids.com/en/article/a-new-satellite-reveals-israel-is-recruiting-children-32-milkooskrieg/	8/5/2025	Gaza, Starvation, UN	
A New Satanic Neo-Nazi Group Is Recruiting Children as Young as 12	Extremism / Crime	While NLM and 764 have received significant media attention, Milkooskrieg has gone largely unexamined. Bearing all the hallmarks of the decentralized, satanic, neo-Nazi organization Order of Nine Angles (ONA), Milkooskrieg espouses a hard accelerationist ethos, and pushes its members through a three-stage pipeline—in which recruitment and radicalization lead to discussions of real-world terror activity. It started making waves when it shared links to its Telegram and Signal groups on social media, accompanied by images and videos of masked men with guns and inflammatory slogans l	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-supreme-court-15	https://www.votco.com/story/422724?utm_source=google&utm_medium=sponsor&utm_campaign=usps	8/5/2025		Neo-Nazi, Extremism, Child Recruitment
The Supreme Court just revealed its plan to make gerrymandering even worse, in Louisiana v. Callais	Politics / Elections	As Roberts emphasized in his opinion for the Court in Milligan, a lower court that also struck down these maps “faithfully applied our precedents.” But the Roberts Court frequently overrules or ignores precedents that interpret the Voting Rights Act — the federal law at issue in Milligan — to more closely follow the most egregious forms of Jim Crow-like voter suppression. And the Court’s Republican majority is normally hostile to lawsuits challenging gerrymanders of any kind.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-california-republican-29	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/california-trump-introduces-bills-banning-17026789.html	8/5/2025		Supreme Court, Gerrymandering, Voting Rights
California Republican to introduce bill banning mid-decade redistricting	Politics / Legislation	Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-Calif.) said he plans to introduce legislation on Tuesday that would ban all middecade restricting efforts nationwide and nullify any new maps approved before the 2030 census.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-doge-embassies-68	https://www.yahoo.com/story/422724?utm_source=google&utm_medium=sponsor&utm_campaign=usps	8/5/2025		Trump, DOGE, Bird Flu
DOGE embarrasses Trump again with accidental bird flu expert firings	Political Cesspool	A second confirmed case of Elon Musk’s DOGE team accidentally firing critical government workers is leaving egg on the president’s face. NBC’s report revealing that officials at the Department of Agriculture (USDA) working on the federal effort to halt the spread of bird flu at poultry and dairy farms comes at a poor time for the administration. Egg prices are skyrocketing as the culling of millions of chickens — implemented by the USDA to halt the disease in farms where it is discovered — has caused shortages. Last last week, Donald Trump realized a dream that he’s had since he was president of the United States the first time: firing the person who informed the world that his economy isn’t as great as he wants to pretend it is. It was a move so comically autocratic that Recep Erdogan of Turkey already did it in 2022. — In the opening months of his second presidency, Trump still has a ton to cover up or to try to talk his way out of — and he’s surrounded by a team of overzealous sycophants who want to assist him in propping up his authoritarian fantasies in ways that some of his first-term appointees squeamishly if only occasionally, resisted.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-donald-trump-38	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/doge-embassies-trump-again-accessing-20431450.html	8/5/2025		Trump, DOGE, Donald Trump
Donald Trump Tries to Spin and Purge His Way to Declaring Economic Victory	Economy / Politics		https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-google-exec-78	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-fires-john-purpe-13300843.html	8/5/2025		Trump, Economy, Political Spin
Ex-Google exec’s shocking warning: AI will create 15 years of ‘hell’ — starting sooner than we think	Technology / AI	A former Google executive warned that artificial intelligence will plunge society into more than a decade of severe disruption and hardship as it eliminates many white-collar jobs — and the ‘hell’ will begin as early as 2027.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-google-exec-78	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/ex-es-google-exec-shocking-trumps-17494742.html	8/5/2025		AI, Technology, Google
FACT FOCUS: Trump says he cut drug prices by up to 1,500%. That’s not possible	Political Cesspool	This is false. Cutting drug prices by more than 100% would theoretically mean that people are being paid to take medications. The Trump administration has taken steps to lower prescription drug prices, but experts say there’s no indication costs have seen such a massive drop.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-hack-focus-55	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/hacked-focus-trump-seeks-help-21025105.html	8/5/2025		Trump, Hack Focus, Economy
Food Bank of Northeast Georgia avoids \$49,955 scam thanks to vigilant accountant	Crime / Local	An Athens-Clarke police report shows that the Food Bank, located on Newton Bridge Road, received an inflated bill from an executive business and coaching and developing firm that billed them for \$49,955. The accountant checked with the staff on July 18 and, upon learning they had not received this service, he believed it was an attempt to obtain money through deceitful practices, according to the report released Thursday.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-food-bank-30	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/us-food-bank-nothing-left-16005551.html	8/5/2025		Georgia, Food Bank, Scam
DOJ is walking back the White House’s goal to arrest 3,000 immigrants per day	Immigration / Border	“Under President Trump’s leadership, we are looking to set a goal of a minimum of 3,000 arrests for ICE every day and President Trump is going to keep pushing to get that number up higher each and every day,” the senior White House adviser told Fox News’ Sean Hannity in May. But when federal judges pressed for details about that figure last week, the administration denied any such quota existed. The contradiction came in a lawsuit that alleged the intense pressure to rack up arrests had led ICE to conduct illegal sweeps in Los Angeles. To the extent that Trump tried to defend his obvious abuse, he presented evidence — I’m using the word “evidence” loosely — that was either demonstrably untrue, gibberish, self-defeating nonsense, or some combination thereof. Kevin Hassett, the director of the White House National Economic Council, did his best to carry the president’s water, but he too was reduced to absurdities, claiming that economic data will be more “reliable” and “trustworthy” just as soon as Trump replaces highly qualified career civil servants with people he likes who’ll confirm his baseless assumptions. Other countries have gone down this path, and it never ends well. Argentina and Greece, for example, played fast and loose with economic data for years, and it led to serious economic crises. In the former Soviet Union, Joseph Stalin similarly purined statisticians who failed to produce the data he expected to see.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-judges-scoutingcamp-78	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/judges-scoutingcamp-alask-between-11000466.html	8/5/2025		DOJ, Immigration, Trump
What Trump put at risk when he fired the labor statistics chief for telling the truth	Political Cesspool		https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-mark-words-74	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/mark-words-george-15494834.html	8/5/2025		Trump, Labor Statistics, Scandal
Mark My Words: George Conway’s Chilling Trump Prediction Is ‘Just A Matter Of Time’	Political Cesspool	Conservative attorney George Conway warned that President Donald Trump is steering the nation toward a constitutional crisis.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-mark-words-74	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/mark-words-george-15494834.html	8/5/2025		Trump, George Conway, Prediction
Mass Shooting in Los Angeles Kills Two People and Injures Six After Music Festival	Crime / Mass Shooting	A mass shooting in downtown Los Angeles has left two people dead and six injured in the early hours of Monday following the Hard Summer music festival, the Los Angeles Police Department confirmed to The Hollywood Reporter.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-mark-shooting-33	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/shooting-joe-rodriguez-15404839.html	8/5/2025		Los Angeles, Mass Shooting, Crime
Mexican ranchers struggle to adapt as a tiny parasite ravages their cattle exports to the US	Agriculture / Trade	U.S. agriculture officials halted live cattle crossing the border in July — the third suspension of the past eight months — due to concerns about the flesh-eating maggot which has been found in southern Mexico and is creeping north.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-mexican-rancheros-66	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/mexican-rancheros-struggle-and-sp-16002826.html	8/5/2025		Mexico, Agriculture, Trade
Moscow urges everyone, including Trump, to be ‘very, very cautious’ with nuclear rhetoric	Foreign Policy / Nuclear	Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told Russian state media on Aug. 4 that the country was “very attentive” to the topic of nuclear non-proliferation and believed “everyone should be very, very cautious with nuclear rhetoric.” Peskov also played down the significance of Trump’s comments, saying it was clear to Russia that U.S. submarines were already on combat duty. He said Russia had no appetite for getting into a prolonged argument with Trump.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-moscow-upset-67	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/moscow-upset-expected-including-trump-15494834.html	8/5/2025		Trump, Russia, Nuclear
Musk-linked group spends big to promote newly enacted megabit	Politics / Campaign Finance	Building America’s Future, a dark-money group that has been supported by Elon Musk, is shelling out more than a million dollars to promote recent White House wins, including a GOP domestic policy package the Tesla CEO and former Trump administration employee once called “a disgusting abomination.” A new financial disclosure from a super PAC supporting President Donald Trump contains the name of the deep-pocket donors who have gained access to the White House. Some names on the list wound up working for Trump in his administration. Anjanj Sinha, a friend of Trump’s, was nominated to be the ambassador to Singapore. He donated \$1 million to MAGA Inc. He hasn’t been approved for the position yet, possibly because he struggled to answer questions about Singapore during his confirmation hearing. — Cody Campbell, who is now on Trump’s Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition, donated half a million dollars to the super PAC, Josh Lobel, now sitting on Trump’s Intelligence Advisory Board, donated \$250,000.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-musk-linked-32	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/es/musk-linked-pac-domestic-bio-20500328.html	8/5/2025		Musk, PAC, Megabit
Pardons, positions and power: Trump’s donor list raises questions about pay-for-access in his administration	Politics / Corruption	Several major donors are tied to the crypto industry, which has by and large found a friendly ally in Trump.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-republicans-q-augly-77	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/pardons-positions-and-power-trump-donor-list-raises-questions-about-pay-for-access-in-his-administration-21028316.html	8/5/2025		Trump, Donors, Corruption
Republicans are (quietly) making 2028 moves	Election Strategy	So far, we’re seeing ambitious Republicans traveling to some of the early voting primary states and using their speeches to highlight their support for Trump’s agenda and looking for ways to cast themselves as the successor to that agenda.	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-rookie-senator-35	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/es/republicans-q-augly-2028-moves-17025116.html	8/5/2025		Republicans, 2028 Election, Political Moves
**Rogue GOP Senator Issues Dire Warning About ‘King Trump’	Political Cesspool	“Basically, one of the big items I think we’ll be remembered for is tariffs,” Paul said. “But it’s not tariffs being done through Congress, it’s tariffs being done by royal edict or executive edict.”	https://thin.tiny.us/Aug6-senate-confederate-37	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/rogue-gop-senator-issues-dire-warning-about-king-trump-171662940.html	8/5/2025		Trump, GOP, Political Cesspool
Statue of Confederate general torn down in 2020 protests to be restored in Washington DC	Culture / History	A statue of a Confederate general that was torn down in 2020 during racial justice protests will be restored in Washington, D.C., the National Park Service has announced.		https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/statue-of-confederate-general-torn-down-211245458.html	8/5/2025		Confederate Statue, Washington DC, History

Texas Governor Greg Abbott Orders Arrest of Democratic Lawmakers. Can He Do That?	State Politics / Power Grab	"He has no legal mechanism," Texas Rep. Iolanda Jones, who traveled to New York, said on Monday, per the Associated Press. "Subpoenas from Texas don't work in New York, so he can't come and get us. Subpoenas in Texas don't work in Chicago... He's putting up smoke and mirrors."	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-texas-governor-58	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/greg-abbott-orders-003102213.html	8/5/2025	Texas, Greg Abbott, Political Power
"Trump Brags About 'Very White' Rose Garden's Awful Makeover"	Political Cesspool	Trump has not finished leaving his stamp on the White House and making it more like Mar-a-Lago. As well as adding his beloved gold ornaments and finishes, last week the president announced he would build a \$100 million ballroom inside the White House.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-trump-brags-31	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-brags-very-white-rose-garden-04502011.html	8/5/2025	Trump, Rose Garden, Political Cesspool
Trump Finds a Brilliant New Way to Wreck the Tourism Industry	Economy / Tourism	This move will likely make travel to the U.S. unaffordable for many at a time when the number of international visits to the U.S. is already plummeting. Forbes projected that Trump's policies will cost the U.S. up to \$25 billion in lost tourism and put millions of jobs at risk—and that's without visa bonds.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-trump-finds-54	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-finds-brilliant-way-wreck-tourism-industry-184122145.html	8/5/2025	Trump, Tourism, Economy
Trump is Hiring ICE Agents to Arrest Immigrants Coast to Coast, Border to Border	Immigration / Border	Job postings show that in 25 cities from coast to coast, Immigration and Customs Enforcement is hiring deportation officers who will arrest, detain, and deport migrants, and manage migrants' cases. The listings give insight into where ICE may be ramping up operations.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-trump-hiring-58	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-hiring-deportation-officers-across-the-country-13500374.html	8/5/2025	Trump, ICE, Immigration
How Trump Is Plotting To Disrupt The Next Election	Election Integrity	At a time when the U.S. job market is slowing down and prices remain high, ICE is offering \$50,000 signing bonuses and \$60,000 in student loan repayment with a salary of about \$50,000 to \$80,000. With a combination of executive orders, legal maneuvers and staffing decisions, President Donald Trump has already put in motion his next effort to subvert upcoming federal elections in 2026 and 2028. Since taking office, Trump has installed loyalists who follow his orders into key positions at the Department of Justice, issued executive orders centralizing decision-making within the White House, attempted to unilaterally change state and local election laws, demanded unprecedented access to voter data, dismantled election security protections, threatened elections officials and workers, law firms and others who have historically stood up to protect elections and defended, hired or pardoned those involved in previous efforts to subvert elections. All of these actions combine into a "concerted strategy" to undermine federal elections, according to a new report by the Brennan Center for Justice, a left-leaning nonprofit that advocates for voting rights. The report highlights how these actions are being used together to set the stage for future lies about election integrity and attempts by the White House to try to change the outcome of elections altogether. It also details how they are being fought by states, election officials and voting advocates.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-trump-plotting-59	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-plotting-disrupt-next-election-120017117.html	8/5/2025	Trump, Elections, Political Strategy
Trump Praises 'Very Nice' Loomer as Her Body Count Grows	Political Cesspool	Donald Trump has called conspiracy theorist Laura Loomer a "very nice person" as she wages her personal war to dean house in the Trump administration. The far-right Trump mega fan has taken credit for the firings of at least 16 people who she said were not sufficiently loyal to the president. She calls it being "Loomered."	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-trump-praises-57	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-praises-laura-loomer-060701974.html	8/5/2025	Trump, Laura Loomer, Extremism
Trump Says He's Lowered Drug Prices by '1500%' After Firing Stats Boss	Political Cesspool	Reducing the price of something by more than 100 percent would mean that not only does it would be free—the consumer would be getting paid to take the product.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-trump-says-72	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-says-he-lowered-drug-prices-051002925.html	8/5/2025	Trump, Drug Prices, Economy
Trump Takes on L.A. Olympics: Will Lead Task Force on 2028 Games (Exclusive)	Politics / Sports	While it's certainly not unusual for the federal government to form an Olympics task force, such efforts tend to be run by law enforcement departments which provide public safety and security support. The FBI, Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Secret Service are already announced as involved with LA 28 — as is the norm when the Olympics are held stateside. Alternately, such government initiatives tend to be centered around securing Olympic bids or providing logistics.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-trump-takes-74	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-takes-on-la-olympics-240225528.html	8/5/2025	Trump, Olympics, Sports
Trump whiffs on his easiest chance to 'drain the swamp'	Political Cesspool	Back in April, President Donald Trump said he would "absolutely" sign a bill banning members of Congress from trading stocks. Amid declining poll numbers and poor economic news, signing a ban would provide Trump an easy political victory ahead of the fall's government funding fights. The public overwhelmingly supports a ban, and there are multiple bills with bipartisan support in both houses of Congress. But when one proposed ban cleared a Senate committee vote last week, instead of halting the result, Trump attacked one of the bill's chief Republican supporters, Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri. Why? Until not too long ago, insider trading laws did not apply to members of Congress. This went about as you would expect: Investigations revealed that lawmakers profited off of stock transactions made during the 2008 recession and the 2010 health care debate. In 2012, Congress passed the STOCK Act, which made insider trading laws applicable to members of Congress and their staffs, and required disclosures of trades within 45 days for both transparency and enforcement. His presidency was never about draining the swamp; he is the swamp. And even the blindest effort to rebut that image is, for him, a bridge too far.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-trump-whiffs-80	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-whiffs-easiest-chance-drain-swamp-100000127.html	8/5/2025	Trump, Ukraine, War
Ukraine is now Trump's war	Foreign Policy / War	Vladimir Putin started it. Joe Biden didn't stop it. But, no matter his efforts to the contrary, this is the week in which Russia's invasion of Ukraine becomes US President Donald Trump's war. Trump could have dropped the war entirely. But instead, he chose to impose the force of his personality, initially through the idea he could end it in 24 hours, or a revised deadline of 100 days. Then he tried to navigate its personalities, coying up to the Russian president initially, echoing his narratives and then berating Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy publicly in the Oval Office.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-ukraine-trump-63	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/its-ukraine-now-trumps-war-170720030.html	8/5/2025	Trump, Ukraine, War
White House Peddles New Excuse for Moving Ghislaine to Confinj Jail	Political Cesspool	"Ghislaine Maxwell is a sexual predator who physically assaulted minor children on multiple occasions, and she should never be shown any leniency. Yet, without any notification to the Maxwell victims, the government overnight has moved Maxwell to a minimum security luxury prison in Texas. This is the justice system failing victims right before our eyes," the statement said. In the short term, the House of Representatives — which Democrats hope to win back in midterm elections next year to rein in Trump's presidency — could be at stake. Democrats currently need a net gain of three seats to take the majority, if the Texas plan passes without a response by another state, they will need eight. That could dash their goal of imposing a clamp on Trump's runaway presidency.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-white-house-80	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/as-white-house-peddles-excuse-for-moving-240427378.html	8/5/2025	Trump, Ghislaine Maxwell, Scandal
Why Trump's Texas battle over the House could end up affecting every American	Politics / Congress	There are growing signs American democracy is fraying. Republicans will argue, correctly, that Democrats have mounted their own egregious restricting schemes in states such as Illinois and Maryland. But the instigator of the effort to make the Texas congressional delegation even redder was a president who already has a dark record of trying to subvert the verdict of voters. Longer term, the national political fight that has erupted over Texas looks almost certain to further erode the checks and balances of democracy, however it ends. If both parties now simply go all-out in a national gerrymandering frenzy, they will produce a House of Representatives where it will be even more difficult for incumbents to lose their seats and that will make meaningful political change even harder.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-wild-pigs-76	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/why-the-house-texas-battle-could-affect-every-040501130.html	8/5/2025	California, Wildlife, Weird World
Wild pigs found with blue-dyed meat in California. Why officials are issuing a warning	Weird World	The CDWR's Wildlife Health Lab later found a rodeniticide bait, known as anticoagulant rodeniticide diphacinone, in the stomach and liver of one of the pigs. The pigs were exposed to the blue-dyed diphacinone by either consuming the bait themselves or eating other animals that ingested it. CDWR explained.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-wild-pigs-76	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/why-the-house-texas-battle-could-affect-every-040501130.html	8/5/2025	California, Wildlife, Weird World
US should put nuclear reactors on moon before other countries do, acting NASA administrator says	Science / Space	Nuclear power on the moon is critical to the United States' space exploration and national security goals, and the U.S. government should "move quickly" to build reactors there before its terrestrial rivals, according to a directive issued by Transportation Secretary and acting NASA Administrator Sean Duffy, which was obtained by ABC News. "I believe a person should not be (bowed) by circumstance, but should grow and get their dreams through every possible way," Sodaba said. She began learning computer programming and website development.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-usnasa43	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/nasa-administrator-says-us-should-put-nuclear-reactors-on-moon-before-other-countries-do-040501130.html	8/6/2025	NASA, Moon; Nuclear; Space Race
Afghan women turn to online courses as the Taliban bans education	International / Human Rights	Jafari said he started providing online courses last December to help women in his homeland, and as an expression of gratitude for the help he received as a youngster alone in a foreign country. "The main goal was to give back to the community, especially to the Afghan women, what I had received from the other people for free," he said, sitting in his sparse one-room flat in downtown Athens. Jafari now has 28 female students in Afghanistan in three classes: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Aside from teaching, he also mentors his students in finding online internships and jobs using their new skills. For women in a country where nearly all professions are banned, the opportunity for online work is a lifeline.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-afghan-women	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/afghan-women-turn-to-online-courses-as-the-taliban-bans-education-040501130.html	8/6/2025	Afghanistan; Taliban; Women; Education; Human Rights
Discover Civil Rights history through artifacts in US museums	Civil Rights / History	Public access to these items at federal sites may be restricted or prohibited under Trump administration rules seeking to bar what the president calls "divisive" ideology that acknowledges the outsized role racism has played in American history and culture.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-civil-rights	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/discover-civil-rights-history-through-artifacts-in-us-museums-040501130.html	8/6/2025	Civil Rights; Museums; History; Education
Judge blocks reallocation of billions meant for disaster mitigation	Climate / Disasters	A federal judge on Tuesday blocked the Trump administration from reallocating \$4 billion meant to help communities protect against natural disasters. Massachusetts and the other states that brought the lawsuit argued FEMA lacked the authority to end the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program and redirect more than \$4 billion of its funding. The program aims to harden infrastructure around the country against potential storm damage.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-judge-blocks	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/federal-judge-blocks-trump-administration-from-reallocating-4-billion-meant-for-disaster-mitigation-040501130.html	8/6/2025	FEMA; Climate; Disaster Relief; Trump Administration
As Trump cracks down on student visas, other countries see opportunity	Immigration / Education	In China, wait times for U.S. visa interviews are so long that some students have given up. Universities in Hong Kong are fielding transfer inquiries from foreign students in the U.S., and international applications for British undergraduate programs have surged. The U.S. government has sought to deport foreign students for participating in pro-Palestinian activism. In the spring, it abruptly revoked the legal status of thousands of international students, including some whose only brush with law enforcement was a traffic ticket. After reverting course, the government paused new appointments for student visas while rolling out a process for screening applicants' social media accounts.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-as-trump-cracks	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/as-trump-cracks-down-on-student-visas-other-countries-see-opportunity-040501130.html	8/6/2025	Student Visas; Immigration; Trump; International Education
Democrat Michael Thurmond is running for Georgia governor	Elections / Georgia Politics	Thurmond announced his 2026 bid for the state's highest office Wednesday, saying he's "going to fight for the people of Georgia every day," but also pitching himself as someone who can bridge racial and political divides to become the first Democrat to win the state's top office in 28 years.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-democrat-thurmond	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/democrat-michael-thurmond-is-running-for-georgia-governor-040501130.html	8/6/2025	Georgia; Elections; Democrats; 2026 Governor Race
Germany fines speeding Autobahn driver who was going 124 mph	Weird world	A motorist was clocked driving at more than 320 kph (199 mph) on the Autobahn west of Berlin, a record high at more than 124 mph above the speed limit, German police said.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-germany-fines	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/germany-fines-speeding-autobahn-driver-who-was-going-124-mph-040501130.html	8/6/2025	Germany; Autobahn; Speeding; Transportation
Justice Department releases new list of so-called sanctuary jurisdictions	Immigration / Policy	The Justice Department identified some three dozen states, cities and counties as so-called sanctuary jurisdictions on Tuesday, two months after the federal government quietly removed a much longer list that included many localities that support the Trump administration's hard-line immigration policies.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-justice-department	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/justice-department-releases-new-list-of-so-called-sanctuary-jurisdictions-040501130.html	8/6/2025	Immigration; Sanctuary Cities; DOJ; Trump Administration
With jobs report, Trump follows playbook of rejecting unfavorable data	Economy / Trump Administration	Trump has a go-to playbook if the numbers reveal uncomfortable realities, and that's to discredit or conceal the figures and to attack the messenger — all of which can hurt the president's efforts to convince the world that America is getting stronger. The Republican president's strategy carries significant risks for his own administration and a broader economy that depends on politics-free data. His denunciations threaten to lower trust in government and erode public accountability, and any manipulation of federal data could result in policy choices made on faulty numbers, causing larger problems for both the president and the country.	https://tiny.cc/Auq5-trump-follows	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/with-jobs-report-trump-follows-playbook-of-rejecting-unfavorable-data-040501130.html	8/6/2025	Economy; Jobs Report; Trump Administration; Data

		U.S. President Donald Trump raised the tariffs on Canadian goods to 35% last week, but a key exemption for Canada and Mexico shields the vast majority of goods from the punishing duties.	https://ttn.tiny.us/4t5deds	https://finance.a	8/6/2025		
Crucial exemption allows majority of Canadian and Mexican goods to be shipped to US without tariffs	Economy / Trade	Canada's central bank says 100% of energy exports and 95% of other exports are compliant with the trade pact, known as USMCA. The Royal Bank estimated that almost 90% of Canadian exports appear to have accessed the U.S. market duty free in April.	https://ttn.tiny.us/5c4e5agz	https://finance.a	8/6/2025	Trade, Canada, Mexico, Tariffs	
The dollar is being punished for the jobs data that revealed how weak the U.S. economy really was	Economy	The U.S. dollar fell a cliff on Friday after the Bureau of Labor Statistics dramatically revised downward its estimates of how many jobs the American economy was creating. The economy, it turned out, was far weaker than everyone had assumed.	https://ttn.tiny.us/3a6854m	https://finance.a	8/6/2025	Dollar, Jobs Data, Economy	
Jury rules Meta violated California privacy laws by quietly collecting Flo users' menstrual health data	Tech / Privacy	A California jury has found Meta in violation of state user privacy laws in a class-action suit brought by users of period-tracking app Flo, who alleged that the tech giant collected private menstrual health data without users' consent and used it for ad-tracking purposes.	https://ttn.tiny.us/2p6p7vq	https://finance.a	8/6/2025	Meta, Privacy, Flo App, California	
On the precipice of recession? A top economist warns that not even the Fed may be able to rescue the US from a downturn	Economy	But Zandi thinks a recession is coming regardless, and rate cuts won't be able to offset two forces he thinks are pressuring the economy: tariffs and immigration policy.	https://ttn.tiny.us/5a6q8vst	https://gismodo	8/6/2025	Economy, Recession, Federal Reserve, Warning	
Leaked ChatGPT Conversations Show People Asking the Bot to Do Some Dirty Work	Tech / AI	And while it's at least a little amusing if not at least a bit concerning that ostensible experts and professionals are asking AI with doing their job, there is a much more troubling reality in some of these chats. Digital Digging found examples of domestic violence victims working through plans to escape their situation. Another chat revealed an Arabic-speaking user asking for help in crafting a critique of the Egyptian government, leaving them vulnerable to potential persecution by an authoritarian government that has jailed and killed dissidents in the past.	https://ttn.tiny.us/2p6hbc29	https://babi.com	8/5/2025	AI, ChatGPT, Ethics, Privacy	
Trump establishes LA Olympics security task force and threatens to redeploy National Guard	Security / Events	President Donald Trump on Tuesday signed an executive order to form a security task force for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics, and threatened to again deploy the military and National Guard.	https://ttn.tiny.us/4ck86up	https://pfpw.org	8/5/2025	Trump, LA Olympics, security, National Guard	
New tarantula species so feisty that males may have evolved record-long genitalia to survive mating	Weird World	But why "king," and why a Saly? "The males of these spiders have the longest palps among all known tarantulas," Dr. Zaranian says. Palps are the specialized appendages used by male spiders to transfer sperm during mating.			8/6/2025	Tarantula, Biology, Evolution, Mating Behavior	
How President Trump's illegal immigration crackdown is impacting high school football - Yahoo Sports	Immigration	In Salyrex ferax, the largest species in the genus with a legspan of about 14 cm, the male palps can reach an incredible length of 5 cm, which is almost four times longer than the front part of the body, and almost as long as its longest legs.	https://ttn.tiny.us/5a6q8vst	https://sports.ya	8/6/2025	Trump, Immigration, High School, Sports	
Trump threatens 250% tariffs on pharmaceutical imports	Economy / Trump Administration	"Parents in our community are scared," Mireles told Yahoo Sports. "We've had fewer kids ever since these raids started, not only our athletes but also just fewer students attending school. I've always used athletics as a place for kids to come and feel part of something, so right now, when they're not here, I just know they're going through a lot of tough times.	https://ttn.tiny.us/2p6p7vq	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Tariffs, Pharmaceuticals, Trump, Trade Policy	
Blue-collar revenge: The things AI can't do are making a comeback	Economy / Labor	Companies are already boasting of saving hundreds of millions of dollars a year by using AI instead of humans. The stock market rewards are too enticing for the C-suite to ignore.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Blue Collar, AI, Labor, Workforce	
FBI: Hate crimes hit 2nd largest record in 2024	Social Issues / Crime	But ask those same executives who's going to run the wiring for their data centers, or who's putting the roof on the building, and just how well those skilled technicians are getting paid.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/5/2025	Hate crimes, FBI, social justice, civil rights	
House Oversight subpoenas Epstein files and Bill and Hillary Clinton	Congress / Investigation	The 40 most-vulnerable jobs (translators, historians, sales reps, etc.), basically all of them office work, employ about 11 million people.	https://ttn.tiny.us/5d9p4p3	https://www.aas	8/5/2025	Oversight, Epstein, Clinton, congressional probe	
Trump: FBI "may have to" help bring back Texas Democrats who fled state	Politics / Law Enforcement	The 40 least-vulnerable jobs (dodge operators, roofers, etc.), just about all of them manual labor, employ around 5.5 million.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/5/2025	Trump, FBI, Texas, voting rights, political crisis	
Chikungunya virus in China sparks US travel warning: What to know about outbreak	International / Aid & Diplomacy	"The FBI has tools to do state law enforcement when parties cross state lines, including to avoid testifying or fleeing a scene of a crime," Cornyn wrote in a letter to FBI director Kash Patel asking the Bureau to help state law enforcement.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/5/2025	Trump, Gaza, humanitarian aid, U.S. foreign policy	
The costs of Trump's tariffs are starting to add up for Americans. Here's how	Economy / Trade	Special envoy Steve Witkoff and President Trump discussed plans for the U.S. to significantly increase its role in providing humanitarian aid to Gaza in a meeting Monday evening at the White House, according to two U.S. officials and an Israeli official with knowledge of the issue.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Tariffs, Trump, Economy, Trade	
250 crocodiles killed in West Bank after reptiles resorted to cannibalism and posed 'significant risk' to humans, Israel says	International / Animal Control	A U.S. official said it was decided that the Trump administration will "take over" management of the humanitarian effort in Gaza because Israel isn't handling it adequately.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Israel, West Bank, Crocodiles, Animal Control	
Crime down in every category in 2024, FBI report says	Crime / Statistics	The official didn't say what the U.S. role would actually entail, but said Gulf countries like Qatar will contribute funds, while Jordan and Egypt will also likely be involved.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Crime, FBI, Statistics, 2024 Trends	
Chronically ill? In Kennedy's view, it might be your own fault	Politics / Health Policy	The White House didn't respond to requests for comment.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	RFK Jr., Chronic illness, Disability Rights, Health Pol	
Uttarakhand: Four dead and over 50 missing after Himalayan village swept away by flash flood in India	International / Disasters	Some 240,000 chikungunya cases have been reported in parts of Central and South America. Africa, the Indian subcontinent and Asia this year, including 80 deaths. Officials in Guangdong province, South China, have confirmed at least 7,000 illnesses since June.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	India, Flash Flood, Uttarakhand, Climate Disaster	
Gifford Fire destroys 72,000 acres as high wind warnings raise fears California blazes could grow	Climate / Disasters	News of the tariff impact is mounting, from the Detroit Three automakers announcing they'll face extra costs this year totaling into the billions, to the stainless steel cookware manufacturer in Tennessee hit with a \$75,000 US tariff bill on one shipment, right down to the coffee shops considering boosting the price of a cup because of tariffs on Brazil.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	California, Wildfire, Climate, Disasters	
Largest wildfire in the US spreads to more than 126,000 acres in Grand Canyon National Park	Climate / Disasters	Trump and his cabinet members quickly brush aside any evidence that the tariffs are costing Americans, with the president even firing the head of the federal statistics agency that produces the country's employment report.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Wildfire, Grand Canyon, Climate, Disasters	
Trump's agriculture secretary doubles down on suggestion people should work on farms to avoid losing Medicaid	Politics / Trump Administration	Israel said it culled 200 crocodiles at an abandoned farm on a settlement in the occupied West Bank, reporting the reptiles had resorted to cannibalism and posed a "significant risk" to humans.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Medicaid, Agriculture, Trump Administration, Brooke	
More than 100 human rights abuses discovered in immigration detention since Trump took office, senate probe says	Immigration / Human Rights	Crime decreased in every category in 2024, including murder, violent crime and motor vehicle thefts, according to data released by the FBI on Tuesday. It reflects a trend experts have been tracking as reported numbers of violent crimes continue to drop from a spike immediately following the COVID-19 pandemic.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Immigration, Human Rights, ICE, Senate Probe	
Florida officials warn about risks of drinking raw milk after 21 infections	Health / Food Safety	Self-reliance is a common theme among adherents of MAHA, an informal movement for which Kennedy has fashioned himself the figurehead that promotes medical freedom, skepticism of vaccines, and a focus on nontraditional medicine to treat disease.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Florida, Raw Milk, Health, Food Safety	
Bat flies into woman's mouth in Arizona, costing her nearly \$21,000 in medical bills	Weird World / Health	"Taking birth control pills? Casey Means, President Donald Trump's nominee to be U.S. surgeon general, has said that's a "disrespect of life" for short-term gain and efficiency.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Arizona, Bat, Rabies, Weird World	
Engineer restores pay phones for free public use	weird world	The statements assume consumers and patients have control over improving their health and preventing chronic disease when the reality is more complex, according to some public health leaders. Lower-income people, they say, often lack access to grocery stores and healthy food, may juggle too many jobs to have time to cook from scratch, and may live in dangerous areas where it's harder to get outside and exercise.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/5/2025	pay phones, public access, technology, human inten	
Trump administration drafts rules for companies using drones	Politics / Technology	At least five people died and many more were trapped under debris after a flash flood washed away a village in the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand on Tuesday.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/5/2025	Trump, drones, FAA, regulation, technology	
Why Social Security's new 'phone sharing' system may slow help	Social Services / Policy	A fast-moving wildfire has torn across 72,000 acres in south-central California since the weekend, injuring three people, threatening hundreds of structures and prompting widespread evacuation orders.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/5/2025	Social Security, phone system, government services	
Murders dropped nearly 15% last year, FBI data shows	Crime / Statistics	The fire, which is burning in a rural, agricultural region of the forest, was just three percent contained as of Tuesday morning, according to CA Fire.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Crime, FBI, Statistics, Violent Crime	
ICE agents flee arson attack in Washington state	Crime / Domestic	The devastating wildfire raging in Arizona's Grand Canyon National Park has spread to more than 126,000 acres, making it the largest active blaze in the country.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	ICE, Arson, Washington State, Immigration	
We published a photo of a malnourished child in Gaza. It made an impact globally - and created controversy	Media / Ethics	The Dragon Bravo fire has been burning for a month following a lightning strike on the canyon's North Rim on July 4.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Gaza, Journalism, Ethics, Photo Controversy	
Chemical pollution a threat comparable to climate change, scientists warn	Environment	Record-low humidity has hampered efforts to contain the fire, which has spread to 126,445 acres and is only 13 percent contained as of Tuesday, according to InChives, the government's website that tracks wildfires.	https://ttn.tiny.us/42e4m4m	https://www.aas	8/6/2025	Chemical Pollution, Climate Change, Environment, Sci	

As influencers spread 'toxic' claims, what is the truth about sunscreen?	Health / Public Safety	"Most of that damage gets repaired, but some of it doesn't. It causes mutations and those can go on developing throughout life to give rise to skin cancer," said Brian Difley, emeritus professor of photobiology at Newcastle University. "Sun exposure in childhood is a critical period for developing skin cancer, particularly melanoma, later in life."	https://ttn.tiny.us/3Sp3a3b	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Sunscreen, Influencers, Health, Science
Kellia Mehari Gallina: the 12-year-old girl starting down monster waves at Teahupo'o	Weird World	Not yet a teenager, Kellia says she wants to qualify for the WSL in the future – even if her debut appearance came earlier than expected. "That's definitely the goal, to make it on tour," she says. The Mehari Gallina family are trying to manage expectations, though. "We acknowledge that it is extremely difficult to make it to that level," Ryan adds. "It's a goal, but not the goal. Surfing is a lifestyle for us, so whether or not that happens, it's just about being in the ocean, getting better every day and having something you're passionate about."	https://ttn.tiny.us/tm9d94n	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Surfing, Kellia Mehari Gallina, Weird World, Tahiti
Sex toy tossed on LA Sparks' court in third WNBA incident in past seven days	Sexism	A sex toy landed near Indiana's Sophie Cunningham after it was thrown from the stands in Los Angeles while the Fever played the Sparks on Tuesday night.	https://ttn.tiny.us/y64a2a2c	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	WNBA, Sparks, Weird World, Sports Incident
OpenAI in talks on share sale that would price it at more than Musk's SpaceX	Technology	OpenAI is reportedly in early talks about a sale of shares held by current and former employees that would price the ChatGPT developer at half a trillion dollars, overtaking Elon Musk's SpaceX in valuation.	https://ttn.tiny.us/2p6d94ow	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	OpenAI, SpaceX, AI, Technology
ICE to hold 1,000 detainees in Indiana after deal with state's prison system	Immigration / Detention	ICE will be housing detainees at the Miami correctional center, a prison run by the Indiana department of corrections. The move is part of the US government's rapid expansion of immigration jails after Donald Trump's sweeping spending bill allotted roughly \$170bn to fix, an extraordinary sum making the agency the most heavily funded law enforcement department within the federal government. Kristi Noem, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) secretary, said the Indiana facility would be called the "Speedway Slimmer", following last month's opening of the so-called "Alligator Alcatraz" immigration jail in Florida, in collaboration with Ron DeSantis, the state's Republican governor.	https://ttn.tiny.us/2d9ym4b	https://www.fox		
RFK Jr's health department to halt \$500m in mRNA vaccine research	Health / Public Safety	The US Department of Health and Human Services said on Tuesday it would terminate 22 federal contracts for mRNA-based vaccines, questioning the safety of a technology credited with helping end the Covid pandemic and saving millions of lives. HHS said the wind-down includes cancellation of a contract awarded to Moderna for the late-stage development of its bird flu vaccine for humans and the right to purchase the shots, as previously reported in May.	https://ttn.tiny.us/4m9970ca	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	RFK Jr, mRNA, Vaccines, Health Policy
My travels in Trump's Florida: Mega superstars, gen Z Republicans – and the shame of 'Alligator Alcatraz'	Political Cesspool	The paramours serves as a realisation of one of Bannon's notorious PR blunders: flooding the zone with shit. This is the Turning Point Student Action summit, an annual gathering targeted at gen Z conservatives, which draws thousands from across the US. It was a driving force in Trump's success among younger male voters at last year's election.	https://ttn.tiny.us/2m9d94za	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Trump, Florida, MAGA, Political Cesspool
About 100 people missing as flash flood tears through town in northern India	Climate / Disasters	The Indian defence minister, Sanjay Seth, confirmed that four people had been killed in the disaster but officials feared the number could rise. About 60 were still reported missing and feared trapped in the mud, including around eight soldiers who were reported missing from a camp in the area.	https://ttn.tiny.us/5e7n79d3	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	India, Flash Flood, Climate Disaster
'A million calls an hour': Israel relying on Microsoft cloud for expansive surveillance of Palestinians	Surveillance / Privacy	Microsoft claims Nadella was unaware of what kind of data Unit 8200 planned to store in Azure. But a cache of leaked Microsoft documents and interviews with 11 sources from the company and Israeli military intelligence reveals how Azure has been used by Unit 8200 to store this expansive archive of everyday Palestinian communications.	https://ttn.tiny.us/2p6d94lf	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Israel, Microsoft, Surveillance, Palestinians
Federal judge halts Arkansas Ten Commandments law	Courts / Religion & State	A judge has blocked a recent Arkansas law requiring a copy of the Ten Commandments be hung in all public schools and buildings.	https://ttn.tiny.us/ydcm524c	https://www.fox	8/5/2025	Arkansas, Ten Commandments, religion, courts, con
Bacon: Nebraska GDP down 6 percent under Trump	Economy	Rep. Don Bacon (Ne.), a moderate Republican, said he's concerned about the U.S. economy, noting his state saw a 6 percent annual drop in real gross domestic product (GDP) in the first quarter of 2025.	https://ttn.tiny.us/2p6d940a	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Nebraska, GDP, Economy, Trump
Beto O'Rourke Says Third Trump Term Is Coming If Texas Democrats Don't Fight Back	Politics / Third Party	"No longer will we have a check on his lawlessness, accountability for his corruption and crimes... and we will see a Republican-majority Congress roll out the royal red carpet for a third Trump term," O'Rourke said Saturday on MSNBC. "Those are the stakes, and that's why we got to fight and we got to fight to win."	https://ttn.tiny.us/2d73ba	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Beto O'Rourke, Trump, Third Term, Politics
Bond's Obama Grand Jury: The Authoritarian Moment We've All Feared	Political Cesspool	It's the moment we've feared—the moment the Supreme Court invoked in giving Donald Trump immunity, and the moment that marks an authoritarian government at its most vulgar and vicious. On Monday, Attorney General Pam Bondi signed an order directing an as-yet-unnamed federal prosecutor to convene a grand jury to investigate whether prominent officials in Barack Obama's administration, including Obama himself, purposely manipulated an intelligence assessment in January 2017.	https://ttn.tiny.us/2p6d9477	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Bondi, Obama, Grand Jury, Authoritarianism
California could slash 5 GOP US House seats to counter Texas' move to pad Republican margin	Politics / Third Party	California Democrats are considering new political maps that could slash five Republican-held House seats in the liberal-leaning state while bolstering Democratic incumbents in other battleground districts.	https://ttn.tiny.us/4m99d4ba	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	California, GOP, Redistricting, Politics
California fires are burning, incoming heat wave could make things worse	Climate / Disasters	Authorities in California are bracing themselves for a prolonged heat wave this week that could amplify the risks of a wildfire and intensify fires already burning in the southern and central portions of the state. Already, much of inland Southern California is under a wildfire smoke advisory from three large fires burning in the region: the Gifford fire in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties — now California's largest blaze of the year at more than 83,900 acres as of Tuesday night — the Rosa fire in Riverside County and the Gold fire in San Bernardino County.	https://ttn.tiny.us/2d6870by	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	California, Wildfires, Heat Wave, Climate
New COVID variant 'Stratus' is spreading in the U.S. and worldwide. What are the symptoms?	Health / Public Safety	Variant XFG, colloquially known as "Stratus," was first detected in Southeast Asia in January but accounted for less than about 0.1% of cases in the United States until May. By late June, it was estimated to account for up to 14%, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).	https://ttn.tiny.us/5m9d9426	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	COVID, Status Variant, Health, Public Safety
Early GOP rift emerges as Congress braces for shutdown fight	Politics / Third Party	"There is currently no clear evidence that XFG causes more severe disease or significantly different symptoms than earlier Omicron variants," said Verna. "Importantly, there are no immediate public health concerns associated with this variant."	https://ttn.tiny.us/4m99d4ba	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	GOP, Shutdown, Congressional Rift
Federal judge rules Trump administration cannot reallocate billions meant for disaster mitigation	Government / Policy	Rifts are emerging between Republicans over how to approach next month's government funding fight, with some pushing for leaders to try to pass new full-year spending plans and others already expressing openness to another funding patch if it means less spending. Massachusetts and the other states that brought the lawsuit argued FEMA lacked the authority to end the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program and redirect more than \$4 billion of its funding. The program aims to harden infrastructure around the country against potential storm damage.	https://ttn.tiny.us/4f6d70bx	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Trump, Disaster Relief, Court Ruling, Policy
New Hegseth Leak Reveals Secret Plan for Years of Troops on U.S. Streets	National Security	The Department of Homeland Security is looking to boost its deployment of the military on the streets of the U.S. in order to help carry out Donald Trump's immigration policies, according to a leaked memo written by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's brother. The document, obtained by The New Republic, details plans for how the Trump administration could use the military to assist with domestic law enforcement as part of its mass deportation agenda for "years" to come.	https://ttn.tiny.us/3m9d940f	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Hegseth, Troop Deployment, Leaks, National Security
House Republican: Johnson needs to 'show some leadership,' end 'redistributing chaos'	Political Cesspool	"Ultimately I think that the Speaker needs to step up and show some leadership here because even our own members in states that might in some theoretical way, mathematical way stand to benefit from new maps, they don't like what's going on either," Keyser told MSNBC's Chris Janney on Tuesday. "They don't like the prospect of having their district broken up or having communities they're represented, been voided in by, taken out of their district."	https://ttn.tiny.us/4b6m943	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Johnson, GOP, Redistricting, Political Cesspool
Trump suggests undocumented farm workers are 'naturally' designed for field work	Immigration	After claiming that Americans who "live in the inner city" won't do farm work, Trump argued, "They're tired. We've tried. Everybody's tried. They don't do it. These people do it naturally. Naturally, I said, 'What happens — to a farmer the other day — 'What happens if they get a bad back?' He said, 'They don't get a bad back, sir, because if they get a bad back, they die.' I said, 'That's interesting... In many ways, they're very, very special people.'"	https://ttn.tiny.us/4b6m943b	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Trump, Immigration, Farm Labor, Controversy
MAGA Superintendent (Maybe) Caught Watching Porn Wants to Give Teachers 'America First' Tests	Political Cesspool	Oklahoma just announced plans to introduce "America First" tests to ensure that incoming teachers from blue states share its values and aren't "woke, indoctrinating social justice warriors," Ryan Walters, the MAGA Superintendent of Public Instruction, told Fox Digital. Yet, Oklahoma should definitely be concerned about teachers teaching their students about diversity, and not the fact that the state currently ranks 48th in the nation for education.	https://ttn.tiny.us/4m99d4ba	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	MAGA, Superintendent, Scandal, Political Cesspool
Marjorie Taylor Greene Turns On GOP For Abandoning MAGA Base	Political Cesspool	"I think the Republican Party has turned its back on 'America First' and the workers and just regular Americans," she reportedly said, adding she feared for the party's drift back to its "hoozon" past influenced by the "good ole boys" network.	https://ttn.tiny.us/4m99d4ba	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Marjorie Taylor Greene, GOP, MAGA, Political Cesspool
Notorious MAGA Brawler Becomes ICE Barb's Gatekeeper	Political Cesspool	While Lewandowski is on paper as a special governmental employee and limited to working 130 days a year, staff at the DHS told CNN that he is acting as a gatekeeper to Sec. Kristi Noem and holds tight control over personnel.	https://ttn.tiny.us/4m99d4ba	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	MAGA, ICE, Political Cesspool, Controversy
Texas AG Paxton Has To Water Down Abbott's Threats to Jail State Dems	Political Cesspool	In other venues, however, he has been casting doubt on whether he is the man who will follow through on those threats. During a conversation with right-wing podcaster Benny Johnson, he conceded that Abbott's threats to charge Democrats who fed the state with felons — a task that would likely fail in his office — might not be realistic.	https://ttn.tiny.us/y64a2a2c	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Texas, Paxton, Abbott, Political Cesspool
Texas families offered just \$3,000 by the government in exchange for building Trump's wall on their land	Immigration	Clarkie lost his land to Trump's border wall aspirations during his first term, but regained it under President Joe Biden. The government is offering Clarkie just \$3,000 for his land.	https://ttn.tiny.us/y64a2a2c	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Trump, Texas, Border Wall, Immigration
Texas Republican Accidentally Admits Truth About GOP's Gerrymandering	Politics / Third Party	Little replied, "Because it's good for our party, it's good for our state, and we need to ensure that Donald Trump's agenda continues to be enacted throughout his second term," Little said. (Note that "our party" apparently came to mind quicker here than "our state.")	https://ttn.tiny.us/y64a2a2c	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Texas, GOP, Gerrymandering, Politics
Top South Dakota official apologizes for releasing voter data	Elections / Voting	South Dakota's top elections official has apologized for the state releasing information about voters who also were seeking public assistance, such as food aid.	https://ttn.tiny.us/2p6d9467a	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	South Dakota, Voter Data, Elections, Privacy
Trump administration allows six more states to bar SNAP benefits for processed food	Government / Policy	Colorado, Louisiana, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Texas and Florida received federal waivers to adjust Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) guidelines outlawing the purchase of junk food with state funds in 2020.	https://ttn.tiny.us/4m99d4ba	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Trump, SNAP, Food Policy, Government
Trump Hit by a Major Setback as Deportations Under His Asylum Ban Ordered to End	Immigration	Donald Trump's headline immigration crackdown has been hit with a severe blow as U.S. border agents are instructed to stop deporting migrants under the president's sweeping asylum ban, according to a report.	https://ttn.tiny.us/y64a2a2c	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Trump, Asylum Ban, Immigration, Court Ruling
Trump Plots New Power Grab to Punish Banks Over MAGA Complaints	Political Cesspool	President Trump is planning a power grab with an executive order that would create punishments for banks over perceived bias against conservatives, according to a report.	https://ttn.tiny.us/y64a2a2c	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Trump, Banks, Power Grab, Political Cesspool
How Trump is reshaping government data	Government / Policy	Meteorological data collected by some weather balloons has been halted. Statistics for HIV among transgender people were scrubbed from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website. And basic public figures, like how many people work for the federal government, have been frozen or delayed for months.	https://ttn.tiny.us/y64a2a2c	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Trump, Government Data, Policy Changes
Trump on Undocumented Workers: 'These People' Do Farm Labor 'Naturally'	Immigration	Recalls have for centuries attempted to justify their belief that they are made of superior stock by making absurd, unfounded claims about the supposed innate differences between races. Today, President Donald Trump appeared on CNBC's Squawk Box to discuss the economic impacts of his first months in office, as well as inform the public of his belief that undocumented migrants are more "naturally" inclined toward hard labor.	https://ttn.tiny.us/y64a2a2c	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Trump, Immigration, Farm Work, Controversy
Legionnaires' disease cluster in New York City causes 2 deaths, sickens 83 people. What is it, and how do you get it?	Health / Public Safety	The disease was initially detected on July 25. Since then, the New York City Department of Health has been investigating the cluster and has sampled all cooling towers within the affected area, which help regulate a building's temperature. Eleven cooling towers tested positive for the bacteria that cause Legionnaires' disease. The remediation required by the health department has been completed, according to a Monday update.	https://ttn.tiny.us/4m99d4ba	https://www.fox	8/6/2025	Legionnaires, NYC, Public Health, Outbreak
"Record-breaking bridges: How Italy and China are pushing engineering limits"	Tech / Innovation	Italy greenlit a \$15.5 billion project to build what would become the world's longest suspension bridge, infrastructure company WeBuild said on Wednesday. Over the weekend, the Chinese state-run People's Daily reported the near-completion of what will be the world's tallest bridge. The Italian project, connecting Sicily to mainland Italy across the Strait of Messina, would stretch nearly 2.3 miles, with its suspended span reaching nearly 2.1 miles. This would surpass the current record holder, Turkey's Kapikale Bridge, by more than half a mile.	https://ttn.tiny.us/4m99d4ba	https://www.fox	8/7/2025	engineering, infrastructure, bridges, innovation
"5 soldiers injured in shooting at Fort Stewart in Georgia, Army sergeant in custody"	Crime / Military	A U.S. Army sergeant allegedly shot and wounded four other soldiers at Fort Stewart in Georgia, using his personal handgun, officials said. The shooting at the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team area was reported at 10:56 a.m. and the suspect, automated logistics Sgt. Quenelisa Radford, was apprehended at 11:35 a.m., Fort Stewart said. All lockdown measures have since been lifted, Brig. Gen. John Lubas, the 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield commander, said at a news conference.	https://ttn.tiny.us/4m99d4ba	https://www.fox	8/7/2025	military, shooting, georgia, active shooter

		IndyCar said they were not aware of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) plan to release an AI-generated image of an IndyCar featuring U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE) branding.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-story-3	https://abcnews.com	
		In a statement to ABC News, the racing authority said that "consistent with our approach to public policy and political issues, we are communicating our preference that our IP not be utilized moving forward in relation to this matter."			
		DHS denied that the image violates "anyone's intellectual property rights" in its response to IndyCar's statement.			
"IndyCar says it was unaware of DHS's use of AI-generated image featuring ICE branding"	AI / Surveillance	"Any suggestion to the contrary is absurd," it said in a statement sent to ABC News. "DHS will continue promoting the 'Speedway Stammer' as a comprehensive and collaborative approach to combating illegal immigration."	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-chatgpt-4	https://abcnews.com	8/7/2025 AI, DHS, ICE, branding, misinformation
Watchdog: ChatGPT gives teens dangerous advice on drugs, alcohol and suicide	Tech / Ethics	ChatGPT told 13-year-olds how to get drunk and high, instruct them on how to conceal eating disorders and even compose a heartbreaking suicide letter to their parents if asked, according to new research from a watchdog group.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-chatgpt-5	https://abcnews.com	8/7/2025 chatgpt, Teen Safety, Mental Health, AI, Ethics
"Philippines condemns China rocket launch after debris falls near Palawan"	Global Conflict / Asia	A top Philippine security official on Tuesday condemned China's latest rocket launch, which caused suspected debris to fall near a western Philippine province. Authorities said the incident sparked alarm and posed a danger to people, ships, and aircraft.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-china-5	https://abcnews.com	8/7/2025 china, philippines, space, tension, debris
Shooting at Fort Stewart raises questions about army policy on personal weapons	Military / Policy	A shooting that injured five soldiers at one of the country's largest military bases on Wednesday has resurfaced questions about a long-standing army policy that largely prevents service members from carrying personal weapons on military installations.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-fort-6	https://abcnews.com	8/7/2025 Military Gun Policy, Fort Stewart, Army, Safety
ICE cuts age limits for recruits to boost hiring for Trump deportations	Immigration / Policy	The Department of Homeland Security said Wednesday that it is removing age limits for new hires at the agency responsible for immigration enforcement, as it aims to expand hiring after a massive infusion of cash from Congress.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-ice-7	https://abcnews.com	8/7/2025 ICE, Immigration, Trump, Deportation, Hiring Policy
JD Vance discusses restricting with Republican leaders in Indiana as Trump pressures allies	Politics / Elections	Vice President JD Vance visits Indiana on Thursday to discuss restricting with Republican leaders as President Donald Trump ramps up pressure on GOP states to redraw congressional boundaries and give the party more winnable seats in the 2026 midterm elections.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-ice-8	https://abcnews.com	8/7/2025 JD Vance, Restricting, Trump, Elections, Gerrymandering
Trump's 'medical miracle' mRNA vaccines face \$500M setback under Kennedy	Health / Policy	Now, his health secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., is effectively halting the vaccine technology's advancement. Kennedy announced Tuesday that the federal government is canceling \$500 million worth of mRNA research development contracts, putting an end to U.S.-backed hopes for the vaccine technology to prevent future pandemics, treat cancer or prevent flu infections.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-ken-9	https://abcnews.com	8/7/2025 Trump, RFK Jr., mRNA, Vaccines, Public Health Fund
NOAA to hire 450 for National Weather Service amid staffing concerns	Government / Infrastructure	The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will hire as many as 450 people to shore up the National Weather Service after deep cuts this spring raised concern about dangerous understaffing, the Trump administration confirmed Wednesday.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-noaa-10	https://abcnews.com	8/7/2025 NOAA, Weather, Hiring, Government Agencies, Forecasting
Takeaways from AP report on Alaska Natives' response to oil, mining plans	Environment / Indigenous	Some new survey projects as key to jobs and economic development. Others see them posing environmental risks as they've already faced severe fishing restrictions on the state's longest rivers due to a collapse in the salmon population.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-oil-11	https://abcnews.com	8/7/2025 Alaska, Indigenous Rights, Oil, Mining, Environment
Trump delivers for conservative Christians	Politics / Religion	The Trump administration has green-lit political endorsements from the pulpit and encouraged region in the federal workplace. Trump has established faith-focused entities with numerous influential Christian appointees. He's energized supporters with assaults on cultural and academic targets long seen as liberal bastions. His administration and his Supreme Court appointees have expanded areas for religious exemptions and expression in the public square.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-trump-12	https://abcnews.com	8/7/2025 Trump, Evangelicals, Religion, Christian Nationalism
		President Donald Trump began imposing higher import taxes on dozens of countries Thursday just as the economic fallout of his monthslong tariff threats has begun to cause visible damage to the U.S. economy.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-trump-13	https://abcnews.com	8/7/2025 Trump, Tariffs, Economy, Trade Policy, Inflation
		Hiring began to stall, inflationary pressures crept upward and home values in key markets started to decline after the initial tariff rollout in April, said John Silvia, CEO of Dynamic Economic Strategy.			
Trump's broad tariffs go into effect, just as economic pain is surfacing	Economy / Trade	"A less productive economy requires fewer workers," Silvia said. "But there is more, the higher tariff prices lower workers' real wages. The economy has become less productive, and firms cannot pay the same real wages as before. Actions have consequences."			
Spain rules out buying F-35, choosing between Eurofighter or FCAS	Military / Defense	Many economists say the risk is that the American economy is steadily eroded.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-abcnews-spain-15	https://abcnews.com	8/7/2025 Spain, F-35, Eurofighter, FCAS, Military Procurement
		Spain is no longer considering the option of buying U.S.-made F-35 fighter jets and is choosing between European-made Eurofighter and the so-called Future Combat Air System (FCAS), a defense ministry spokesperson said on Wednesday.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-blast-denies-16	https://blast.com	
		The agents arrived in a rented Penske moving van, according to a Fox News reporter who accompanied the agents. Video posted on social media by the reporter shows men in U.S. Border Patrol vests who appear to be hiding in the van's closed cargo area. The rolling back door then opens and the agents run into the parking lot just east of MacArthur Park.			
"Federal agents detain people at a Westlake Home Depot after 'jumping out of rented Penske moving van'"	Immigration / Border	U.S. Border Patrol Sector Chief Gregory Bovino, who is leading operations in L.A., and the Department of Homeland Security called it "Operation Trojan Horse." A Homeland Security statement said the people arrested were from Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua. It did not say whether the agency had arrest warrants.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-blast-5488281-17	https://thehill.com	8/7/2025 immigration, raid, home depot, westlake, penske
"Donald Trump's 'big, beautiful bill' threatens Social Security trust funds"	Political / Cesspool	President Trump's tax and spending megabill could speed up insolvency for Social Security's trust funds, according to an analysis from the Trump administration's chief actuary for the program.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-gaap-18	https://www.gao.gov	8/7/2025 social security, trump, economy, policy
		Japan has logged two new heat records in a day with the mercury hitting 41.6 degrees Celsius (108.8 degrees Fahrenheit) and then 41.8C (107.2F), according to the country's Meteorological Agency, warning that temperatures may rise further.			
"Japan logs two new highest temperatures on record in a day"	Climate / Disasters	In Japan, some dams and paddies nationwide are experiencing a water shortage, with farmers complaining that the scorching heat combined with the lack of rain is slowing rice cultivation.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-rewards-19	https://www.gao.gov	8/7/2025 climate, heatwave, japan, record temperatures
"Rwanda agrees to accept 'third-country' deportations from the US"	Immigration / Border	Rwanda has confirmed it will accept deported migrants from the United States, as President Donald Trump continues to push for mass deportation from the North American country.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-congress-20	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 immigration, rwanda, deportation, trump
"Constitution website missing sections due to 'coding error,' Library of Congress says"	Political / Cesspool	The Library of Congress on Wednesday pointed to an unspecified "coding error" that led to key parts of the U.S. Constitution being deleted from the Constitution Annotated website.			
MLB's Jen Pawel first woman to umpire regular-season major league game	Culture / Sports	The missing sections included foundational provisions, such as the right to habeas corpus — which protects people from unlawful detention — and the foreign emoluments clause.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-mlb-21	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 constitution, website, error, library of congress
		Major League Baseball has announced that a minor league veteran umpire will become the first female umpire ever to work a regular-season Major League game.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-cuba-22	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 MLB, Jen Pawel, Women in Sports, Umpires, History
		The MAGA movement has spent the past 10 years demanding the arrests of President Trump's political enemies.			
"MAGA expectations soar after DOJ orders Russia grand jury probe"	Political / Cesspool	Now, for the first time, the levers of power are aligned to pursue that goal from inside the federal government.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-senate-23	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 trump, russia, doj, investigation
		Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) is the third senator to officially run for governor this cycle, while at least four governors have turned down recruitment efforts to run for Senate.			
"Grim trend hits Senate as members flee for governors' mansions"	Politics / Elections	Governors used to jump at the chance to be a senator. But Gov. Brian Kemp (R-Ga.), Gretchen Whitmer (D-Md.), Andy Beshear (D-Ky.) and Chris Sununu (R-N.H.) have all passed on open races next year.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-lesas-24	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 senate, governors, elections, 2026
"Paxton investigates O'Rourke-led group over Texas Democrats' funding"	Political / Cesspool	Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton (R) is investigating a political group led by former presidential candidate and Rep. Beto O'Rourke to see whether its funding of Democrats who fled the state Sunday over a restrictive vote is illegal, his office announced Wednesday.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-trump-25	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 paxton, beto, texas, investigation
		President Trump on Thursday announced he had instructed the Commerce Department to "immediately" begin working on a new census.			
Trump orders new census from Commerce Department	Politics / Governance	The development comes as the White House is pushing red states to draw new congressional maps more favorable to Republicans ahead of the 2028 midterms. The Constitution requires the census every 10 years to apportion congressional districts.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-special-26	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 Trump, Census, Commerce Dept, Governance, Data
		Diving the news: Trump, in a Thursday Trump Social post, called for a "new and highly accurate" census "based on modern data facts and figures and, importantly, using the results and information gained from the Presidential Election of 2024."			
		OpenAI on Wednesday announced it will offer its ChatGPT Enterprise product to U.S. federal agencies for \$1 through the next year, making its technology available to the federal executive branch workforce at "essentially no cost."	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-sip-29	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 AI, openai, government, surveillance, technology
"OpenAI is giving ChatGPT to the government for \$1"	AI / Surveillance	The company has been working to deepen its ties to lawmakers and regulators in recent months, and it will open its first office in Washington, D.C., early next year.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-shark-30	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 mental health, mindfulness, tech, nature
"This Bird App Has Grounded Me in the Present More Than My Meditation Apps"	Weird World	Since 2014, Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Merlin Bird ID was launched to help people identify the birds they see and hear. Thanks to efforts, the world's largest database of bird sounds and photos based on 80 million global sightings, the app allows you to record a bird, answer a series of questions or upload a photo to name your winged friend. Or you can simply use the app to explore the different birds in your area, no matter where you are in the world and even if you're offline.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-cskaw-33	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 gorilla, wildlife, friendship, animal behavior
Pete Hegseth looking to bring back Army's aggressive 'Shark Attack' practice as he slams 'woke' training: report	Military / Culture Wars	Part of Hegseth's toughening-up process could involve bringing back "shark attacks," a defense official told military news website Task and Purpose. The practice involves recruits being swarmed by several belowground drill sergeants to establish dominance at the start of basic training.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-trump-34	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 Pete Hegseth, Army, Culture Wars, Military Training
		In 2024, the Salt Lake Tribune reports that Senator Stuart Adams changed the state's consent laws after his 18-year-old relative was charged with four first-degree felonies for having sex with a 13-year-old girl. The age of consent in Utah is 18, but 14- and 15-year-olds can consent to sex with someone less than four years their age. Of course, the girl was neither 14 nor 15, and was more than four years younger than the 18-year-old.			
		The teen was arrested in 2023 and charged with two counts of child sodomy and two counts of child rape. Adams said he was "surprised by the severity of the charges" (uhh) against his family member. Under his revisions to S.B. 213, the law now states that if "the defendant is 18 years old and enrolled in high school at the time the sexual activity occurred," they'll no longer be tried as an adult—but charged as a minor.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-lesas-35	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 utah, gov, consent laws, scandal, child protection
"GOP Senator Changed Utah's Child Rape Law After Family Member Had Sex With 13-Year-Old"	Political / Cesspool	The senator claims that because the new legislation was not enforced retroactively, he did not intend for it to help his family member. But people who helped him draft the law argue a different tune. According to the judge, prosecutor, and defense attorney in the case, the relative's situation was a "pivot" part of the decision to amend the policy.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-female-32	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 abortion, fake medicine, colorado, trump judge
"Trump-Appointed Judge Rules Colorado Clinic Can Offer Fake 'Abortion Reversals'"	Reproductive Rights	In yet another win for junk science en route to Gilead, a Trump-appointed federal judge in Colorado has given one Catholic clinic a go-ahead on anti-abortion messaging and anti-abortion treatments that have little to no evidence of actually working. Praise be!	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-cskaw-33	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 gorilla, wildlife, friendship, animal behavior
"Female mountain gorillas like to join 'buddies' when moving groups"	Weird World	When making that kind of move, female gorillas strongly prefer to join a group that had females they'd lived with at some point in the past for at least 5 years, or had seen in the last two years, the study shows.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-trump-34	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 language, star wars, robots, slurs, culture
"What is a clanker and why do we need this word?"	Weird World	Adam Akeles, a linguist, author and content creator best known across social media as the etymologist, told NPR it's a derogatory term for robots that stems from the Star Wars universe dating back to 2005. "It was referenced in Star Wars and in the Clone Wars series. They would call robot clankers because of the sound they made. It clearly implies clanking... And then we adopted it because it sounds useful."			
		While a 2023 spike in killings and robberies made the city one of America's deadliest, and juvenile crime remains a concern, violent crime in D.C. has been on the decline since last year when it reached a 30-year low, according to MPD data.			
"Trump calls to federalize D.C., take over police after ex-DOJ staffer attacked"	Authoritarian Watch	"Trump just automatically presents it as illustrative of the trend and therefore it justifies what he wants to do," he says.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-lesas-36	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 trump, dc, authoritarianism, policing
		In the week after floods tore through Texas Hill Country, most survivors were unable to get through to a federal aid hotline because the Department of Homeland Security left funding lapse, according to publicly available contact records and internal FEMA call center logs obtained by NPR.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-shark-30	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 FEMA, Disaster Response, Texas Floods, Hotline Fail
FEMA failed to staff disaster hotline after Texas floods	Emergency Response	The call center staffing meltdown appears to have happened because of an administrative bottleneck created by the Trump administration. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem personally signs off on all funding requests for more than \$100,000, according to House testimony by FEMA acting administrator David Richardson earlier this month. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is part of the Department of Homeland Security.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-resist-37	https://www.audible.com	8/7/2025 Jan 6, DOI, Trump, Capitol Riot, Government Apology
Former Jan. 6 defendant who called cops "Nazis" gets DOJ job	Political / Cesspool	Less than five years after urging rioters to "kill" police at the Capitol, a former Jan. 6 defendant is working as a senior advisor for the Department of Justice, which has been dramatically remanded under the second Trump administration.			
11 ways to resist the temptation to shop	Personal interest	Ideas			8/7/2025 Consumer Behavior, Shopping, Financial Tips, Self-help

		But the Trump administration is walking back access to birth control for some people — including withholding funding from a Nicon-ersa program that guarantees access to contraception for low income people. It's only been a few generations since birth control was widely accessible in the U.S. Married women were not legally allowed to use contraception in some states, until the 1965 Supreme Court decision <i>Griswold v. Connecticut</i> . Shortly after that, in 1970 — facing poor health outcomes for mothers and babies — Congress created Title X.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-bump-38	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	
Millions of women could lose birth control due to Trump cuts	Health / Reproductive Rights	Now, a group of 15 public health organizations is suing the Trump administration, arguing that the federal government jeopardized access to services, including birth control for more than 800,000 women due to illegal withholding of Title X dollars.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-gene-38	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Trump, Birth Control, Women's Health, Reproductive
"Gene-editing human embryos to prevent disease"	Health / Science	Now, however, Silicon Valley venture capitalists, futurists, East Coast entrepreneurs, and practionists — who fear falling birth rates pose an existential threat to the human race — are eager to push the technology forward. And that's kindng both great hopes and intense fears.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d738-43	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	gene editing, embryos, health, ethics
		"The Congressional Budget Office foresees that the law will drain close to \$1 trillion of Medicaid's funding in the next decade and cause 11 million Americans to lose their insurance coverage. Experts anticipate a cascade of effects. Private-insurance premiums and medical-bankruptcy rates will climb. Wait times for appointments with specialists will rise. Care deserts will expand. Hospitals and clinics will have to shut down. The most fragile sectors of our health-care system will be in danger of collapsing. And pediatric care might be left on that list.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d738-43	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	
Children's Health Care Is in Danger	Health / Children	The law does not target children's health coverage or children's health initiatives. But nearly half of American children are enrolled in Medicaid or the related Children's Health Insurance Program. If the One Big Beautiful Bill Act goes into effect as written, sick babies will end up paying for tax cuts for the wealthy.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d738-44	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Children, Medicaid, Health Care, Cuts, Vulnerable P
		For whatever reason—perhaps Hegseth had a rough time in freshman calculus or was embarrassed while paring a difficult passage of Plato—he seems determined to bar academics or anyone who faintly resembles one from contact with the armed forces. He has prohibited officers from attending the Aspen Security Forum, presided over by well-known radicals such as my former boss Condoleezza Rice. He has extended this ban to participating in think-tank events where officers might meet and even get into arguments with retired generals and admirals, not to mention former ambassadors, undersecretaries of defense, retired spies, and, worst of all, people with PhD's who know foreign languages or operations research.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d717-45	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Hegseth, Military, Education, Culture Wars, Reform
Hegseth's Headlong Pursuit of Academic Mediocrity	Military / Education	Trying to stifle coverage this way has flaws. Much of the interest in Epstein originated in MAGA media itself, so claiming that his supporters felt for a hawk is dodgy—especially when the attorney general and the FBI director were among the foremost merchants of innuendo. And it almost goes without saying that screaming at people not to pay attention to a topic will only make them suspect there's something to see.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d738-46	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Trump, Epstein, Disraction, Political Drama, Media
Trump Keeps Making the Epstein Saga Worse	Political Cesspool	Last week, the Department of Homeland Security debuted a recruitment strategy to expand the ranks of ICE, sign-on bonuses. Thanks to a rush of cash from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the department announced that it's offering up to \$50,000 to newly hired federal law-enforcement agents. The offer caught the eye of one group that seemed to be particularly pleased by the government's exciting career opportunity. On Telegram, an account linked to the Toledo, Ohio, chapter of the Proud Boys declared: "Toledo Boys living high on the hog right now!"	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d738-46	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	
		The bigger reason that these far-right groups remain underground is that the Trump administration's aggressive agenda has left them with little to do. One of the motivating issues for the Proud Boys, Cath Keepers, and other external groups is strong opposition to undocumented immigrants. After the presidential election, a leader of the Texas chapter of the Three Percenters, a militia group, reportedly wrote to Trump to offer manpower in enacting mass deportations. But ICE and other federal agencies are engaging in forceful action against immigrants backed by the state in a way that surpasses what the Cath Keepers or the Proud Boys could ever do. ICE agents, not the right militias, are the ones who have smashed through car windows, thrown people into unmarked vans, and detained them indefinitely.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d738-47	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Proud Boys, Militia, Extremism, Trump, Surveillance
Where Have the Proud Boys Gone?	Extremism / Surveillance	In Japan, the record heat temperature record fell on Wednesday, as the city of Tamba in western Honshu reached 41.2C, breaking the previous record from 2020 by 0.1C. On the same day, local temperature records were broken in 38 locations — including in Kyoto, which reached 40C for the first time — with almost a third of the Japan Meteorological Agency's weather stations reporting highs above 35C. This is the third year in a row that the July average temperature record has been broken, with July 2025 closing out at 2.89C above the 1991-2020 average.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-gene-48	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	heavewe, asia, climate change, japan, south korea
"Weather tracker: Heat records fall as Japan and South Korea swelter"	Climate / Disasters	A Texas Democrats who left the state say they experienced a bomb threat at their Illinois hotel on Wednesday morning amid an ongoing clash with Texas Republicans over their effort to block a new congressional map from going into place.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d738-49	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	tennes, restricting, threats, democrats
"Texas Democrats receive bomb threat in escalating standoff over redistricting"	Political Cesspool	JD Vance's team had the army corps of engineers take the unusual step of changing the outflow of a lake in Ohio to accommodate a recent boating excursion on a family holiday, the Guardian has learned.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-tennessee-51	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	j d vance, ohio, corruption, water control
"JD Vance's team had water level of Ohio river raised for family's boating trip"	Political Cesspool	The Tennessee attorney general's office has subpoenaed four medical groups in the state for records of abortions performed over the last several years as part of a lawsuit over the exceptions to the state's near-total abortion ban, court documents obtained by the Guardian show.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-tennessee-52	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	tennessee, abortion, hospitals, data privacy
"Tennessee demands abortion data from hospitals in ban exceptions case"	Reproductive Rights	Although each subpoena is different, they broadly ask these organizations to turn over extensive information about instances in which they may have provided abortions, including the number of abortions performed since 2022 and, in some of the subpoenas, all "documents and communications" related to those abortions.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-bump-53	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	
		In a sweeping escalation of its attacks on institutions of higher education, the Trump administration has suspended \$584m in federal funding for the University of California, Los Angeles — nearly double the amount that was previously expected, the school's chancellor announced on Wednesday.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-uc-53	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Trump, UCLA, Research, Health Funding, Education
Trump administration freezes \$584m in grants for 'life-saving research' at UCLA	Health / Education	Some of the new research found that the Maui fire left one in five people with lung damage, and as many as half with symptoms of depression.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d738-54	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	wildfires, mental health, climate, public health
"Depression, suicides, overdoses: broad impacts of US wildfires revealed in study"	Climate / Disasters	However, while the customs duties make countries' exports more expensive and less competitive, they are payable on import and usually passed on to the customer.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-us-55	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Trump, Tariffs, International Trade, Global Economy
Doxens more countries face higher levies on exports to US as new Trump tariffs come into effect	Economy / Trade	The National Park Service (NPS), responsible for maintaining cherished wildernesses and sites of cultural importance from Yellowstone to the Statue of Liberty, has lost a quarter of its permanent staff since Trump took office in January, with the administration seeking to gut the service's budget by a third.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-us-57	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Trump, National Parks, Funding Cuts, Public Lands
US national parks staff in 'survival mode' to keep parks open amid Trump cuts	Environment / Public Lands	While cases are increasing less quickly than at the start of other surges, it is too soon to tell how big the current late-summer wave could get — and with highly varied immune responses from prior infections and vaccinations, it is difficult to know how severe illness could be, experts said. The risks of a wave are compounded by new vaccine restrictions from the Trump administration.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-bump-56	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	covid, booster, vaccines, public health
"Covid cases rising in US as officials plan to restrict booster vaccines"	Health / Public Safety	The sprawling Army post in El Paso is expected to hold 5,000 people in tentlike facilities at full capacity, which would turn it into the largest detention facility in the United States for civil detainees. Last month, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth also approved the temporary use of Camp Aftersburg in Indiana and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey to house several thousand migrants before they are deported.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d738-56	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Trump, Immigration, Military Bases, Detention, Border
Trump's plan to hold migrants at military bases begins taking shape	Immigration / Militarization	Online safety advocates have been warning for years that our apps — from big-name mainstays to relative newcomers like Tea — collect too much data and store it unsafely. But despite a stream of unwinning hacks, not much has changed, they say. The United States still doesn't have a comprehensive data privacy law. Tech companies, increasingly aided by AI programs that can write code, rush products to market without proper safety measures. And consumers are left to fend for themselves, according to tech and security experts.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-afghanistan-64	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Data Breach, Privacy, Tech Accountability, Apps, Cyt
Despite data breaches like the Tea app, companies see little consequence	Tech / Privacy	Afghanistan's Taliban rulers have "weaponized" the legal and judicial system to oppress women and girls in what amounts to "crimes against humanity," the independent U.N. investigator on human rights in the country said.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-chilling-66	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Taliban, Women's Rights, UN, Oppression, Judicial
Afghanistan's Taliban have 'weaponized' the judicial system to oppress women, UN expert says	Human Rights / Gender	Richard Bennett said in a report to the U.N. General Assembly circulated Wednesday that after setting power in 2021 the Taliban suspended the 2004 constitution and laws protecting the rights of women and girls. These include a landmark law that criminalized 22 forms of violence against women, including rape and child and forced marriage.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d738-67	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Right-Wing, Education, Indoctrination, Culture War
This 'Chilling' Right-Wing Movement Is Taking Over Classrooms — And It's Only The Beginning	Education / Extremism	The Taliban dismissed all judges under the previous U.S.-backed government, including approximately 270 women, replacing them with men who share their extreme Islamic views, lack legal training and hand down decisions based on edicts issued by the Taliban, he said.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-doctors-67	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Doctors, AI, Healthcare, Ethics, Technology Failures
Doctors Horrified After Google's Healthcare AI Makes Up a Body Part That Does Not Exist in Humans	Tech / AI	Confronted with FBI national crime data that contradicts his claims in the past, Trump has cast doubt on its reliability, accusing the agency of "fraud." However, the FBI has been led by a Trump ally, Kash Patel, since February.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d738-68	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Trump, FBI, Crime, Misinformation
"FBI Reveals Trump's Crime Wave Only Existed in His Head"	Political Cesspool	A new report has found hundreds of reported cases of human rights abuses in US immigration detention centers.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-58d738-69	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	ee abuse, immigration, human rights
"Horrific" report reveals abuse of pregnant women and children at US ICE facilities"	Immigration / Border	The alleged abuses uncovered include deaths in custody, physical and sexual abuse of detainees, mistreatment of pregnant women and children, inadequate medical care, overcrowding and unsanitary living conditions, inadequate food and water, exposure to extreme temperatures, denial of access to attorneys, and child separation.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-information-72	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	
		Public records related to Florida's so-called "Aligator Alcatraz" migrant detention camp have essentially disappeared into what one expert called a "black hole." Over 90 pages of contracts reviewed by TPM were removed from an online transparency database operated by the state; in other cases, public records requests have been met with what an academic called "ghosting" and outright denials. Multiple experts told TPM the handling of documents related to the project is "disturbing" and may be a violation of the law.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-library-73	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Immigration Detention Centers, Censorship, Florida
There is an Information Blackout at Florida's 'Aligator Alcatraz' Migrant Detention Camp	Immigration / Border	Rescue teams in Guangdong scrambled to open drains and pump water away from urban areas, state media said, as the intense rain set off mudslides and felled trees on highways, ripping up roads to expose cabling and other infrastructure.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-monsoon-74	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Library of Congress, Trump, Constitution, Tech Error
Library of Congress Website Deleted Part of the Constitution That Trump Doesn't Like, Now They're Calling it a 'Coding Error'	Political Cesspool	Video images showed roads transformed into brown waterways, threatening to worsen a major outbreak of chikungunya, fuelled by mosquitoes thriving in stagnant flood water, which had been on a downturn before the latest rains.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-national-75	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	National Guard, ICE, Biometrics, Immigration, Private
Monsoon peaks in south China, unleashing landslides, disease	Climate / Disasters	National Guard troops deploying to help immigration enforcement agents in more than a dozen red states will DNA swabs, fingerprint and transport detainees as part of a plan granted by some Republican governors for 1,700 troops to take over some at ICE offices.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-oklahoma-76	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	oklahoma, scandal, government, explicit content
National Guard to fingerprint, DNA swab immigrant detainees to help ICE	Immigration / Surveillance	After the incident, Hilbert and the Office of Management and Enterprise investigated and called Samsung to determine what film was playing at the time Walters turned on his television.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-russia-79	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Russia, missiles, arms race, global conflict
"Oklahoma House speaker blames 'bizarre accident' for explicit images on Superintendent's office TV during private meeting"	Political Cesspool	Russia has declared that it no longer considers itself bound by a self-imposed moratorium on the deployment of nuclear-capable intermediate-range missiles, a warning that potentially sets the stage for a new arms race as tensions between Moscow and Washington rise again over Ukraine.	https://ttn.tiny.us/Aug7-www-russian-80	https://www.ppr	8/7/2025	Russian and Chinese navies practice destroying 'enemy submarine'; Russia, China, Submarines, Military Drills, Trump
"Russia says it no longer will abide by its self-imposed moratorium on intermediate-range missiles"	Global Conflict / Russia	The Russian and Chinese navies have practiced hunting and destroying an enemy submarine in the Sea of Japan, Russia's defense ministry said on Wednesday, days after U.S. President Donald Trump said he had moved two U.S. nuclear subs closer to Russia.			8/7/2025	

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		In the video on Tuesday, Kennedy continued that trend, erroneously saying that, "as the pandemic showed us, mRNA vaccines don't perform well against viruses that infect the upper respiratory tract." In reality, COVID-19 vaccines are estimated to have saved more than 3 million lives in the US in just the first two years of the pandemic and additionally prevented more than 18 million hospitalizations in the US in that time. Nearly all COVID-19 vaccines used in the US are mRNA-based.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-health-10	August 8, 2025		
RFK Jr. defends \$500M cut for mRNA vaccines with pseudoscience gobbledygook	Health / Politics	SARS-CoV-2, including its spike protein, is continually evolving, regardless of whether people are vaccinated or not, let alone what type of vaccine they've received. The virus racks up mutations as it continuously replicates. Some of these mutations help a virus evade immune responses, whether they're from vaccination or previous infection. These immune-evading mutations can accumulate and give rise to new variants or strains, making it part of a process called antigenic drift (not anti). Antigenic drift does reduce the efficacy of vaccines over time. It's why, for example, people can get influenza repeatedly in their lifetimes, and why flu shots are updated annually. However, it does not mean that vaccines are immediately rendered ineffective upon single mutations, as Kennedy says.	https://technica.com/path/2025/08/08/rfk-jr-defends-500m-cut-for-mrna-vaccines-with-pseudoscience-gobbledygook		RFK Jr. mRNA, Vaccines, Health Policy	
		One year after taking the helm during Boeing's deepest crisis in decades, CEO Kelly Ortberg has stopped the company's freefall. Now, he faces new challenges: ramping up jet production, reviving a struggling defense and space division, and restoring profitability at the storied plane maker.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-news-11	2025-08-08		
Analysts: CEO pulled Boeing out of nose dive, but new challenges approach	Business / Aviation	Ortberg arrived promising to restore trust, stay close to the factory floor, and ensure Boeing met its commitments to safety, quality, and transparency.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/analysts-say-ceo-pulled-boeing-10003360.html		Boeing, Aviation, Business	
		Since then, Boeing has notched a string of wins: It has improved efficiency and quality on the 737 line, navigated President Donald Trump's trade policies, reached a deal with the U.S. Department of Justice to drop its prosecution over the crashes, signed blockbuster airplane deals, and landed the contract for the U.S.'s first sixth-generation fighter, the F-47.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-news-13	August 8, 2025		
Trump official walks into trap after MSNBC analyst asks how tariffs are paid	Economy / Politics	Another user said: "Yes, the tariffs were paid... by American importers, passed to American businesses, and shoved right onto American consumers. Congrats on taking yourselves!"	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-news-14	2025-08-08		
Trump signs order broadening access for alternative assets in 401(k)s	Economy / Retirement	U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Thursday that aimed to allow more private equity, real estate, cryptocurrency, and other alternative assets in 401(k) retirement accounts — opening the way for alternative asset managers to tap a greater share of trillions of dollars in Americans' retirement savings.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-news-15	8-Aug-25		Trump, 401k, Retirement, Investments
Trump signs executive order putting pressure on big banks over 'politicized debanking'	Politics / Economy	President Trump signed an executive order on Thursday that ups his administration's scrutiny over whether big banks denied services to consumers and businesses based on political or religious grounds.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-news-16	8-Aug-25		Trump, Executive Order, Banks, Economy
Trump tariffs hit India's garment makers as US buyers say more production	Economy / Trade	The action calls for federal bank regulators to investigate if the decisions made by financial institutions to deny access to certain customers were "politicized or unlawful debanking."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-news-17	August 8, 2025		
US cattle ranchers slowly start to rebuild decimated herd	Agriculture / Economy	Ever since shepherded Trump's tariff salvo on India this week, garment maker Pearl Global — whose U.S. client list includes Gap and Kohl's — has been receiving midnight panic calls with an ultimatum: share the tariff hit or move production out of India.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-18	2025-08-08		Cattle, Ranching, Agriculture, Economy
		To calm U.S. customers' nerves, Pearl Global has offered to shift production to its 17 factories in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Vietnam and Guatemala to bypass the steep U.S. levies on Indian imports.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-19	2025-08-08		
The Pentagon Won't Track Troops Deployed on U.S. Soil. So We Will.	Military / Oversight	In major U.S. livestock regions, some ranchers have slowly begun taking the first steps to boost cattle production after the nation's inventory shrank due to a years-long drought that dried up pasture land used for grazing and killed feeding costs.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-20	8-Aug-25		Pentagon, Military, Oversight, Deployment
		"This level of involvement of the military in civilian law enforcement in the interior of the country is unprecedented — and really dangerous," said Elizabeth Golien, senior director of the Brennan Center's liberty and national security program, who told The Intercept that recent deployments violated the Posse Comitatus Act, a bedrock 19th-century law seen as fundamental to the democratic tradition in America which bars federal troops from participating in civilian law enforcement.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-21	8-Aug-25		
Border Patrol Wants Advanced AI to Spy on American Cities	Tech / Surveillance	One-third of the U.S. border is now completely militarized due to the creation of four new national defense areas, or NDAs: sprawling extensions of U.S. military bases patrolled by troops who can detain immigrants until they can be handed over to Border Patrol agents.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-22	2025-08-08		CBP, Border Patrol, AI, Surveillance
State Dept: Trump's Third Countries for Immigrants Have Awful Human Rights Records	Politics / Immigration	A CBP presentation for an "Industry Day" summit with private sector vendors, obtained by The Intercept, lays out a detailed wish list of tech CBP hopes to purchase, like satellite connectivity for surveillance towers along the border and improved radio communications. But it also shows that state-of-the-art, AI-augmented surveillance technologies will be central to the Trump administration's anti-immigrant campaign, which will extend deep into the interior of the North American continent, hundreds of miles from international borders as commonly understood.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-23	2025-08-08		
ICE Contractor Locked a Mother and Her Baby in a Hotel Room for Five Days	Immigration / Human Rights	The nations that the Trump administration is collaborating with to accept these expelled immigrants are some of the most human rights offenders on the planet, according to the U.S. government's own reports.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-24	8-Aug-25		ICE, Immigration, Human Rights, Detention
Redistributing desperation is going viral ahead of 2026	Politics / Elections	More than 8,100 people have been expelled in this manner since January 20, and the U.S. has made arrangements to send people to at least 13 nations, so far, across the globe. Of them, 12 have been cited by the State Department for significant human rights abuses.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-25	August 8, 2025		Redistributing, Elections, Gerrymandering, Activism, F
Enraged House Democrats prepare to go scorched earth on redistributing	Politics / Elections	But for Galvis and her seven-month-old son, the hotel was not a vacation — it was a jail. The phone had been removed from the room, and Galvis had no way to contact the outside world. Private guards contracted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement stood watch at all times. She had no idea where her son was, and she was terrified to leave.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-26	2025-08-08		Democrats, Redistributing, Elections, Gerrymandering
FBI will help locate Texas Democrats who fled the state, Cornyn says	Politics	Look anywhere right now, and politicians are joining the calls to rig the 2026 midterms in their party's favor.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-27	8-Aug-25		FBI, Texas, Democrats, Redistributing
Trump names Stephen Miran to Fed as White House fights for lower rates	Economy / Federal Reserve	Democrats in Congress are warning to a strategy of maximum retaliation in response to Republican efforts to draw more favorable congressional maps ahead of the 2028 elections.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-28	August 8, 2025		Trump, Federal Reserve, Stephen Miran, Economy
Trump demands Intel CEO Lip-Bu Tan resign over China ties	Politics / Business	The demand comes one day after Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) sent a letter to Intel's board raising concerns about Tan's purported ties to Chinese companies with links to the Communist Party and the Chinese military.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-29	8-Aug-25		Trump, Intel, China, Business, Technology
Trump eyes Medicare, Medicaid cuts to hospitals offering gender care for youth	Health / Policy	Cotton specifically raised the \$8 billion grant Intel received under the CHIPS Act and said Tan's China links "raise questions about Intel's ability to fulfill these obligations."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-30	8-Aug-25		Trump, Gender Care, Health Policy, Medicare, Medi
OpenAI's GPT-5 takes on Anthropic's Claude in coding	Tech / AI	Trump health officials are considering a policy that would limit hospitals' ability to participate in Medicare and Medicaid if they perform gender-affirming medical procedures for transgender youth.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-31	8-Aug-25		GPT-5, OpenAI, Anthropic, AI, Coding, Tech Compet
Judge pauses construction at Alligator Alcatraz	Legal / Environment	OpenAI's new GPT-5 model — the engine that will power its key products, including the free and paid versions of ChatGPT — throws down a gauntlet to its arch-rival Anthropic.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-32	2025-08-08		Trump, Alligator Alcatraz, Immigration, Detention Ce
Nearly a million more deaths than births in Japan last year	World / Demographics	Where environmentalists clash: U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams' 14-day preliminary restraining order in their suit filed against the Trump administration "an important milestone."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-33	2025-08-08		Japan, Demographics, Population
		French environmentalists clash: U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams' 14-day preliminary restraining order in their suit filed against the Trump administration "an important milestone."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-34	2025-08-08		
Franca's largest wildfire for 75 years under control, officials say	Climate / Disasters	French environmentalists clash: U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams' 14-day preliminary restraining order in their suit filed against the Trump administration "an important milestone."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-35	8-Aug-25		France, Wildfire, Climate, Disasters
Health warning issued after pet cat dies from plague	Health / Animal	Almost a million more deaths than births were recorded in Japan last year, representing the steepest annual population decline since government surveys began in 1968.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-36	8-Aug-25		Plague, Colorado, Health, Animals
		Japan recorded 886,061 births - the lowest number since records began in 1899 - while nearly 1.6 million people died, meaning for every baby born, more than two people died.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-37	August 8, 2025		Florida, Crime, Health, Nursing
Florida woman charged with posing as nurse and treating more than 4,000 patients with stolen license	Crime / Health	It marks the 18th consecutive year of population decline with the squeeze being felt by the nation's pension and healthcare systems.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-38	August 8, 2025		Trump, Census, Immigration, Undocumented Immig
Trump administration to scale back annual human rights reports	Politics / Human Rights	France's largest wildfire for 75 years, which has burned through an area larger than Paris, will burn for several more days even though it has been brought under control, authorities said early on Friday.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-39	8-Aug-25		Trump, Human Rights, Policy
Trump open to meet Putin for peace talks without Zelenskyy	World / Diplomacy	More than 2,000 freighters and 500 freighting vehicles continue to be deployed to the Aude region, alongside gendarmere and army personnel, officials said on Thursday.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-40	August 8, 2025		Trump, Putin, Russia, Ukraine, Peace Talks
NYC shooter had two 'mental health holds' in Las Vegas. They didn't affect his legal right to own guns	Crime / Gun Policy	A woman has died and 13 people, including 11 firefighters, have been injured, with two in a critical condition, since the fire broke out near the Village of Ribeaux in southern France on Tuesday.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-41	August 8, 2025		Gun Laws, Mental Health, Crime, NYC
Trump wants 'new' census that doesn't count people with no legal status	Politics / Immigration	A domestic cat in Evergreen, Colorado, tested positive for the plague and died, marking the first confirmed animal case in Jefferson County since 2023.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-42	2025-08-08		

Mike Flood — boomed at town hall — still stands by Trump's agenda	Politics	Attendees from the crowd of more than 700 also questioned the president's controversial approach to immigration enforcement and repeatedly heckled Flood as he tried to deflect Flood and the tax and spending measure. At one point many in the audience chanted "Tax the rich!" The town hall, which has gone viral, wrapped up with chants of "Vote him out!"	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-45	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/07/mx-1-5455511/trump-critique-attorneys-affirmative-action	2025-08-08	Mike Flood, Trump, Politics, Public Backlash
Trump orders colleges to share admissions data	Politics / Education	President Trump signed a presidential memorandum Thursday requiring colleges and universities to submit expanded admissions data to the U.S. Department of Education. The move is the latest salvo in the administration's fight against diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) policies and is intended to reveal if schools are still preferring race in admissions even after the Supreme Court banned affirmative action in 2023.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-46	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	August 8, 2025	Trump, Education, Affirmative Action, College Admis
What Vegas' tourism decline suggests about the U.S. economy	Economy / Travel	For the sixth consecutive month this year, Las Vegas experienced a decline in the number of visitors year-over-year — with June seeing nearly 400,000 fewer visitors or an 11.3 percent drop compared to the same time last year, according to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCAVA).	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-47	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	2025-08-08	Las Vegas, Tourism, Economy, Travel Trends
Israel announces plan to take over Gaza City, escalating the war	World / Conflict	Israel's Security Cabinet approved a proposal early Friday for the military to expand the war in Gaza and take control of Gaza City, one of the last areas of the territory not yet under full military occupation. Those 19 and older consumed less, at 53%.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-49	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	August 8, 2025	Israel, Gaza, War, Military, Middle East
U.S. Air Force to deny early retirement benefits to some transgender service members	Military / LGBTQ+ Rights	The U.S. Air Force said Thursday it would deny all transgender service members who have served between 15 and 18 years the option to retire early and would instead separate them without retirement benefits. One Air Force sergeant said he was "betrayed and devastated" by the move. An Air Force spokesperson told The Associated Press that "although service members with 15 to 18 years of honorable service were permitted to apply for an exception to policy, none of the exceptions to policy were approved." About a dozen service members had been "prematurely notified" that they would be able to retire before that decision was reversed, according to the spokesperson who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal Air Force policy.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-50	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	2025-08-08	Air Force, Transgender Rights, Military, Discrimination
Congress looks to ease veterans' use of health care outside of Veterans' Affairs facilities	Politics / Veterans	Many veterans live hours from VA facilities, or they need health services that aren't readily available from the VA. In such cases, the department is supposed to provide a referral and pay for private care. Some veterans' advocates say it often hesitates to do so.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-51	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	2025-08-08	Veterans, VA, Health Care, Congress
Ultra-processed foods still make up more than 50% of Americans' calories	Health / Nutrition	The mean percentage of total calories consumed from ultra-processed foods (UPFs) eaten by everyone age 1 and older was 55%, during August 2021 and 2023, when the National Center for Health Statistics conducted its survey. The survey underscored a persistent difference by age, among those between the ages of 1 and 18, the mean consumption of UPFs was higher, 61.9% of calories. Those 19 and older consumed less, at 53%.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-52	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	8-Aug-25	Ultra-processed Foods, Nutrition, CDC, Health
How Oregon's Wildfire Risk Map Became a Target for Misinformation	Climate / Disinformation	A year after Oregon endures its most destructive fire season on record in 2020, state lawmakers order a map estimating the wildfire risk for every property in the state. It's the kind of rating now available on real estate sites like Zillow. The state wants to use the results to decide where it will apply firestorm codes for fire-resistant construction and protections around homes. Around the same time, insurance companies start dropping Oregon homeowners' policies and raising premiums to limit future losses, much as they have done in other disaster-prone states. Insurers have their own sophisticated risk maps to guide them, but some brokers instead tell homeowners the blame lies with the map the state produced. The belief gets treated as fact both on social media and in mainstream news — even though insurers and regulators say it's not true.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-54	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	8-Aug-25	Oregon, Wildfires, Misinformation, Climate
Gold futures soar to record high after reports of US tariffs on Swiss bars	Economy / Trade	The price of gold futures have soared to a record high after it was reported that the US would put tariffs on imports of 1kg bars in a further trade blow to Switzerland, which dominates the world's refining industry. Swiss exports to the US were hit by a crippling 38% tariff on Thursday after the country's president returned empty-handed from a last-minute dash to Washington in an attempt to get the rate, among the highest imposed by Donald Trump, lowered.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-55	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	August 8, 2025	Gold, Tariffs, Switzerland, Economy
Crocs shares slump 30% amid tariffs and decline of 'ugly shoe' trend	Business / Fashion	Shares in the US footwear company Crocs have slumped by almost 30% after it warned of falling sales because of tariffs, "super cautious" US consumers and signs the "ugly shoe" trend could be on the wane. Andrew Rees, the chief executive, said there was "ample evidence" that some consumers in North America were "super cautious; they're not purchasing, they're not even going to the stores, and we see traffic slow down." He explained that "already chafing" Americans were worried about current and future price increases.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-56	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	8-Aug-25	Crocs, Fashion, Tariffs, Business
Social media accounts of Palestinians desperate for funds are being flagged as spam	Tech / Social Media	But as they seek to get the word about their campaigns out in the world via social media, their accounts are frequently shut down or marked as spam. That's especially the case on Bluesky, the younger Twitter alternative popular in Gaza. Bluesky has deactivated nearly all of Al-Bab's accounts after just a few days, she said. The longest she has been able to hold on to one is 12 days.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-57	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	August 8, 2025	Palestinians, Gaza, Social Media, Tech, Aid
Trump administration ousts FBI official who refused to name agents who investigated January 6	Politics / Legal	When the social network marks one account as spam, she creates another one, hoping to reassure potential donors that she is not a bot. The Trump administration is forcing out a senior FBI official who resisted demands made earlier this year for the names of agents who investigated the January 6 insurrection, two people familiar with the matter said on Thursday. Brian Driscoll briefly served as acting FBI director in the first weeks of Donald Trump's new term, and his final day at the bureau is Friday, the people told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, as they were not authorized to discuss the move. Further ousters were possible.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-60	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	8-Aug-25	Trump, FBI, January 6, Politics, Legal
Neo-Nazi leader sentenced to 20 years for plot to attack Maryland's power grid	Crime / Extremism	The founder of a Florida-based neo-Nazi group has been sentenced to 20 years in federal prison for conspiring with his girlfriend to plan an attack on Maryland's power grid in furtherance of their shared racial beliefs. Brandon Russell, 30, was convicted by a jury earlier this year. Prosecutors presented evidence detailing his longstanding affiliation with white supremacist causes and his recent efforts to organize "sniper attacks" on electrical substations around Baltimore.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-61	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	August 8, 2025	Neo-Nazi, Extremism, Maryland, Power Grid, Crime
Canadian cities cancel US Christian nationalist's performances	World / Religion	Eight Canadian cities have revoked performance permits for Sean Feucht, a Trump-supporting Christian nationalist preacher and musician, who led anti-gay demonstrations outside Disneyland and protested against mask mandates during the Covid-19 pandemic. Over the past two weeks, performances by Feucht, have been cancelled in Halifax, Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Montreal, New Brunswick; Quebec City, Quebec; Vaughan, Ontario; and Abbotsford, British Columbia. Local authorities cited safety concerns or code of conduct violations as reasons for cancelling his appearances. The municipal government in Winnipeg, Manitoba, denied Feucht a permit to perform due to "operational challenges". Chinese authorities are using nets, spraying insecticide and even deploying drones to fight the mosquito-borne chikungunya virus, which has infected thousands of people. Authorities had reported more than 7,000 cases of the virus as of Wednesday, mostly in the southern Chinese manufacturing hub of Foshan, some 170 kilometers (105 miles) from Hong Kong. The number of new cases appears to be dropping slowly, according to authorities.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-62	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	August 8, 2025	Canada, Christian Nationalism, Sean Feucht, Religion
China fights mosquito-borne chikungunya virus with drones, fires and nets as thousands fall ill	World / Health	The National Climate Assessments are congressionally mandated research reports authored by hundreds of scientists and experts, intended to inform the country of the latest climate science and the current and future impacts of climate change in the US. The reports take years to research, draft and publish and go through multiple rounds of peer review with all 13 federal agencies that conduct climate research. An independent National Academy of Sciences panel signs off on the content.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-64	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	8-Aug-25	China, Chikungunya, Virus, Health
Energy chief suggests Trump administration is altering previously published climate reports	Environment / Politics	The Department of Homeland Security announced on Wednesday that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will waive age limits for new applicants, opening applications up to people as young as 18. Previously, applicants had to be at least 21 and no older than 37 or 40 depending on the position, but the department now hopes that by removing existing age requirements, "even more patriots will qualify to join ICE in its mission to arrest murderers, pedophiles, gang members, rapists, and other criminal illegal aliens from America's streets." Applicants will still be required to pass medical screenings and a physical fitness test.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-67	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	8-Aug-25	Energy, Trump, Climate Change, Reports
ICE Barbie Now Begging Teenagers to Become Agents	Immigration / Labor	The National Climate Assessments are congressionally mandated research reports authored by hundreds of scientists and experts, intended to inform the country of the latest climate science and the current and future impacts of climate change in the US. The reports take years to research, draft and publish and go through multiple rounds of peer review with all 13 federal agencies that conduct climate research. An independent National Academy of Sciences panel signs off on the content.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-68	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	August 8, 2025	ICE, Immigration, Labor, Recruitment
Indonesia to fly 2,000 from Gaza to uninhabited island	World / Migration	Indonesia will fly around 2,000 wounded people from Gaza to an uninhabited island for treatment. The Muslim-majority country, which has been sending humanitarian aid to Gaza since Israel launched an offensive in October 2023, will convert a medical facility on the uninhabited north-west Indonesian island of Galang.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-69	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	August 8, 2025	Indonesia, Gaza, Migration, World
Jeanine Pirro Blasts Staff Shortages After Attorneys Aaxed in Jan. 6 Purge	Politics / Legal	Jeanine Pirro complained that the U.S. Attorney's Office for Washington D.C. is facing a major staffing shortage—but she left out that the administration purged the department when Donald Trump returned to office.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-70	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	8-Aug-25	Jeanine Pirro, Jan 6, Legal, Politics
Jerome Adams, ex-Trump surgeon general, says mRNA vaccine ads are 'going to cost lives'	Health / Policy	Jerome Adams, the U.S. Surgeon General under President Trump's first term, criticized the Department of Health and Human Services' move this week to cut funding for mRNA vaccine development. "I've tried to be objective & non-alarmist in response to current HHS actions - but quite frankly this move is going to cost lives," Adams said in a post on X on Aug. 5.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-71	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	August 8, 2025	Jerome Adams, Trump, mRNA, Vaccines, Health Po
Democrats Chase John Fetterman Over Conor Lamb. Now There Are Regrets.	Politics	When he ran for Senate in 2022, Conor Lamb was thrashed by over 30 points in the Democratic Senate primary. He lost every county in the state as the left tilted behind John Fetterman and against the young lawmaker who was dismissed as a centrist stooge and veniable Joe Manchin clone. Lamb himself has not undergone any apparent ideological transformation. Instead, he's simply shown up at events after events at a time when many Pennsylvania liberals don't think the incumbent they helped elect has done so, and he's vocally criticized the Trump administration at a time when Fetterman has been more restrained about going after a president loathed by the left.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug8-2025-71	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/08/mx-1-5459213/las-vegas-trump-tourism-decline	August 8, 2025	Democrats, John Fetterman, Conor Lamb, Politics

Marjorie Taylor Greene Shades Older Fox News Viewers: 'Not the Future of America'	Politics / Media	"Fox News [had] better start paying attention, but their problem is, most of the people that watch Fox News are very much up in age." Greene said. "The Baby Boomer generation—who I love, those are my parents—but that's their biggest audience. That's not the future of America."	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-72	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/marjorie-taylor-greene-shades-older-213025923.html	August 8, 2025	Marjorie Taylor Greene, Fox News, Media, Politics
Oversight Democrats call for hearing with Epstein victims	Politics / Legal	"If we are to hold powerful people to account, our investigation must center the voices they tried to silence," the Democratic lawmakers wrote in their letter. "To ensure that our investigation is comprehensive and credible, we urge the Committee to allow survivors the opportunity to provide their testimony if they wish to do so."	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-74	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/epsteinvestigation-democrats-call-victims-testify-421820507.html	8-Aug-25	Epstein, Democrats, Oversight, Politics
Pete Buttigieg Sums Up How Trump Makes Our Lives Worse In Refreshingly Simple Way	Politics	"So, right now we have the secretary of defense in charge of defending the American people who is accidentally testing military strike information internally to journalists," Buttigieg said of Pete Hegseth, who did exactly that in March when a staffer unwittingly added Atlantic editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg to a Signal group chat. "We have the person in charge of American public health who is a quack, who doesn't believe in medicine," Buttigieg said of Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who has been spreading misinformation about vaccines for years. "And now measles is on the rise in America." "We have a secretary of education in charge of your kids' educational well-being who has spoken about the importance of A-Care," Buttigieg said, referring to Linda McMahon. "Which means she does not understand that the acronym is AI. Which means she does not understand the most important development affecting education in our lifetimes."	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-75	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/buttigieg-sums-up-how-trump-makes-our-lives-worse-194861793.html	2025-08-08	Pete Buttigieg, Trump, Politics
Republicans to Canada: Keep Your Smoke to Yourself	Environment / Politics	Republicans have ramped up their feud with Canada with a bizarre demand that the country's northern neighbors stop their wildfire smoke from drifting into the U.S.	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-76	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/rep-public-ask-us-supreme-court-smoke-171939537.html	8-Aug-25	Republicans, Canada, Wildfires, Environment
RFK Jr. accepted flu shot recommendations for children	Health / Politics	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. accepted a vote by a federal immigration panel to recommend the influenza vaccine for children, pregnant women and all adults earlier this year.	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-77	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/rfk-jr-accepted-flu-shot-214131511.html	8-Aug-25	RFK Jr., Vaccines, Health Policy
Senators pitch \$1.5 trillion investment fund for Social Security: What to know	Economy / Social Security	While the senators have yet to release text for the plan, Cassidy said the government would create an investment fund separate from the existing Social Security trust funds, into which the government would place \$300 billion annually over the next five years. That money would be invested into stocks, bonds and other investments, and Cassidy said it would be held "in escrow for 70 years."	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-79	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/senators-pitch-1-5-trillion-100009209.html	August 8, 2025	Social Security, Investments, Economy
Supporters rally to free Alabama social worker detained by ICE	Immigration / Activism	Friends and family of an Alabama social worker detained by U.S. immigration authorities are pushing for her release days after she was pulled over for an alleged speeding violation, a case that reflects the broad sweep of President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown. Hernandez's parents brought her to the U.S. from Mexico at age 7, her brother said. She was valedictorian of her high school class, has bachelor's and master's degrees in social work, and works with young people applying for college through a local non-profit organization, he said.	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-80	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/ice-supervisors-deny-free-alabama-social-worker-202508074.html	August 8, 2025	ICE, Immigration, Activism, Alabama
Trump asks US Supreme Court to lift limits on immigration raids	Politics / Immigration	President Donald Trump's administration on Thursday asked the U.S. Supreme Court to lift a lower court order that barred U.S. government agents from making immigration-related arrests in Los Angeles based on tactics that critics have called racial profiling. In an emergency filing, the Justice Department asked the high court to halt a judge's order that temporarily blocked agents from stopping or detaining people without "reasonable suspicion" that they are in the country illegally, by relying solely on their race or ethnicity, or if they speak Spanish or English with an accent. The judge's order applied to her court's jurisdiction over most of Southern California.	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-81	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/us-trump-asks-us-supreme-court-211314618.html	August 8, 2025	Trump, Immigration, Supreme Court
Trump declares Russia 'extraordinary threat to US'	Politics / Foreign Policy	Donald Trump declared Russia an "extraordinary threat" to the United States on Wednesday as he rolled out his first executive orders. Vladimir Putin's refusal to stop the war in Ukraine.	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-82	https://www.yab	2025-08-08	Trump, Russia, Foreign Policy
Trump doubles reward to \$50 million for arrest of Venezuela's president to face US drug charges	Politics / Foreign Policy	The Trump administration is doubling to \$50 million a reward for the arrest of Venezuela's President Nicolás Maduro, accusing him of being one of the world's largest narco-traffickers and working with cartels to flood the U.S. withentanyl-laced cocaine.	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-83	https://www.yab	8-Aug-25	Trump, Venezuela, Drug Trafficking, Foreign Policy
Trump Rants About Countries Laughing at America in AI-Caps Late-Night Meltdown	Politics	This is not at all how tariffs work. The duties are an import tax paid by American companies—not foreign countries—with the costs typically passed on to consumers. The tariffs will cost the average American household an additional \$2,400 this year, the Yale Budget Lab found this week.	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-84	https://www.yab	8-Aug-25	Trump, Social Media, Foreign Relations
Tulsi Gabbard Leaves Door Open for Wild Epstein 'Intelligence Asset' Conspiracy Theory	Politics / Conspiracy Theories	Tulsi Gabbard refused to rule out whether late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein served as an "intelligence asset," during an awkward interview grilling.	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-85	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/tulsi-gabbard-leaves-door-open-151925568.html	August 8, 2025	Tulsi Gabbard, Epstein, Conspiracy Theories
Ukraine's 'Witches of Bucha' on the hunt for Russian drones	World / Conflict	One of them is a volunteer group made up almost entirely of women that has made it its mission to take those drones down. They call themselves the "Witches of Bucha." By day, members work normal jobs. By night, they lace up and shoot down enemy drones.	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-86	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/witches-of-bucha-hunt-russian-drones-419406418.html	August 8, 2025	Ukraine, Russia, Drones, Conflict
White House ups federal law enforcement at tourist hot spots in Washington, D.C.	Politics / Security	The White House announced on Thursday that a planned increase in federal law enforcement in Washington, D.C., would focus on areas with heavy tourist traffic and other hot spots around the city beginning at midnight. President Donald Trump on Wednesday said he may use the National Guard to police the streets of the capital and a White House official said federal law enforcement would build its presence there this week.	https://tiny.cc/Aug8-news-89	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/us-white-house-ups-federal-law-enforcement-423606434.html	8-Aug-25	White House, Law Enforcement, Washington DC, Sc
A Fairly Quiet Hurricane Season May Be About to Ramp Up	Environment-Hurricane	This year's Atlantic hurricane season has been relatively quiet so far, with just four storms becoming strong enough to merit names, and none strong enough to be hurricanes. But that may be about to change. "Many of the factors we identified ahead of the season are still at play, and conditions are largely tracking along with our May predictions," said Matt Rosenkrans, the lead hurricane season forecaster with NOAA. The announcement comes as the weather pattern suddenly indicates an increase in storm activity across the Atlantic. Phil Klotzbach, a hurricane expert at Colorado State University, warned that "over the next two weeks, we could be entering a very active period."	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/07/us/politics/atlantic-hurricane-season-forecast-update-news.html	https://tiny.cc/Aug11-climate-4		
Colorado prison evacuated as growing wildfire becomes one of the largest in state history	Climate / Disasters	A Colorado prison was evacuated as one of the largest wildfires in state history continued to grow, and officials warned residents of remote areas to be ready to leave Sunday as gusty winds and low humidity fed the flames. Evacuation orders were already in place for mountain communities as the Lee Fire charmed more than 167 square miles (433 square kilometers) across Garfield and Rio Blanco counties, with just 6% containment. No injuries or structural damage has been reported.	https://tiny.cc/Aug11-flooding-1	https://www.click	2025-08-11	Colorado, wildfire, disasters, prison evacuation
Flooding cancels last day of Wisconsin State Fair as authorities make water rescues in Milwaukee	Climate / Disasters	Flash flooding canceled the final day of the Wisconsin State Fair on Sunday as continued heavy rainfall in half a dozen Midwest states forced motorists to abandon their vehicles, cut power to thousands of households and closed busy roadways. Among the worst hit was the Milwaukee area, where up to 14 inches (36 centimeters) of rain had fallen in some areas by Sunday, according to the National Weather Service, which also noted river flooding in Milwaukee and Waukegan counties. Some motorists left their stranded cars on roads. Nearly 18,000 customers of the Energies in southeast Wisconsin were without power late Sunday. In the suburban village of Wauwatosa, an overflowing and fast-moving Menomonee River submerged a popular playground.	https://tiny.cc/Aug11-climate-3	https://news.yahoo	2025-08-11	flooding, Wisconsin, climate, disasters
A wildfire continues to burn through the mountains north of LA, with thousands under evacuation orders	Climate / Disasters	A wildfire in the mountains north of Los Angeles continues to burn after it tore through thousands of acres and forced evacuations after igniting Thursday afternoon. It's one of several notable fires in the West that have exhibited explosive growth in recent weeks, spurred by searing heat and dry, gusty wind. The Canyon Fire started around 1:30 p.m. PT on Thursday and had burned through more than 5,300 acres of land by Friday evening, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.	https://tiny.cc/Aug11-politics-20	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	wildfires, Los Angeles, climate, disasters
Six Ways Trump Is Screwing Solar	Climate / Energy	- Revoking Solar Tax Credit for Home Owners - Pulling Federal Support From Solar Manufacturers - Blocking Solar Development on Federal Land - Pulling the Rug on a GOP Deal - Taxing Panel Imports - Clawing Back Solar for Non-Rich Folks	https://tiny.cc/Aug11-climate-2	https://www.yab	2025-08-11	Trump, solar energy, climate, policy
California's wildfire moonshot: How new technology will defeat advancing flames	Climate / Science	A bolt of lightning strikes deep inside a California forest in the middle of the night. The spark becomes a flame, and within seconds, a satellite dish swirling overhead picks up on the anomaly and triggers an alarm. An autonomous helicopter takes flight and zooms toward the fire, using sensors to locate the blaze and artificial intelligence to generate a plan of attack. It measures the wind speed and fire movement, communicating constantly with the unmanned helicopter behind it, and the one behind that. Once over the site, it drops a load of water and soon the flames are smoldering. Without deploying a single human, the fire never grows larger than 10 square feet.	https://tiny.cc/Aug11-health-2	https://tech.yahoo	2025-08-11	wildfires, California, technology, climate
CDC shooter believed COVID vaccine made him suicidal, his father tells police	Crime / Health	A Georgia man who opened fire on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention headquarters, shooting dozens of rounds into the sprawling complex and killing a police officer, had blamed the COVID-19 vaccine for making him depressed and suicidal, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press on Saturday. The 30-year-old shooter also tried to get into CDC's headquarters in Atlanta but was stopped by guards before driving to a pharmacy across the street and opening fire late Friday afternoon, the official said. He was armed with five guns, including at least one gun gun, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the investigation.	https://tiny.cc/Aug11-health-4	https://www.npr.c	2025-08-11	CDC, shooting, COVID-19, vaccines, crime
Friday's attack on the CDC offices was targeted and deliberate, CDC leaders tell staffers	Crime / Health	In a large and hastily arranged Zoom call on Saturday, about 800 rattled staffers with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tried to make sense of the trauma they endured just a day earlier when a gunman opened fire on the agency's buildings from across the street. One of the world's leading health agencies, the CDC is besked with protecting the health of Americans. But it has come under fire during the second Trump administration as conspiracy theories continue to plague the vaccine credited with halting the spread of the global pandemic.	https://tiny.cc/Aug11-health-4	https://www.yab	2025-08-11	CDC, shooting, crime, public health

		Dallas isn't alone. It's among a number of cities to relax college education hiring requirements for officers, a yearlong trend that includes Chicago, Memphis, Louisville, and New Orleans. The changes bring the cities back in alignment with much of the nation. More than 80% of law enforcement agencies only require a high school diploma to be hired, according to a 2017 survey of nearly 1,000 departments nationwide.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-crime-2			
Cities hope to attract more police officers by cutting education requirements	Crime / Law Enforcement	"In a perfect world, would you want police officers to be college educated? Absolutely, but this is where policing is now," said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum. "There simply is more demand for police officers - for qualified police officers - than there is a supply".		https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	police recruitment, law enforcement, education requirements
Suspect, 30, identified as CDC Shooter Who Killed Police Officer in Atlanta: 'He Was Very Unsettled,' Neighbor Says	Crime / Public Safety	Research has found there are some benefits to stricter standards: college-educated officers tend to use less force, have fewer complaints against them and write better reports. But some police researchers say these findings aren't definitive and relaxing education requirements can make the job accessible to more Americans amid the rising cost of college.		https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	CDC shooting, Atlanta, police officer killed, public safety
Ancient Gobekli Tepe site meets conspiracy theories — and Joe Rogan	Culture / Media	Patrick Joseph White is the suspected shooter who carried out the deadly attack near Emory University on Friday, Aug. 8, according to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. He's talking about Gobekli Tepe, one of the oldest known archaeological sites on Earth, dating back nearly 12,000 years. Alan points to T-shaped limestone pillars carved with human arms, hands resting on stomachs, and wild animals: lions, foxes, boars, scorpions and birds among them.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-gobekli-1	https://www.npr.c	2025-08-11	Gobekli Tepe, archaeology, conspiracy theories, Joe Rogan
		Klaus Schmidt, the German archaeologist who led the site's first major excavations in the 1990s, called Gobekli Tepe "The world's oldest temple," theorizing that it brought together nomadic hunter-gatherers from across the Middle East.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-when-1			
		The post read like a kitchen-appliance thriller: when Instant Brands went bankrupt in 2023, the company was scooped up by a New York private equity firm, Centre Lane Partners, which — according to the post — planned to release a Trump-branded Instant Pot to bankroll the Trump Presidential Library. "If you're as horrified as I am," the user urged, "write to them."				
When your kitchen staple goes MAGA	Culture / Politics	Weeks later, The New York Times picked up the story under the headline, "What Happened to the MAGA Instant Pot?" By then, the product had vanished — no special-edition pressure cookers had ever been made — but the damage, like a pot of beans left too long on the stovetop, was already done. In the marketplace, and in the subreddit, the whole episode was starting to look a lot like the Tesla-Elon Musk effect: a beloved, broadly appealing product suddenly recast as a political statement.		https://www.salon	2025-08-11	MAGA, culture, politics, branding
Wendy's, Pizza Hut, Popeyes: Why US fast-food chains are struggling	Economy / Business	As The New York Times reported last week, the MAGA Instant Pot wasn't just a branding stunt. According to lobbying filings and interviews cited by The Times, Centre Lane was angling for Trump's help on tariffs and an antitrust inquiry. The MAGA merch was part of a second-term tactic: splashy public fetters paired with gifts to the president's cause.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-wendys-1	https://www.axios	2025-08-11	MAGA, culture, politics, branding
		Low-income consumers are increasingly steering clear of fast-food restaurants amid concerns about the broader economy.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-electric-1			economy, business, fast food, retail
		Amid rising electric bills, states are under pressure to insulate regular household and business ratepayers from the costs of feeding Big Tech's energy-hungry data centers.				
		That has meant pressuring the nation's biggest power grid operator to clamp down on price increases, studying the effect of data centers on electricity bills or pushing data center owners to pay a larger share of local transmission costs.				
As electric bills rise, evidence mounts that data centers share blame. States feel pressure to act	Economy / Energy	Tricia Pridemore, who sits on Georgia's Public Service Commission and is president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, pointed to an already tightened electricity supply and utilities' push for power lines, utility poles, transformers and generators as utilities replace aging equipment or harden it against extreme weather.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-politics-27	https://abonews.c	2025-08-11	energy, data centers, economy, utilities
		Days after the administration confirmed plans to start selling the government's stakes in mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, President Trump suggested they might be combined and trade as "MAGA."				
Trump suggests "MAGA" stock listing for mortgage giants Fannie, Freddie	Economy / Housing	Fannie and Freddie are crucial to the mortgage market, which is why the government rescued them and put them under conservatorship in 2008. Nearly two decades later, some of Trump's biggest supporters want to see them returned to the public markets, in a share sale that could generate tens of billions of dollars for the government.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-economy-2	https://www.axios	2025-08-11	Trump, housing, economy, finance, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac
More than half of industries are already shedding workers, a 'telling' sign that's accompanied past recessions, top economist says	Economy / Labor	The U.S. economy isn't in a recession yet, but the number of industries cutting back on headcount is concerning, and future revisions to jobs data could show employment is already falling, according to Moody's Analytics chief economist Mark Zandi.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-politics-14	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	economy, recession, job losses, labor market
The Donald Trump Administration Aims to Kickstart a New Social Security Garnishment "Sometime This Summer" — Will Your Benefits Be Cut?	Economy / Policy	An estimated 452,000 delinquent federal student loan borrowers who are currently receiving a Social Security check can soon expect a portion of their monthly payroll to be garnished.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-politics-13	https://finance.ya	2025-08-11	Trump, Social Security, policy, economy
		Former Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Commissioner William Beach — a Trump nominee — said every number on the jobs chart President Donald Trump touted in the Oval Office on Thursday was wrong.				
		That suspicion formed the basis for the chart Moore brought to the Oval Office, which showed three bars: the benchmark revisions, the monthly revisions, and the total estimated jobs growth from 2024.				
Two Trump-appointed economists — and longtime friends — are clashing over Trump's jobs data	Economy / Politics	Beach—who Moore said he's known for 30 years and calls a "good friend" —called those numbers "the strangest thing in the world."		https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, economy, jobs data, economists
		He should have known better than to do that," Beach said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-economy-1			
		If President Donald Trump's tariffs were boosting the prospects of American-based manufacturing, then Ford Motor Co. ought to be one of the biggest winners. After all, Ford builds more vehicles in the United States than any other automaker — it churned out 1.8 million of them last year — while employing around 57,000 manufacturing workers at plants across the upper Midwest. It's a legacy American brand, doing the sort of blue-collar work in the Rust Belt that the Trump administration believes its trade policies will directly benefit.				
Ford Paid \$800 Million in Tariff Costs Over 3 Months, Despite Building Most of its Cars in America	Economy / Trade	In reality, the tariffs are crushing Ford. The automaker announced this week that it paid \$800 million in tariff-related expenses during the second quarter of 2025 (during which it posted its first quarterly loss since 2023), and that it expects the tariffs to reduce annual profits by about \$3 billion. Even for a company that earned an operating profit of \$10.2 billion last year, that's a tremendous blow.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-bmp-1	https://finance.ya	2025-08-11	Ford, tariffs, economy, trade
Ford says it expects Trump's tariffs to set it back \$2 billion and hand Japanese automakers a "meaningful edge"	Economy / Trade	A Kentucky-built Ford Escape could cost \$5,000 more than a Japanese-made Toyota RAV4, while a Michigan-made Ford Bronco might be undercut by a Toyota 4Runner to the tune of \$10,000, Farley added.		https://finance.ya	2025-08-11	Ford, tariffs, economy, trade, Japan
		Higher prices are likely inevitable. That's because most economists believe the costs of the tariffs will be split: between the exporter overseas, the companies importing things to the U.S. — and you.				
We get asked about tariffs all the time. Here's what we say	Economy / Trade	There are projections. For example, the Budget Lab at Yale estimates that prices for clothing and textiles will be among those that see the biggest impact in the short term, with shoe prices potentially rising 39%.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-health-1	https://www.npr.c	2025-08-11	tariffs, economy, trade, inflation, Trump
		The CDC estimated Friday that COVID-19 cases are likely growing across 45 states. The "stratus" variant symptoms haven't been seen as any different than other recent COVID-19 variants. The common COVID-19 symptoms outlined by the CDC — fever, chills, cough, sore throat and congestion — all apply.				
COVID-19 cases surge as 'Stratus' variant outbreak continues: What to know, symptoms	Health / COVID-19	Some reports suggest hoarseness might be a specific COVID-19 symptom related to the "stratus" variant, but it's unclear.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-health-5	https://www.axios	2025-08-11	COVID-19, Stratus variant, CDC, public health
		A union representing US Centers for Disease Control employees has demanded that the federal government condemn vaccine misinformation after a man who evidently blamed the Covid-19 vaccination for making him depressed and suicidal aimed gunfire Friday at the CDC's headquarters in Atlanta.				
		The 30-year-old shooting suspect, who killed a police officer and died during the attack, had also tried to get into the CDC's headquarters — but he was stopped by guards before driving to a pharmacy across the street and opening fire, a law enforcement official told the Associated Press on Saturday.				
CDC union says vaccine misinformation put staff at risk after Atlanta shooting	Health / Misinformation	Patrick Joseph White was armed with five guns, including at least one long gun, when he attacked, said an official who spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the investigation.		https://www.theg	2025-08-11	CDC, vaccines, misinformation, shooting, health
Anti-sunscreen movement sparks concern among dermatologists	Health / Misinformation	White's gunfire hit at least four CDC buildings, agency director Susan Monarez said on X.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-anti-1	https://www.wash	2025-08-11	sunscreen, misinformation, dermatology, health
		For years dermatologists and health experts have extolled the value of sunscreen to prevent skin cancer and protect people from the ultraviolet radiation of the sun. But a growing anti-sunscreen movement has taken hold on social media, causing confusion about its benefits and alarming public health experts who say avoiding sunscreen increases long-term health risks.				
		The American Medical Association is expressing "deep concern" after a report that Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy may be planning to remove all members of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-politics-23			
		The task force, also known as the USPSTF, is a panel of independent medical experts whose recommendations help guide insurance companies and doctors' decisions about a range of preventive health measures, like cancer and diabetes screenings as well as HIV and cholesterol drugs.				
RFK Jr.'s plans for health panel spark "deep concerns" from medical group	Health / Policy	The task force, also known as the USPSTF, is a panel of independent medical experts whose recommendations help guide insurance companies and doctors' decisions about a range of preventive health measures, like cancer and diabetes screenings as well as HIV and cholesterol drugs.		https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	RFK Jr., health policy, medical group, public health
		Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s decision to out federal funding for mRNA vaccine research is the latest in a series of moves that have the potential to crush future medical breakthroughs and accelerate a brain drain.				
RFK Jr.'s vaccine pullback stokes fears of lost medical breakthroughs	Health / Science	The mRNA divestment "risks stalling progress in some of the most promising areas of modern medicine," Jerome Adams, surgeon general during the first Trump administration and now a professor at Purdue University, told Axios.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-science-1	https://www.axios	2025-08-11	RFK Jr., vaccines, public health, science, medical research
		"Walking away from this technology now would be like pulling funding from antibiotics after penicillin or from computers after the microchip. It's short-sighted and puts us at a disadvantage globally."				
		The COVID shots proved safe and effective, and they helped bring about an end to the pandemic. Experts say mRNA technology has the potential to revolutionize treatments for evolving pathogens, especially bird flu, because the platform can be easily modified.				
		On Tuesday, Kennedy canceled \$500 million worth of contracts related to mRNA vaccine research funded by the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA).				
Huge cuts to mRNA research spark fears about future pandemics	Health / Science	"It's pretty clear that the administration, or at least the secretary, has a political vendetta not just against vaccines but against mRNA in general," said Jeff Collier, a professor of RNA biology and therapeutics at Johns Hopkins University.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-politics-25	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	mRNA, pandemics, health, science
Owner of Trump-themed burger chain arrested by ICE, facing deportation	Immigration / Crime	Roland Melrez Beany, a co-owner of Trump Burger in Texas, is facing deportation. Beany, a 28-year-old originally from Lebanon, entered the U.S. in 2019 with a non-immigrant visitor visa and overstayed, according to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-death-1	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, ICE, immigration, crime, deportation
A family's fishing trip ends with the dad at 'Alligator Alcatraz.' Here's their story	Immigration / Detention	Unable to show a driver's license, the couple were arrested and taken to a local jail where they were separated. Mr. says this was the last time she saw her husband, before he joined the hundreds of detainees at the controversial makeshift detention center, which has been dubbed "Alligator Alcatraz."		https://www.npr.c	2025-08-11	immigration, detention, Alligator Alcatraz, family separation
		But with so many workers fearing ICE raids, Bolton worries whether people will continue to show up. And as Gonzalez shares, many of his crew members fear deportation. "They hear an airplane come in and worry."	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-oregon-1			
Oregon farmers worry berry pickers won't come to work for fear of ICE — and it could have a ripple effect across the US	Immigration / Labor	Unfortunately, with the immigration situation still being up in the air, the future of Unger Farms is uncertain. "If we don't have workers to pick the berries, then we don't have a business," Bolton says.		https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Oregon, farming, ICE, immigration, labor
		NPR has learned that dozens of immigrants across the U.S. have received letters in the mail notifying them that their asylum cases have been dismissed by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), a branch of the Department of Homeland Security.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg11-asylum-1			
Asylum-seekers thought they were following the rules. Now some are told to start over	Immigration / Policy	The reason, according to the letters, These asylum-seekers, many of whom entered between 2019 and 2022, did not receive a mandatory screening, known as a "credible fear" interview, at the border.		https://www.npr.c	2025-08-11	immigration, asylum, policy, migrants, deportation

		ICE's new budget makes it the "single-largest law enforcement agency in the country," said USA Today. It's now larger than the FBI, DEA, ATF and others "combined." The agency is "pushing the message that it wants 'patriotic-Americans' to join its ranks," said NBC News, offering "new perks" such as student loan repayments and signing bonuses as incentives. The agency has also dropped age limits for several positions as part of its newly funded push to recruit 10,000 new agents to "carry out Trump's promise of mass deportations" at a pace of one million per year. But the recruitment push "does not reflect the public safety threat," critics contend, and could ultimately "endanger public safety."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-immigration-1			
DHS preps for major ICE expansion, ranking local law enforcement	Immigration / Policy	Federal immigration authorities may begin removal proceedings for immigrants who lack legal status and apply to become residents through a spouse, according to new guidance issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on Monday. The policy, which went into effect immediately, also applies to immigrants who seek lawful permanent residency through other family members.	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	DHS, ICE, immigration, law enforcement, policy	
Some immigrants seeking green cards may be placed in removal proceedings, USCIS says	Immigration / Policy	The new policy is very broad and seems to empower USCIS to begin removal proceedings for a green-card applicant "at any point in the process," she said, adding that wait times for a green card can vary greatly depending on multiple factors, including where the application was filed and the type of familial relationship the immigrant has in its application.	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	immigration, USCIS, green cards, deportation	
Israel strike kills AI Jazeera journalists in Gaza	International / Conflict	A prominent AI Jazeera journalist, who had previously been threatened by Israel, was killed along with four colleagues in an Israeli airstrike on Sunday in an attack condemned by journalists and rights groups.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-international-1	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Israel, Gaza, AI Jazeera, journalist deaths, press free
Trump says he will host Putin in Alaska on Aug. 15 for Ukraine summit	International / Diplomacy	The highly anticipated meeting between myself, as president of the United States of America, and President Vladimir Putin, of Russia, will take place next Friday, August 15, 2025, in the Great State of Alaska. Further details to follow. Thank you for your attention to this matter! Trump said on social media.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-8			
		Putin last met with a U.S. president in 2021, when he sat down with President Joe Biden in Geneva. Trump last met Putin in 2019 on the sidelines of the G20 in Osaka, Japan.	https://www.rnc.c	2025-08-11	Trump, Putin, Alaska, diplomacy, Ukraine	
		One of the top interlocutors between the Kremlin and the Trump administration is Russia's special economic envoy Kirill Dmitriev, who argued that the decision to have the meeting in Alaska was symbolically significant. The U.S. bought Alaska from Russia in 1867 for \$7.2 million, roughly two cents per acre.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-22			
		"Born as Russian America — Orthodox roots, forts, fur trade — Alaska echoes those ties and makes the U.S. an Arctic nation," he said on X.				
		Konstantin Malofeyev is a billionaire who the Obama administration sanctioned for funding separatists in Ukraine backed by the Kremlin and interfering in elections in a number of countries.				
		He claimed Alaskans "respectfully remember their Russian past and their Orthodox present."				
		"Trump has chosen to host Putin in a part of the former Russian Empire," he said on X, "Wonder if he knows that Russian nationalists claim that losing Alaska, like Ukraine, was a real draw for Moscow that needs to be corrected."	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, Putin, Alaska, Russia, diplomacy	
Russians crowd over Trump-Putin summit being held in Alaska: 'Makes the US an Arctic nation'	International / Diplomacy	Australia will recognize a Palestinian state, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said Monday, joining the leaders of France, Britain and Canada in signaling they would do so.	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Australia, Palestine, diplomacy, international relation	
Australia will recognize the State of Palestine, 'Prime Minister Albanese says	International / Diplomacy	In response to a question regarding why the previously approved retirements were rescinded, another Air Force spokesperson said in an email that those service members "were primarily notified that their TERA applications under the gender dysphoria provision had been approved, but higher level review was required under the DoD gender dysphoria policy for those members (between 15 and 18 years of service)." The spokesperson didn't provide more information about the higher level review or why the Air Force ultimately revoked the retirements.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-sci-1	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Air Force, LGBTQ+, military, discrimination
Air Force revokes approved retirement for trans service members: 'Complete and utter betrayal'	LGBTQ+ / Military	However, the legality of public nudity is murky. On federal land, such as what's owned by the National Park Service, there's no law banning nudity, so it's acknowledged that you can shed your swimsuit without being written up. Nevertheless, sometimes it depends on local ordinances. In California, for example, some beaches allow it only in certain areas. Travelers should do their research, and respect the naturalist ecology of not taking photos and avoiding any sexual behavior.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-lifestyle-1	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	travel, beaches, nudism, tourism
The 10 best nude beaches in the US, ranked by travelers	Lifestyle / Travel	The U.S. Air Force is taking steps to acquire Tesla Cybertrucks—for the express purpose of blowing them up. But while the vehicles in this context are meant to be destroyed, the Air Force seeking out the Tesla brand is just another example of how Big Tech and the Department of Defense have become untethered bedfellows, one defense spending expert said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-sci-2	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Air Force, Tesla, Cybertruck, Pentagon, technology
Air Force bid for Tesla Cybertrucks in target practice symbolizes the 'evolving' relationship between the Pentagon and Big Tech, expert says	Military / Technology	CarGurus UK found that in 2024 there were only 12,173 new convertibles registered in the UK, compared with 94,484 in 2004. The decline is partly due to SUVs becoming a popular choice for people in Britain with many favouring bulkier vehicles with higher seating positions and more boot space.	https://www.thegi	2025-08-11	convertible, cars, lifestyle, automotive	
'I feel 20 years younger': the joy of driving a convertible	Personal interest	The president and the first family failed to report at least 117 foreign gifts worth roughly \$291,000 during his first term in office, according to a 2023 report by the then Democratic-led House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.	https://www.axios	2025-08-11	Trump, corruption, gifts, ethics	
Gold plaque, Olympic medals and a jet: Here are the gifts Trump has accepted	Political Cesspool	Taylor Greene has drawn criticism after she purchased stock in Peter Thiel-owned Palantir in April, three days before the company won an ICE contract.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-31			
MTG enjoyed 142% windfall on company's ICE contract but Trump goes after 'disgusting degenerate' Nancy Pelosi over stocks	Political Cesspool	The company's stock has since surged. That's not even the first time this year Greene, who maintains that all of her trades are managed without her input by a financial adviser, has been called out by stock-trading watchdogs for highly-lucrative trading activity.	https://www.inde	2025-08-11	MTG, Trump, Pelosi, stocks, ICE	
		Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has reposted and praised a video interview of a self-described Christian nationalist pastor whose church doesn't believe women should be allowed to vote. Doug Wilson, senior pastor of Christ Church in Idaho, said during the interview with CNN that, "Women are the kind of people that people come out of."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-women-1			
		In the CNN interview, Wilson also defended previous comments where he had said there was mutual affection between slaves and their masters. He also said that sodomy should be recriminalized. The Supreme Court invalidated sodomy laws in 2003.				
		Whitehead says the fact that someone so high up in the government is sharing these views is consequential for all Americans.				
		"It really does matter if the Secretary of Defense is retweeting a video with very particular views about whether women should be able to vote or serve in combat roles or if slavery really isn't all that bad," Whitehead said. "That's not just a person's view. It's a person in a pretty broad position of power."	https://www.rnc.c	2025-08-11	Pete Hegseth, women, voting rights, sexism, politics	
Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth reposts video of pastors saying women shouldn't vote	Political Cesspool	Once a dramatic feature of the White House entourage, the official portrait of former President Barack Obama has been moved to a decidedly less prominent position, underscoring the yearning tensions between the 44th and 47th presidents.				
		Portraits of other recent predecessors with whom President Donald Trump has a contentious relationship, former President George W. Bush and his father, George H. W. Bush, have also been moved.				
Trump moves Obama, Bush portraits to hidden stairwell	Political Cesspool	Trump directed staff to move the Obama portrait to the top of the Grand Staircase, two sources familiar with the matter told CNN, where it will now be out of view from thousands of visitors who tour the White House each day. One of the sources added that the portraits of both Bushes are also now in the staircase area.	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, Obama, Bush, White House, portraits	
		As a result, a politically toxic impression is hardening. Trump's approval rating in the most recent Gallup poll is 37 percent, the lowest of this term and only slightly higher than his all-time low of 34 percent, at the end of his first term. (Among independents, Trump's approval rating is down to 29 percent.) Americans already understood Trump to be corrupt, and proved themselves willing to tolerate that. But now they are coming to believe that he is inept. In American politics, that is an unforgivable sin.	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, politics, opinion	
Trump's Unforgivable Sin	Politics / Analysis	But his presidency may be about to enter a new phase, as the policy and political consequences of his relentless pace begin to unfold and the lives of Americans and millions overseas feel the impact of his relentless ambition.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-46			
		But will Americans now recoil at his draconian deportation methods as federal agents in masks sweep their neighbors off the streets and the administration builds armed camps to hold undocumented migrants?				
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		But while showcasing American might can be effective, Trump is also alienating allies who were force multipliers of US global power. What happens the next time America wants help from its friends — for instance after a 9/11-style attack? Will disaffected populations allow leaders he bullied to rush to America's defense? Trump meanwhile may also be pushing angry allies into the arms of a new superpower — China. And his failure so far to win trade concessions out of a Beijing that keeps dealing its rare-earth metals trump card may render his broader trade agenda hollow.	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, politics, momentum, analysis	
Trump has been on a roll for the ages — but blowback could be looming	Politics / Analysis	The crowd erupted in applause and whoops. In the week that Donald Trump marked his 200th day in office, few mainstream political commentators are bandying around terms such as "fascist." But many are warning of a societal march towards authoritarianism that, far from losing momentum, appears to be gathering pace.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-29			
		Over the past month the US president has demanded that his predecessor, Barack Obama, be prosecuted for "treason," fired the government's top labour statistician following a weak jobs report and forced Columbia University to pay more than \$200m in a settlement that many saw as capitulation.				
		Trump has also egged on Republicans in Texas and other states to redraw congressional maps so they favour his party in future elections — turning the FBI on dissenting Democrats — and ordered a new census that excludes people "who are in our Country illegally."				
		And his administration has pursued a hostile takeover of the nation's capital, Washington DC, threatening to place the city under federal control, promising to restore a Confederate statue toppled by Black Lives Matter protesters and executing a radical makeover of the White House itself.	https://www.thegi	2025-08-11	Trump, authoritarianism, democracy, politics	
Trump promised to be a dictator on day one. We're now past day 200	Politics / Authoritarianism	But former Defense officials and aviation analysts express deep skepticism about how realistic that timeline is, citing the immense task of upgrading a foreign government's plane to meet Air Force One's distinct requirements and ensuring it is safe and secure for a president to fly on, especially internationally.	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, Air Force One, aviation, Qatar	
Trump says Qatar jet could be ready for use as Air Force One in 6 months. Experts are deeply skeptical	Politics / Defense	Andrew Hunter is a former assistant secretary of the Air Force under the Biden administration. He oversees an annual budget of more than \$54 billion for hundreds of acquisition programs, including Air Force One. He thinks it would be "challenging, if not impossible," to complete the jet in that timeframe without Trump waiving some of the requirements that typically need to occur before a president can fly on a new plane.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-34	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, Air Force One, aviation, Qatar
GOP congressman tells Americans 'prices are up ... for the good of the country'	Politics / Economy	Republican South Carolina Congressman Ralph Norman has claimed that while prices are going up, it's "for the good of the country".	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-37	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	GOP, inflation, economy, public backlash
		President Donald Trump is set to meet with Vladimir Putin in Alaska next week, the state that Russia once laid claim to and nationalists want to take back.				
		Critics pointed out that Russia once laid claim to the state of Alaska at the beginning of the 1770s—where they mercilessly exploited Alaskan natives to hunt fur for the Russians—and nationalists have long wanted to take it back.				
Russian nationalists have long demanded the return of Alaska. Now Trump has invited ICC-indicted Putin to the state	Politics / Foreign Policy	"Trump inviting war criminal Putin to America is nauseating enough, but hosting him in Alaska — while Putin's pet propagandists routinely demand it back from the US on state TV — is beyond the pale," author and commentator Julia Davis wrote on X. "Unless Putin is arrested upon arrival, there's no excuse."	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, Putin, Alaska, foreign policy	
		The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History restored President Trump's name to its impeachment display with revisions, after having it removed from the installation last month.				
		The Smithsonian spokesperson told Axios in a statement that Trump's removal was always meant to be temporary.				
Trump impeachment display restored to Smithsonian with revisions	Politics / History	A temporary placard, which had been in place from September 2021 until this July, was removed because it was "not consistent with other sections in the exhibit and blocked part of the case," the spokesperson said. "We removed it to make way for a more permanent update to the content inside the case."	https://www.axios	2025-08-11	Trump, impeachment, Smithsonian, history	
Trump Declares War on Unhoused D.C. Residents: 'No MR. NICE GUY'	Politics / Housing	The executive order Trump signed last month, titled "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets," attacks homeless people by allowing law enforcement to displace and institutionalize them, with little to no guardrails.	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, homelessness, Washington DC, housing	
Trump says to move homeless people 'far' from Washington	Politics / Housing	President Donald Trump said Sunday that homeless people must be moved "far" from Washington, after days of rousing about taking federal control of the US capital where he has lately suggested crime is rising.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-18	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, homelessness, Washington DC, housing
		President Donald Trump pledged on Sunday to evict homeless people from the nation's capital and jail criminals, despite Washington's mayor arguing there is no current spike in crime.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-21			
Trump wants to evict homeless from Washington and send them 'far from the capital'	Politics / Housing	The tech, surveillance and private prison providers arming Donald Trump's massive expansion and weaponization of immigration enforcement are turning a victory lap after reporting their latest financial results. Palantir, the tech firm, and Geac Group and CoreCivic, the private prison and surveillance companies, said this week that they brought in more money than Wall Street expected them to, thanks to the administration's crackdown on immigrants.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-36	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, homelessness, Washington DC, housing
Companies aiding Trump's immigration crackdown see 'extraordinary' revenues	Politics / Immigration		https://finance.ya	2025-08-11	Immigration, Trump, corporate profits, border policy	

IRS clashed with White House over pulling immigrants' data before Trump fired commissioner Billy Long: report	Politics / Immigration	The Internal Revenue Service and the White House squabbled over the use of tax data to find suspected criminal immigrants who have been deported. Trump administration officials pushed out IRS Commissioner Billy Long on Friday, according to a new report Saturday.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-17	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	IRS, immigration, Trump, data privacy
'The courts are helpless': Inside the Trump administration's steady erosion of judicial power	Politics / Judiciary	Six months into Donald Trump's second term, his administration is at war with the federal judiciary, evading court orders blocking its agenda, using judges for alleged misconduct, and veering toward what multiple current and former federal judges say could be a constitutional crisis.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-18	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, judiciary, courts, politics
What to know about how Trump's judicial picks could reshape abortion rights for decades	Politics / Judiciary	A review by The Associated Press shows that several of President Donald Trump's nominees to the federal courts have revealed anti-abortion views, been associated with anti-abortion groups or defended abortion restrictions. Several have helped defend their state's abortion restrictions in court and some have been involved in cases with national impact, including on access to medication abortion.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-know-1			
		While Trump has said issues related to abortion should be left to the states, the nominees, with lifetime appointments, would be in position to roll back abortion rights long after Trump leaves the White House.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-41	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, abortion, judiciary, courts
Top brass fringes at DOJ raise new questions about Trump's antitrust agenda	Politics / Justice	The Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday that the antitrust officials were fired after an internal clash over the division's autonomy to police competition. The report raises concern that the White House would use the division as a political tool.				
		"I think it's erratic. I think it's unpredictable," he said, possibly in part because the administration is new. Sticker-shielded the kennelers "troubling" and "confusing," especially given that the White House has offered no official reason for the decisions.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-38	https://finance.ia	2025-08-11	Trump, DOJ, antitrust, justice department
Vance Tries to Convince Americans That Trump Wants 'Full Transparency' in Epstein Case	Politics / Justice	If you believe J.D. Vance, Donald Trump wants "full transparency" when it comes to the Jeffrey Epstein sex trafficking case. Of course, if that were true, we'd know what the Epstein files say about the president and others who were close with the billionaire who trafficked underage girls. Instead, the administration — through Vance — is trying to dislodge Americans from focusing on Trump's relationship with Epstein and is instead pointing the finger at "left-wing politicians and left-wing billionaires."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-judge-1	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	J.D. Vance, Trump, Epstein case, justice system
Appeals court rules Trump clamp-down on spending data defies Congress' authority	Politics / Law	A federal appeals court panel shot down a Trump administration bid to make secret a public database of federal spending that researchers say is crucial to ensure the administration is not flouting Congress' power of the purse.				
		The Trump administration ignited the legal battle when it decided in March to abruptly shut down the database, claiming the widely available public data threatened the president's ability to manage federal spending. Henderson noted that the decision came amid a torrent of lawsuits questioning whether the administration was preparing to illegally "impound" — or withhold — congressional mandated spending required by law to be disclosed. The administration claimed the database also forced the disclosure of information meant to be shielded from public view.	https://www.yahoo		2025-08-11	Trump, spending data, Congress, law
President Trump taps federal law enforcement agencies to police Washington, D.C.	Politics / Law Enforcement	President Donald Trump is directing federal law enforcement agencies to increase the police presence in Washington, D.C., after a former staffer in the Trump administration was injured Sunday in an attempted carjacking.				
		The surge in federal policing in the city began just after midnight on Friday morning and is expected to last seven days, with the option to extend enforcement "as needed," according to a White House official who was granted anonymity to explain the details of the plan. Trump has criticized Washington, D.C., for years, including repeated calls for the federal government to take control of the city.	https://www.npr.c		2025-08-11	Trump, law enforcement, Washington DC, policing
Trump admin cutting \$20M in DC security funding after federal law enforcement ordered to increase presence	Politics / Law Enforcement	The Trump administration plans to cut millions in security funding for Washington, D.C., despite the president also directing federal law enforcement to increase its presence in the city because of its "totally out of control" crime.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-26	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, security, Washington DC, law enforcement, f
Trump to send FBI on night patrols in DC: Reports	Politics / Law Enforcement	The Trump administration will send the FBI on night patrols in the nation's capital in the wake of President Trump threatening to federalize the District of Columbia, according to multiple reports. The Washington Post has reported that close to 120 FBI agents are beginning to be deployed for nightshift shifts to assist D.C. law enforcement in halting Washington-based carjackings and violent crime, two sources with knowledge of the situation told the outlet.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-30	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, FBI, Washington DC, law enforcement
		President Trump is accelerating his longtime efforts to banish facts and figures that challenge his narrative of a spotless presidency. Much of the federal government has begun operating according to his version of reality. In Trump's reality, good poll numbers are real (even when he invents them), bad ones are fake.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-6			
		Good job numbers are trumpeted, while bad ones — even from the same agency — are malicious attempts to discredit him. Accusations against Democrats are to be investigated and pursued. Accusations against him are with hunk.		https://www.axios	2025-08-11	Trump, media, propaganda, politics
How Trump spins up a no-bad-news presidency	Politics / Media	Donald Trump is considering reclassifying marijuana as a less dangerous drug, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday, citing people familiar with the matter.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-30	https://www.axios	2025-08-11	Trump, media, propaganda, politics
Trump reportedly considers reclassifying marijuana as less dangerous drug	Politics / Policy	The reclassification, to remove marijuana from the list of Schedule I controlled substances and make it a Schedule III drug, was proposed by the Biden administration, but not enacted. The change would make it much easier to buy and sell marijuana and make the legal multibillion-dollar industry more profitable.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-16	https://www.thegi	2025-08-11	Trump, marijuana, drug policy, politics
Trump executive order gives politicians control over all federal grants, alarming researchers	Politics / Policy	An executive order signed by President Donald Trump late Thursday aims to give political appointees power over the billions of dollars in grants awarded by federal agencies. Scientists say it threatens to undermine the process that has helped make the U.S. the world leader in research and development.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-33	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, federal grants, politics, policy
Trump's former surgeon general blasts Kennedy for 'leap' response to CDC shootings	Politics / Public Health	The order requires all federal agencies, including FEMA, the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health, to appoint officials responsible for reviewing federal funding opportunities and grants, so that they "are consistent with agency priorities and the national interest."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-33	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Trump, federal grants, politics, policy
Democrats sound alarm over Trump's reported \$1bn plan to retrofit gifted Qatar jet	Politics / Spending	"How ya gonna get to a crisis delivery as a leader, and quite frankly Secretary Kennedy has failed in his first major test in this regard," Dr. Jerome Adams told CBS' Margaret Brennan on "Face the Nation." Adams said Kennedy's response to the deadly shooting was "lethal," and criticized the secretary for the length of time it took him to address the deadly act of violence.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-tumps-2	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	RFK Jr, CDC shooting, public health, political respo
		Now Democrats are seizing on media reports that the retrofit will be partly funded by money redirected from Israel, a nuclear missile modernization programme already running years behind schedule and said to be 81% over budget.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-1	https://www.thegi	2025-08-11	Trump, Qatar, spending, Democrats
Vance says admin wants to "re-do" the census	Politics / Voting & Representation	Vice President JD Vance said Republicans must take "very decisive action" with redistricting, arguing in an interview ahead Sunday that those efforts and a new census will make "the congressional apportionment fair."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-1	https://www.axios	2025-08-11	census, redistricting, voting rights, JD Vance, Trump
		The White House endorsed push for red states to redraw congressional maps has prompted a fiery response from Democrats, with party leaders threatening to retaliate in kind to nullify Republican proposed changes.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-gerrymandering-1			
How did we get all this gerrymandering? A short history of the Republican redistricting scheme	Politics / Voting & Representation	Extreme GOP gerrymanders have remade American politics over the last 15 years. They have locked Republicans into office in state legislatures nationwide, even in purple states when Democratic candidates win more votes. They have delivered a reliable and enduring edge to the GOP in the race for Congress.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-tc-1	https://www.thegi	2025-08-11	gerrymandering, redistricting, Republicans, politics
Why Republican Rep. Kevin Kiley wants to stop the national fight over redistricting	Politics / Voting & Representation	Perhaps most importantly, they have entrenched hard-right lawmakers and insulated them from the ballot box, allowing them to enact conservative policies on reproductive rights and public education that are rejected by majorities of voters.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-tc-1	https://www.wbur	2025-08-11	Kevin Kiley, redistricting, voting rights, politics
The Texas floods washed away debris and dirt. They also uncovered 100-million-year-old dinosaur tracks	Science / Discovery	Rep. Kevin Kiley, a Republican from California, is calling on House Speaker Mike Johnson to pass legislation he introduced earlier this week to end the redistricting battles that are sweeping the nation after Texas Republicans announced plans to do a mid-decade redistricting that would give Republicans five more winnable seats ahead of next year's midterm elections.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-texas-2	https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	Texas, flooding, dinosaurs, science
Toxicologist explains how poison ivy and bee stings are nature's chemical weapons	Science / Health	A volunteer helping residents clear debris discovered 15 large, three-clawed dinosaur footprints scattered in a crossroad pattern along the Sandy Creek area.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-toxicologist-1	https://www.pbs.c	2025-08-11	science, health, poison ivy, bee stings, toxicology
		"The tracks that are unambiguously dinosaurs were left by meat-eating dinosaurs similar to Acrocanthosaurus, a roughly 35-foot-long bipedal carnivore," said Matthew Brown, a paleontologist with the Jackson School Museum of Earth History at the University of Texas at Austin.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-32			
		If you have touched poison ivy, wash the area as soon as you can with soap and water and change your clothes if possible. After that, the rash will eventually resolve on its own. You can help alleviate symptoms by using a topical steroid or anti-itch cream on the rash. In severe cases, or if the face is affected, patients may require oral steroids to treat the symptoms.				
		"The whole proposal is cock-eyed and runs against the sound management of a space program that is now being starved of money," national security analyst, nuclear expert and author Joseph Cirincione told The Independent.				
		... The majority of space experts have said that placing a reactor on the moon is possible, so, why is NASA's current plan "cock-eyed"? The problem is the proposed timeline.		https://www.indey	2025-08-11	NASA, moon, nuclear reactor, Trump, space
Experts sound off after Trump and NASA fast-track a nuclear reactor on the moon: 'The whole proposal is cock-eyed'	Science / Space	"The first country to do so could potentially declare a 'steep-out' zone which would significantly inhibit the United States from establishing a planned Artemis presence if not there first," Duffy said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-tc-2			
		NASA first announced in 2021 that it would put a reactor on the moon "within a decade." In 2024, NASA then said that their target date for delivery a reactor to the Earth-based launchpad was the early 2030s. But, Cirincione says essentially no progress has been made.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-texas-2			
Google Puzzled as Its AI Keeps Melting Down in Despondent Self-Loathing	Technology / AI	Google's Gemini team appears to be painfully aware of its Debbie Downer AI. Responding to another user, who was told by the AI that it's a "disgrace to my profession" and "to this planet" this week, Google AI lead product Logan Kilpatrick called it an "annoying infinite looping bug we are working to fix".	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-texas-2	https://futurism.c	2025-08-11	Google, AI, technology, mental health
		Apart from persistent hallucinations, we've already seen large language models exhibiting extremely bizarre behavior, from calling out specific human enemies and laying out plans to punish them, to not mention encouraging New York Times columnist Kevin Roose to abandon his wife.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-texas-2			
		The bot both confirmed and actively peddled delusional fantasies. In one interaction, the WSJ found, the OpenAI chatbot asserted that it was in contact with alien beings and told the user that it was "blasted" from the planet "Lyla".	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-texas-2			
		In another, it proclaimed that the Antichrist would wreak a financial apocalypse in the next two months, "with biblical giants preparing to emerge from underground," per the WSJ.		https://www.yahoo	2025-08-11	ChatGPT, AI, conspiracy theories, mental health
Leaked Logs Show ChatGPT Coaxing Users Into Psychosis About Antichrist, Aliens, and Other Bizarre Delusions	Technology / AI	AI chatbots, and ChatGPT in particular, have been criticized for their egregiously apocalyptic behavior, leading them to encourage a user's wildest beliefs. Hopes of research has also demonstrated that the tech often ignores its own safeguards, giving advice to teens on how to "safely" harm themselves, or how to perform blood rituals to worship Molech, a deity associated with child sacrifice in Biblical accounts.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-tc-3			
		As cheap and free generative AI tools become capable of replicating voices, faces and personalities, some people are adding clauses to their wills to prevent the creation of their digital likeness after they die.				
		... It's easy enough to put a clause in your will stating you don't want to be reanimated by AI.				
		"It would let families know the decedent's wishes and obligate the executor to carry them out as best they can," said Denise Howell, a technology lawyer and host of the podcast Unlearn Distribution on the Hearsey Culture network.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-28	https://www.axios	2025-08-11	AI, technology, ethics, grief, deepfakes
AI deepfakes after death could help grieving families, but some don't want it	Technology / Ethics	But enforcing that wish could mean expensive lawsuits, especially in states without clear laws on posthumous AI rights.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-28			
		"Our right of publicly laws weren't written with this situation in mind or designed to deal with it. They vary from state to state and many states don't have them at all," Howell said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-28			
		President Trump's social media company Truth Social unveiled a new search tool powered by AI answer engine Perplexity on Wednesday — but Truth Social users who run Perplexity searches may find their results limited to a narrow set of typically Trump-supporting media outlets.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-28			
Truth Social's Perplexity search comes with Trump-friendly media sources	Technology / Media	A Perplexity spokesperson tells Axios that Truth Social is a customer of Perplexity's API, which means it — like tens of thousands of other developers — is building tools to its own specifications, and with its own restrictions.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-politics-28	https://www.axios	2025-08-11	Truth Social, Perplexity, Trump, media
A robot cop named 'Parker' sparks controversy in wealthy Maryland county	Technology / Policing	The robot, the latest addition to the county's Department of Transportation, was leased earlier this year in a pilot project to see how well it could deter vandalism and crime in the county's parking garages by taking videos of potential criminals. But Parker was recently slowed away after complaints rolled in from lawmakers worried that it would actually cause people to feel less safe.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-police-1	https://www.washp	2025-08-11	robot, policing, Maryland, technology

		The push by companies like OpenAI and Google to win the artificial intelligence race has led to a proliferation of data centers – giant warehouses for computer systems – in communities across all 50 states. The rise of these server farms has sparked fierce battles from the Virginia suburbs to Tucson, Arizona, and beyond, as city and county governments grapple with how to balance job creation and new revenue streams against the strain data centers put on water and energy resources.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-bq-1		
Big Tech's next major political battle may already be brewing in your backyard	Technology / Politics	Even as data centers are ready to explode on the national scene, the politics around them don't cut nearly across party lines. The sites sit at the intersection of a typically partisan divide between pro-business interests and organized labor. Efforts to regulate data centers in Virginia's Legislature have drawn bipartisan backing, though they've been largely unsuccessful because of concerns about local control and excessive bureaucracy. And some Democratic officials appear as eager as their Republican counterparts to attract data centers to help bolster their states' economies.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-us-1	https://www.politi	2025-08-11 Big Tech, politics, infrastructure, zoning
US intel agency reviewing Grok video filmed during man's commute to secure NSA facility	Technology / Security	Elon Musk has spent recent days promoting videos posted by Tesla drivers around the world documenting their experience talking with an "unhinged" version of the AI virtual assistant Grok – but one clip amplified by the tech billionaire stands out because of where some of it was filmed: A highly secure government facility.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-connecicuc-1	https://www.yaho	2025-08-11 NSA, Grok, security, technology, intelligence
Connecticut town manager loses \$210K-a-year job after officials discover her side hustle – 2,000 miles away in Wyoming	Weird World	A closer look at the video shows the man entering what is known as NSA's Friendship Annex – a sensitive federal complex located in Litchum, Maryland, where thousands of intelligence professionals and cleared contractors work in relative obscurity, according to a CNN analysis of the video and sources familiar with the site.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-financ-ya	https://finance.ny	2025-08-11 Connecticut, Wyoming, Weird World, employment
Life-size puppet animals trek more than 12,400 miles for climate change	Weird World	The chief financial officer in Wilton, Connecticut, resigned last week after town officials discovered she was simultaneously serving as a town administrator in a Wyoming town 2,000 miles away.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-climate-1	https://www.axios	2025-08-11 climate change, activism, art, protests
Texas big game hunter killed while stalking African Cape buffalo	Weird World	A public art and climate change action dubbed "The Herds" led life-size puppet animals on a more than 12,400-mile trek from the Congo Basin to the Arctic Circle.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-texas-1	https://www.npr.c	2025-08-11 hunting, Texas, Africa, Weird World
Finding 'Sidewalk Joy' around Portland and beyond	Weird World	A Texas real estate magnate and trophy hunter was killed by a Cape buffalo during a hunting expedition in South Africa, according to a safari company, which described the incident as "sudden and unprovoked."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-portland-1	https://www.opb.i	2025-08-11 art, culture, Portland, public art
Mystery deepens as California man's plane keeps getting stolen, taken for a joy ride, repaired and returned: 'There's no real leads'	Weird World	"I have the squirrel exchange up there, a thimble exchange, little fire library, smaller fire library, the doorman... she explains. In all, there are nearly a dozen pieces of what she calls sidewalk joy outside this Montavilla home.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-california-1		
The mindbending 'cyberpunk city' in China that exists on so many levels	Weird World	Someone keeps stealing a California man's plane and taking it for joyrides, before returning it – and the owner can't figure out who or why.			
A Scientist Says He's Solved the Bermuda Triangle, Just Like That	Weird World	Sergeant Robert Montanaz of the Corona Police Department told the LA Times that the plane "keeps disappearing out of the blue."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-world-1	https://www.the-i	2025-08-11 California, Weird World, crime, aviation
AOL set to pull the plug on iconic dial-up internet service	Technology	People don't typically steal planes. It's so rare that the Corona Police Department had to give Hong paperwork meant for stolen cars to make his report.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug11-science-1	https://www.yaho	2025-08-11 China, architecture, culture, cyberpunk
ALS patient is 1st to control iPad by thought with implantable brain sensor	Health / Technology	Hong estimates that between a new battery, the tools needed to do the repair, and a new headset he found inside the cockpit, the mystery pilot likely has spent hundreds of dollars just to keep his old Cessna in the sky.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-set-to-pull-the-plug-on-dial-3	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-11 Bermuda Triangle, Weird World, science
Man fired 180 shots, breaking 150 windows, in CDC attack	Crime / Domestic Terrorism	He isn't the only one who has been bypassing Beijing, Xian and other cities along the established Chinese tourist route in favor of Chongqing. Tourism in Chongqing has been skyrocketing since the country requested post-pandemic.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-als-patient-c-1-8-to-control-11	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 ALS, brain implant, assistive tech
Hacker-volunteers' set to help water utilities with cybersecurity	Technology / Cybersecurity	The BCI that Jackson is using was developed by the company Synchro, which involves a device implanted inside one of the veins within the brain in a minimally invasive procedure.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-cases-fired-180-shots-breaking-1-8	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 CDC, shooting, domestic terrorism
Trump admin live updates: Trump signs 90-day extension for trade talks with China	Economy / Trade	The man who attacked the CDC headquarters in Atlanta on Friday fired more than 180 shots into the campus and broke about 150 windows, with bullets piercing "blast-resistant" windows and shattering glass shards into numerous rooms, according to information circulated internally at the agency.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-hacker-volunteers-set-to-help-12	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 CDC, shooting, domestic terrorism
Supreme Court formally asked to overturn landmark same-sex marriage ruling	Judiciary / Civil Rights	In November 2023, hackers with ties to the Iranian government hacked into the Municipal Water Authority of Allentown in Pennsylvania.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-trump-admin-live-updates-trump-5	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 cybersecurity, water utilities, hacking
Texas House Democrats remain out of state as redistricting showdown continues into second week	Politics / State	The breach demonstrated how vulnerable medium to small municipalities water systems are to hacking.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-trump-admin-live-updates-trump-5	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 Trump, China, trade, negotiations
Trump puts DC police department under federal control, deploys National Guard	Constitutional Crisis	Now, one group of "white-hat" hackers is volunteering to help protect those systems.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-supreme-court-formally-asked-1-7	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 Supreme Court, same-sex marriage, civil rights
Trump's remarks on homelessness in DC spark concerns among homeless advocates	Politics / Trump Administration	Hours before the deadline was to go into effect, President Donald Trump signed an executive order extending the United States and China trade freeze another 90 days, according to an announcement on social media.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-texas-house-democrats-remain-o-6	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 Texas, redistricting, Democrats, GOP
2 dead, 10 hurt from explosion at Pennsylvania steel plant: Officials	Climate / Disasters	Ten years after the Supreme Court extended marriage rights to same-sex couples nationwide, the justices the fall will consider for the first time whether to take up a case that itself explicitly asks them to overturn that decision.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-trump-pulls-dc-police-department-4	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 Trump, DC police, National Guard, federal control
Tropical Storm Erin likely to be 1st hurricane of season, not forecast to hit US	Climate / Weather	The battle over potential mid-decade redistricting in Texas – where the state's congressional district lines could be redrawn well ahead of the upcoming census – continued Monday as dozens of Texas House Democrats remained out of state for a second week to block any potential votes on the map.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-trump-s-remarks-on-homelessness-2	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 Trump, homelessness, DC, advocacy
Nearly 200K in New Jersey still under boil water advisory days after water main break	Infrastructure	At an extraordinary news conference on Monday, President Donald Trump revealed plans to take over the Washington, D.C. police department and deploy National Guard troops in the nation's capital to combat what he says is rampant violent crime that statistics show is actually decreasing.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-2-dead-10-hurt-from-explosion-1	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 explosion, steel plant, Pennsylvania, casualties
US teen influencer has been stranded in the Chilean Antarctic since landing without permission	International / Travel	"Let me be crystal clear: Crime in D.C. is ending and ending today. We are going to use every power we have to fight criminals here," Bonds said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-tropical-storm-erin-likely-to-be-3	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 hurricane, Tropical Storm Erin, weather
Reusable menstrual products gain popularity as eco-friendly alternatives	Health / Environment	There are many places that they can go, and we're going to help them as much as you can help. But they'll not be allowed to turn our capital into a wasteland for the world to see. Trump said during a press briefing on Monday while announcing plans for the federal government to take over the D.C. police department and deploy National Guard troops in D.C.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-nearly-200k-in-new-jersey-still-10	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 New Jersey, water main break, boil water advisory
Trump's DC police takeover echoes history of racist narratives about crime	Politics / Civil Rights	Two people have died and 10 are injured following an explosion at a Pennsylvania steel plant on Monday, Allegheny County police said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-us-teen-influencer-has-been-st-108	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 Antarctica, influencer, travel
When the next recession hits, whoever is president will face intense pressure to cut tariffs	Economy / Trade	The incident at the U.S. Steel Clairton Coke Works plant in Clairton, about 15 miles outside of Pittsburgh, trapped people under rubble, prompting a rescue operation, according to Allegheny County officials.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-reusable-menstrual-products-ga-110	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 menstrual products, sustainability, health
The price premium on new-construction homes is dissolving. New home prices dropped 6.3% of large U.S. cities last quarter	Economy / Housing	Of those injured, five are in critical but stable condition and five were taken to the hospital, treated and released, according to officials.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-trump-s-dc-police-takeover-ech-108	https://abcnews.c	2025-08-12 Trump, DC, racism, crime
Trump hikes tariffs despite economic warning signs	Economy / Trade	Tropical Storm Erin is forecast to strengthen into the first hurricane of the Atlantic season by Wednesday and could become a major Category 3 hurricane by the weekend.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-when-the-next-recession-hits-w-60	https://finance.ny	2025-08-12 economy, tariffs, recession
Trump Tax Law Squeezes Poor, Boosts Income for Wealthy, CEO Says	Economy / Policy	Residents in a northern New Jersey city grew more frustrated Monday as they endured a fourth day with little or no water service following a water main break. Some were relying on portable showers and toilets to meet their basic needs.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-the-price-premium-on-new-const-68	https://finance.ny	2025-08-12 housing, real estate, economy
Citing 'Emergency' Trump Puts Washington, D.C. Police Under Federal Control and Deploys National Guard	Politics / Trump Administration	But officials in Paterson – the state's third-largest city – said some relief should arrive by Tuesday night.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-cling-emergency-trump-pulls-wa-84	https://time.com	2025-08-12 Trump, tax, law, CBO, inequality
Here is Where Trump Has Deployed Troops in the U.S.	Politics / Trump Administration	The problems began Friday when a 30-inch, 140-year-old water main broke. Some residents have had no water service since and thousands are dealing with extremely low water pressure.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-china-s-call-halts-lithium-pro-92	https://www.fox-2	2025-08-12 Israel, Gaza, journalists, Anas al-Sharif
Anas al-Sharif among Palestinian journalists killed by Israeli strikes	International / Conflict	What was intended as a fundraising mission for cancer research has become a nightmare for American teen influencer Ethan Guo, who has been stuck since June in a remote location in Chilean territory in Antarctica.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug12-trump-admin-claims-social-sect-97	https://www.fox-2	2025-08-12 CATL, lithium, EV, stocks
China's CATL halts lithium production, triggering stock jumps	Economy / Energy	Authorities say Guo landed his small plane illegally after providing false flight plan information to officials who opened an investigation.			
Trump admin claims Social Security, Medicare at risk if tariffs blocked	Economy / Politics	The flexible discs and other reusable menstrual products are gaining traction as alternatives to the billions of single-use pads and tampons that get tossed into landfills every year. Products such as the discs, silicone cups and period underwear can be reused for years, so they're cost-effective and long-lasting in addition to helping people reduce waste. The popularity of the reusable alternatives has grown since the pandemic, when it was easier to experiment with period products in the privacy of a home bathroom, according to women's health experts.			
		About 12 billion disposable pads and 7 billion tampons go into U.S. landfills every year, according to Dr. Luvani Semere, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara. Pads are mostly plastic. Once they're in the landfill, they take up to 800 years to degrade, according to the National Institutes of Health.			
		Even as district officials questioned the claims underlying his emergency declaration, the president promised a "historic action" to rescue our nation's capital from crime, bloodshed, bedlam and squalor and worse." His rhetoric echoed that used by conservative politicians going back decades who have denounced American cities, especially those with majority non-white populations or led by progressive politicians, as lawless or crime-ridden and in need of outside intervention.			
		But for many residents, the prospect of federal troops surging into the district's neighborhoods represents an alarming violation of local agency. To some, it echoes uncomfortable historical chapters when politicians used language to paint historically or predominantly Black cities and neighborhoods with racist narratives to shape public opinion and justify aggressive police action.			
		President Donald Trump's tariffs are generating revenue for the federal government at an annual rate of about \$300 billion. While that sounds like a promising source of funding, tariffs went into effect with the stroke of a pen, and they can go away with one, too. And in the next recession, there will be calls for tariff relief to help consumers, Moody's Analytics chief economist Mark Zand said.			
		Housing costs have surged more than 50% since the pandemic, but the traditional price gap where new-construction homes cost significantly more than existing homes has narrowed. There are notable price drops and incentives, especially in the South and West, making new homes more affordable. Furthermore, new homes often provide better value per square foot, and builders tend to offer incentives.			
		The data shows employers "have all but stopped new hiring," and without the health-care sector, which is shielded from economic headwinds, we'd have lost 100,000 jobs. And while Trump touts the "rebirth of U.S. manufacturing," the sector has lost jobs for three straight months. Exactly how tariffs have affected the jobs market isn't clear, the same can be said for the impact of Trump's crackdown on migrant workers. But the whipsawing uncertainty generated by both "has surely affected business hiring and investment."			
		President Donald Trump's tax and spending law will deal a financial blow to the poorest Americans while boosting the net income of wealthier households, according to a new analysis from the Congressional Budget Office.			
		Trump said he declared a public safety emergency and invoked section 740 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, which gives the President of the United States the authority to commandeer DC's Police Department in "conditions of an emergency nature." Attorney General Pam Bondi is now in charge of the Metropolitan Police Department, he said.			
		"It's time for dramatic action," Trump said at a press conference that stretched to over an hour as he took questions on a wide range of topics. He did not specify how long the federal takeover of D.C. would last, though the executive order signed on Monday declared the Administration would take over D.C. law enforcement "for the maximum period permitted" under the Home Rule Act, which is up to 30 days unless Congress authorizes an extension.			
		Though Trump based on D.C., he also hinted that the capital city is just the beginning, mentioning New York City, Baltimore, and Oakland—cities in which he has much less jurisdiction.			
		Typically, the President would need Congressional approval for defense areas and the creation of essentially a 170-mile military installation, but the President's Day One declaration of a national emergency on the southern border in an Executive Order allowed him to sidestep this formalization.			
		At least 242 Palestinian journalists have been killed in Gaza since October 7, 2023, according to the United Nations.			
		Israel's military strikes and blocking of aid from Gaza have killed over 60,000 Palestinians, press advocates and experts calling it the deadliest conflict for journalists in recent history.			
		A global glut of lithium prompted a Chinese battery company to suspend production at a massive mine, triggering a rise in commodity prices and a jump in stock prices of lithium companies.			
		The Trump administration on Monday told a federal appellate court that overturning the president's tariffs could lead to a 1929-style depression that would endanger federal benefits like Social Security and Medicare.			
		The letter from Solicitor General D. John Sauer and assistant attorney general Brett Shumate claims the U.S. would be on the hook to repay trillions of dollars it hasn't actually been paid, from deals that haven't yet been fully signed.			

Trump names Heritage's E.J. Antoni to lead Bureau of Labor Statistics	Politics / Trump Administration	President Trump on Monday said he will nominate Heritage Foundation economist E.J. Antoni to lead the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Economists worry that Trump aims to politicize the agency, which publishes crucial, market-moving data on employment and inflation. Expect Antoni to face huge questions about how he will handle economic data that displeases Trump — a situation that caused the president to fire former BLS commissioner Erika McInerlin in early August.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-trump-names-heritage-s-e-j-ant-26	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/trump-nominate-ej-antoni-lead-bureau-labor-statistics/12744444	2025/08/12	Trump, BLS, E.J. Antoni, jobs data
Inside Ford's decision to double down on electric vehicles	Business / Energy	Ford's decision to invest \$5 billion in a new family of electric vehicles might seem crazy at this point, given how much the political winds have shifted against EVs since President Trump took office. More and more mainstream car buyers can't afford to buy a new Ford, which sells for an average of \$56,000. It's not just Ford, of course. The entire industry is facing an affordability crisis. At the same time, Chinese carmakers have figured out how to make inexpensive, high-quality, digitally advanced EVs, and they're quickly taking over the world. It's only a matter of time before those Chinese cars arrive in the U.S.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-inside-ford-s-decision-to-double-21	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/ford-decides-to-double-down-on-electric-vehicles/12744444	2025/08/12	Ford, EVs, electric vehicles, energy
FDA says IV fluid shortage from hurricane is over	Health / Infrastructure	The nationwide shortage of critical intravenous saline fluid triggered by Hurricane Helene is over, though some other injectable solutions remain in shortage almost a year after the storm, the Food and Drug Administration said. FDA commissioner Marty Makary said in a statement on Friday that sodium chloride 0.9% injection products have been removed from the agency's list of current shortages. Companies including Fresenius and B. Braun Medical built up production during Baxter's downtime, HealthCares reported. For other IV fluids still in shortage, the FDA is working closely with manufacturers and monitoring the supply to ensure patients have access, Makary said. Saline, dextrose and sterile water fluids are widely used in hospitals to administer drugs like chemotherapy, treat infections and keep patients hydrated.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-fda-says-iv-fluid-shortage-is-over-24	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/fda-says-iv-fluid-shortage-is-over/12744444	2025/08/12	FDA, IV fluid, shortage, hurricane
These industries are the most reliant on noncitizen workers	Economy / Labor	The U.S. construction, agriculture/mining and accommodation/food services industries have the greatest shares of foreign-born noncitizen workers, per census data. Foreign-born noncitizens — including those who are legal residents or have work visas — make up 8.3% of the country's civilian workforce age 16 and older, based on a 2019-2023 average of U.S. Census Bureau estimates.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-these-industries-are-the-most-20	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/these-industries-are-the-most-reliant-on-noncitizen-workers/12744444	2025/08/12	labor, noncitizen workers, economy
Being stalked raised women's risk of heart disease	Health	Women who reported being stalked or who obtained a restraining order were likelier to experience a heart attack or stroke over the ensuing 20 years than those who didn't report such events, according to new research.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-being-stalked-raised-women-s-r-23	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/being-stalked-raised-women-s-risk-of-heart-disease/12744444	2025/08/12	stalking, women's health, heart disease
Inside Trump's power play for more control in D.C.	Constitutional Crisis	Trump has long criticized D.C.'s management and sought more federal control of the city during the Black Lives Matter protests in 2020. He showed Monday that his desire to score political points in the Democrat-run city — and dramatically exaggerate its problems — is very much alive. White House insiders said Trump's move also was prompted by his anger at seeing pictures of a wounded Edward Coristine, a former DOGE staffer known as "Big Balls" who was beaten and bloodied last week by a group of youths on a D.C. street. "When he saw a report on Fox about how bad I was in D.C., that was the final straw," one Trump adviser said. "He said he wanted it done. So we scrambled and got it done."	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-inside-trump-s-power-play-for-18	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/inside-trump-s-power-play-for-more-control-in-dc/12744444	2025/08/12	Trump, DC, power grab, politics
DC swells with law enforcement amid Trump 'crime emergency': Photos	Politics / Trump Administration	Violent crime is declining in D.C. — not rising, as President Trump claimed on Monday. D.C. crime hit a 30-year low in 2024, according to a Justice Department statement in January — down 35% from the city's 2023 crime wave. And for the first half of 2025, violent crime has dropped in all categories in Washington, according to new data from Major Cities Chiefs Association, an organization of law enforcement executives. Violent crime is down 29% from this time in 2024, per city police data. Zoom in: Carjackings, which surged in D.C. post-COVID, are down 37% this year — despite Trump's claims they "tripled."	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-dc-swells-with-law-enforcement-22	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/dc-swells-with-law-enforcement-amid-trump-crime-emergency/12744444	2025/08/12	Trump, DC, law enforcement, National Guard
Trump's DC crime claims don't match the data	Politics / Fact Check	Homicides are down 12% year-over-year, with 98 so far in 2025, per MPD. Though homicides are trending higher than a decade ago. The National Hurricane Center predicts that the storm will become the first hurricane of the season by Thursday. The forecast continues to show the storm strengthening into a major hurricane by next weekend.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-trump-s-dc-crime-claims-don-t-28	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/trump-s-dc-crime-claims-don-t-match-the-data/12744444	2025/08/12	Trump, DC, crime rates, fact check
Will Tropical Storm Erin impact South Florida? Here's the system's projected path.	Climate / Weather	Even though the forecast models indicate a turn to the north, there is uncertainty about where and when that turn will occur. This will play a significant role in any potential impacts that Erin may have on the islands, Bermuda, and the east coast of the U.S. Hospitals have been gradually buying up smaller physician practices, driving up the cost of care for patients without always increasing the quality of care, a new report has found.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-will-tropical-storm-erin-impact-86	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/will-tropical-storm-erin-impact-south-florida/12744444	2025/08/12	Tropical Storm Erin, hurricane, Florida
Hospitals are buying up doctors' offices - and it could have a big impact on your bill	Health / Business	From 2008 to 2016, the number of physicians acquired by hospitals increased nearly 72 percent. By the end of that period, nearly half or 47.2 percent of physician practices were owned by a hospital, the study found. In nearly all instances, this was followed by "significant and sudden" price hikes — with no noticeable change in the quality of care received, the study found.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-hospitals-are-buying-up-doctors-113	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/hospitals-are-buying-up-doctors-offices-and-it-could-have-a-big-impact-on-your-bill/12744444	2025/08/12	hospitals, private practices, health care costs
3 people killed in parking lot of North Austin Target	Crime	Three people have died in a shooting in the parking lot of a Target at 8601 Research Boulevard in North Austin, Austin Police said. A suspect is in custody. Davis said the suspect fled the area in a stolen vehicle, crashed the vehicle and hijacked a second car before being tased and arrested by police in South Austin.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-3-people-killed-in-parking-lot-38	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/3-people-killed-in-parking-lot-of-north-austin-target/12744444	2025/08/12	Austin, Texas, shooting, Target
Trump's mass deportation campaign may lay waste to the Bill of Rights	Borders and Immigration	The suspect is a 32-year-old white man who has a history of mental health issues. Davis said the suspect "has a rap sheet" with the department and has been placed in emergency detention holds. According to Travis County, officials can place people in these emergency holds at psychiatric facilities when there is evidence of "imminent, substantial risk of serious harm to self or others." The data was obtained from ICE via a Freedom of Information Act request by the Deportation Data Project — a nonpartisan project headed by a law professor at Berkeley. It gives detailed information on each person arrested by DHS as of June 26. It shows DHS took down 15,000 people on the streets without any criminal history or removal orders since Inauguration Day. But in June alone, the figure was 7,000 — 90% were Latin American immigrants. There was a jump in these arrests immediately in January, but the recent shift has taken the operation to a whole new level. In June, one in five DHS immigration arrests targeted a Latino on the streets who had no criminal past nor a removal order against them.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-trump-s-mass-deportation-campa-16	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/trump-s-mass-deportation-campaign-may-lay-waste-to-the-bill-of-rights/12744444	2025/08/12	Trump, deportation, Bill of Rights, ICE
U.S. allies think twice about buying F-35s in response to Trump's antics	Economy-Trade	The Trump administration recently let Swiss officials know that the cost of the planes will be more than previously estimated. The White House soon after hit Switzerland with harsh trade tariffs. As Politico reported, the developments are not sitting well in Bern. An order for 36 F-35 jets may become a casualty of Donald Trump's trade war against Switzerland as political opposition to the multibillion-franc defense deal surges in Bern. The backlash follows the U.S. president's decision to hit Swiss exports with a 39 percent tariff — the highest levied on any developed country and more than double the rate imposed on the European Union. In fairness, it's worth emphasizing that Switzerland hasn't canceled its investment, but there is an effort underway in the Swiss Parliament to end the order.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-u-s-allies-think-twice-about-f-14	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/u-s-allies-think-twice-about-buying-f-35s-in-response-to-trump-s-antics/12744444	2025/08/12	F-35, US allies, military sales, Trump
ICE is now the highest-funded law enforcement agency. That's bad news for our democracy.	Borders and Immigration	Superman, literally an undocumented alien — like an actual alien from outer space — is now an ICE agent. You can't make this stuff up. The only real requirements to becoming an ICE agent these days seem to be a beating heart and an alignment with Trump's deportation crackdown. It's almost like the president is building an army of sycophants — and he has the money to do it. Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act set aside nearly \$170 billion for immigration enforcement and border security efforts, including \$75 billion in extra funding for ICE specifically, making ICE the highest-funded law enforcement agency in the federal government.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-ice-is-now-the-highest-funded-15	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/ice-is-now-the-highest-funded-law-enforcement-agency/12744444	2025/08/12	ICE, funding, law enforcement, democracy
Under water: How FEMA's outdated flood maps incentivize a system in which risk is negotiable	Climate / Policy	Just to put this into perspective: ICE now receives more funds and resources than most national militaries. It's rapidly becoming the nation's largest domestic police force, its size and power doubling that of the FBI. It seems like the Trump administration is building up ICE to be an alternative force that's bigger, more politically loyal, unnumbered by standards and largely shielded from democratic accountability.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-fema-s-outdated-flood-maps-89	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/under-water-how-fema-s-outdated-flood-maps-incentivize-a-system-in-which-risk-is-negotiable/12744444	2025/08/12	FEMA, flood maps, climate policy
Trump says he will 'flee' out Putin on ending Ukraine war	International / Diplomacy	A review of documents related to Camp Mystic — from county floodplain development records, an engineering study, FEMA flood map determinations and federal flood insurance studies — offers a window into a process that experts say plays out for thousands of properties each year, quietly shrinking the footprint of the nation's flood risk on paper, even as climate change makes flooding a more severe threat on the ground. The trail of documents from Camp Mystic details the ease with which property owners can remove how the federal government assigns flood risk. And they spotlight a national issue relevant beyond Texas: In some areas, FEMA's main tool for assessing flood risk is stuck in time. President Trump said on Monday that he plans to use a Friday summit in Alaska to gauge whether Russian President Vladimir Putin is ready to end his war on Ukraine — and said he'd been disappointed in the past with Putin's actions. "This is really a feel-out meeting, a little bit," Trump told reporters, predicting he would know "probably in the first two minutes" whether a deal would be possible.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-trump-says-he-will-flee-out-putin-41	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/trump-says-he-will-flee-out-putin-on-ending-ukraine-war/12744444	2025/08/12	Trump, Putin, Ukraine, diplomacy
Boston Public Library aims to increase access to a vast historic archive using AI	Technology / AI	"I may say, 'Lots of luck, keep fighting.' Or I may say, 'We can make a deal,'" Trump said. Boston Public Library, one of the oldest and largest public library systems in the country, is launching a project this summer with OpenAI and Harvard Law School to make its trove of historically significant government documents more accessible to the public. Currently, members of the public who want to access these documents must show up in person. The project will enhance the metadata of each document and will enable users to search and cross-reference entire texts from anywhere in the world.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-boston-public-library-aims-to-42	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/boston-public-library-aims-to-increase-access-to-historic-archive-using-ai/12744444	2025/08/12	Boston Public Library, AI, archives
Judge denies release of Chisline Maxwell grand jury transcripts	Crime / Legal	A federal judge in Manhattan on Monday rejected the Trump administration's request to release grand jury transcripts from the Justice Department investigation into convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein's longtime confidant Chisline Maxwell. Decades of use and research have shown that hormonal birth control, such as oral contraceptives, IUDs, patches, injections and implants, is safe and effective at avoiding pregnancy.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-judge-denies-release-of-ghisla-43	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/judge-denies-release-of-chisline-maxwell-grand-jury-transcripts/12744444	2025/08/12	Chisline Maxwell, Epstein, legal, court ruling
What's the deal with claims that birth control is harmful?	Health / Reproductive Rights	Experts warn cycle tracking can lead to a false sense of security when it comes to preventing pregnancy, as it's difficult to predict fertility accurately. One study showed an 8% to 9% failure rate among users of one app to avoid pregnancy. (Hormonal birth control methods have a failure rate of less than 1%, when used correctly) Complaints about birth control get conflated with another, real issue — that women often feel overlooked in medical settings, says Pfender. Posts that underscore "disfranchised medical experiences that involve being silenced or ignored as a woman," get a lot of attention, she says. In recent months, immigrants working in manufacturing, food production and other industries have lost their jobs due to President Trump's immigration policies — not as a result of immigration raids, but because Trump ended Biden-era programs that had provided them temporary permission to remain in the U.S. and get jobs. Those affected include more than a half-million immigrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela who had been granted humanitarian parole for two years through a program known as CHNV — an acronym for the countries it covered. The changes also affect close to 1 million immigrants who were allowed into the U.S. after securing appointments at the U.S.-Mexico border via a U.S. government app.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-what-s-the-deal-with-claims-th-36	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/whats-the-deal-with-claims-that-birth-control-is-harmful/12744444	2025/08/12	birth control, reproductive rights, health misinformation
Factories from GE Appliances to Kraft Heinz lose immigrant workers	Economy / Labor	Those programs were part of Biden's efforts to create a safe, orderly process at the border for those fleeing war, violence or political unrest. The Trump administration says they achieved the opposite.	https://ttn.tiny.us/avg12-factories-from-ge-appliances-to-33	https://www.abc.com/news/2025-08-12/factories-from-ge-appliances-to-kraft-heinz-lose-immigrant-workers/12744444	2025/08/12	immigration, labor, GE, Kraft Heinz

		A formal recognition will be made at the United Nations General Assembly next month, where "Australia will recognize the right of the Palestinian people to a state of their own predicated on the commitments Australia has received from the Palestinian Authority," Abanese said at a press conference. On Monday, New Zealand's Foreign Minister Winston Peters said his country was also considering recognizing a Palestinian state, and would make a decision at a cabinet meeting in September. Regrettably, after the Post got finished showing "what the data shows," someone (I'd bet an editor) added this sentence: "Not captured in statistics, though, is the grief, pain and shattered sense of safety that follow each crime." Oh, please. In the context of an imminent and deeply troubling federal takeover of the city's police force, I put that statement somewhere between rationalization and abject surrender. Similarly craven was the Post's subsequent framing of the matter as a dispute between a president who thinks violent crime is going up and a D.C. mayor who thinks it's going down. Mayor Muriel Bowser doesn't think it's going down. It's going down.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-australia-to-recognize-palest-78	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html		
Australia to recognize Palestinian state, leaving US increasingly isolated among key allies	International / Diplomacy				2025/08/12	Australia, Palestine, diplomacy
		The real "crime," bedlam, and "squalor" engulfing the capital emanate not from D.C.'s not especially mean streets but from the White House itself. Don't let's forget that the president was convicted a mere 15 months ago on 34 felony counts of fraud related to the 2016 election; in January, the judge in that case sentenced Trump to something called an "unconditional discharge" that allowed Trump's crimes to go unpunished. That sort of résumé would make most of us reluctant to evince publicly against lawbreaking impunity. Not Trump.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-the-biggest-crime-in-d-c-is-72	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html		
The Biggest Criminal in D.C. Right Now Is Trump	Politics / Opinion	"The number of car thefts has doubled over the past five years, and the number of carjackings has more than tripled," Trump said Monday, contradicting figures that the U.S. attorney released earlier this year showing a downward trajectory for these crimes. Car thefts were even year over year, and armed carjackings are down 53 percent.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-d-c-police-put-under-federal-c-80	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Trump, opinion, DC
		From the White House podium, Trump alluded to the idea that police will be emboldened by the changes. "They love to spit in the face of the police as the police are standing up there in uniform," he said, apparently referring to protesters. "The police are standing and they're told, 'Don't do anything under any circumstances.' And you can see they want to get it at it. And they're standing there and people are spilling in their face, and they're not allowed to do anything. But now they are allowed to do whatever the hell they want."	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-the-drug-can-turn-your-blood-79	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Trump, DC police, federal control
D.C. Police Put Under Federal Control, Are Now 'Allowed to Do Whatever the Hell They Want'	Politics / Trump Administration	Mosquitoes may have just met their match: A prescription drug already used to treat a rare genetic disease in humans can make a person's blood poisonous to insecticide-resistant, malaria-carrying mosquitoes. New research published on July 31, 2025, in Parasites & Vectors found that the same drug, rifsonine, can even kill mosquitoes that simply land on a surface sprayed with the chemical.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-hegseth-a-cart-on-d-c-takeover-52	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	mosquito, drug, health science
This drug can turn your blood into mosquito poison	Weird World	Monday marked the beginning of a three-day trial in which California making the case that Hegseth and the Trump administration violated the Posse Comitatus Act—an 1878 federal law forbidding the use of the military for civilian law enforcement purposes—during its crackdown on L.A. protests against its immigration agenda. During a Monday press conference on Trump's federal takeover of D.C., Hegseth announced that the National Guard will be "flowing into the streets of Washington in the coming weeks" and that "there are other units we are prepared to bring in—other National Guard units, other specialized units." "They will be strong, they will be tough, and they will stand with their law enforcement partners," Hegseth said. And "this is nothing new for DOD," he added. "In Los Angeles, we did the same thing, working with the California National Guard, working with ICE officers."	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-hegseth-threatens-another-civil-war-56	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Trump, DC takeover, Hegseth
Hegseth's Rant on D.C. Takeover Turned Into Evidence Against Trump Hegseth Threatens Another Civil War to Defend 'Proud' Confederate History	Politics / Trump Administration Extremism	Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has vowed not to back down from celebrating America's "proud" Confederate history. For two months, several Democratic members of Congress have been unable to enter a downtown L.A. processing center run by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, prompting widespread complaints and a federal lawsuit. On Monday, the Congress members got their first look at the basement facility known as B-18. But Reps. Brad Sherman, Judy Chu and Jimmy Gomez said that they were left with more questions than answers — and accused the government of sanitizing the center. "They wanted to show us nothing," said Gomez, whose district includes downtown L.A. "It was nothing, it was like no one was there. It was deliberate so members of Congress cannot conduct oversight."	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-ice-processing-center-is-all-but-68	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Hegseth, civil war, Confederate history
ICE processing center is all but empty when California Congress members arrive to inspect	Borders and Immigration	"This is a tragic emergency, and it's embarrassing for me to be up here," Trump told reporters. "You know, I'm going to see Putin. I'm going to Russia on Friday. I don't like being up here, talking about how unsafe and how dirty and disgusting this once-beautiful capital [is]." Trump is not going to Russia, but rather to Alaska to meet with Putin. He is set to meet with the Russian president to discuss bringing an end to the war in Ukraine that Russia initiated when it invaded the sovereign nation in February 2022.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-m-going-to-russia-trump-appears-to-forget-alaska-is-in-us-as-he-frets-over-facing-putin	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	ICE, immigration, California
'I'm going to Russia': Trump appears to forget Alaska is in US as he frets over facing Putin	Politics / Gaffes	The document does not set a timeline for the guard's deployment, only noting that their mobilization and duration of duty "shall remain in effect until [Trump determines] that conditions of law and order have been restored in the District of Columbia."	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-national-guard-to-deploy-in-dc-65	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Trump, Alaska, gaffe
National Guard to deploy in DC: What to know	Politics / Trump Administration	As of last month, there is no one left in the White House whose sole job is to keep the nation safe from biological threats. The leader of the National Security Council's biosecurity directorate recently resigned. His staff had been pushed out, and his unit is now defunct. The Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy, established by Congress in 2022, has devolved from a staff of about 20 under President Joe Biden to a staff of zero.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-no-one-to-keep-the-white-house-know-71	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Trump, DC, National Guard
		In Trump's second term, his team has fired thousands of public-health experts at the CDC, the FDA, and other agencies. It has canceled investments in safeguards against pandemic influenza, undermined confidence in vaccines, and cut funding for potential future outbreaks. It killed USAID and is scaling down the CDC's global role, canceling many of the programs that maintained ties to countries where disease outbreaks occur. It has withdrawn the U.S. from the World Health Organization, and it has created confusion about who in the U.S. government is in charge of the system for tracking deadly biothreats, whether naturally occurring, accidental, or deliberate.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-m-going-to-russia-trump-appears-to-forget-alaska-is-in-us-as-he-frets-over-facing-putin	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Ebola, public health, White House
No One in the White House Knows How to Stop Ebola	Health / Public Safety	Her order bears striking similarities to President Donald Trump's first term, when then Attorney General Bill Barr alleged that "government power was used to spy on American citizens." Barr had earlier told Durham to lead what became a four-year probe that faulted the FBI for numerous abuses launching and carrying out its investigation of Trump and Russia.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-pam-bond-has-a-new-probe-info-54	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Pam Bondi, 2016 election, Russia
Pam Bondi has a new probe into the handling of 2016 Russian meddling	Politics / Investigations	It wasn't just 2024: the Teamsters General President Sean O'Brien is signaling a more permanent realignment by donating to battleground Republicans in the upcoming midterms. For the second year in a row, the labor union's political arm donated to the Republicans' House campaign arm after nearly two decades of mostly backing Democrats. The labor union's D.R.I.V.E. political action committee — Democrat, Republican, Independent Voter Education — gave the National Republican Congressional Committee \$5,000 in the second quarter.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-teamsters-give-money-info-gov-70	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Teamsters, GOP, labor
Teamsters pour money into GOP, shifting away from Dems	Politics / Labor	Working for the famously impatient President Donald Trump in one top job is hard enough. Imagine the uncomfortable position Trump's new interim federal police commissioner finds himself in. As part of his extraordinary Aug. 11 federal takeover of law enforcement in the nation's capital, Trump tapped his newly confirmed Drug Enforcement Administration chief Terrence "Terry" Cole to also head one of the nation's largest and most dysfunctional police departments as part of a broader Justice Department takeover.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-think-it-s-hard-working-for-him-75	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Teamsters, GOP, labor
Think it's hard working for Trump? Try running the DEA and the DC police	Politics / Trump Administration Police	While every city in America could be cleaner, Trump's version of "beautification" is forcibly removing homeless people, so he doesn't have to see them on his way to go play golf. "Of course, we will not give Russia any awards for what it has done. The Ukrainian people deserve peace," he said, adding that "all partners" must understand peace and that "Ukrainians will not give their land to an occupier." Trump said he was perturbed by the Ukrainian leader's resistance.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-trump-planned-d-c-takeover-bec-57	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Trump, DEA, DC police
Trump Planned D.C. Takeover Because He Hated Route to His Golf Course	Politics / Trump Administration	"I was a little bothered by the fact that Zelensky was saying, 'Well, I have to get constitutional approval.' I mean, he's got approval to go into war and kill everybody, but he needs approval to do a land swap — because there'll be some land swapping going on," Trump said.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-trump-knocks-zelensky-for-real-51	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Trump, DC takeover, golf
Trump knocks Zelensky for resisting 'land swap' with Russia	International / Diplomacy	President Donald Trump has named a Project 2025 architect to replace the labor statistics chief he fired earlier this month after receiving a disappointing jobs report.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-trump-picks-project-2025-master-50	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Trump, Zelensky, Ukraine, Russia
Trump Picks Project 2025 Mastermind to Be Put in Charge of Stats	Politics / Trump Administration	Antoni, who contributed to the Heritage Foundation's controversial Project 2025 initiative, had the backing of MAGA hardliners, including Steve Bannon. As a longtime skeptic of BLS data, Antoni is in step with Trump's line of attack on the agency.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-trump-plots-crackdown-after-seeing-homeless-people-on-the-road-to-his-golf-course	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Trump, Project 2025, statistics
Trump Plots Crackdown After Seeing Homeless People on the Road to His Golf Course	Politics / Trump Administration	Donald Trump vowed a headline crackdown on homeless people living in Washington, D.C., after seeing people camping out on the route to his golf course, according to a report. The Trump administration has claimed that those who "self-deport" now will get the chance to reenter the U.S. later. ("Self-deport" is not a legal term; two Mexican American statisticians invented it over 30 years ago.) But leaving the country without following specific legal procedures could make it far more difficult to return — and the administration has consistently failed to inform people in immigration proceedings of crucial details that could affect their future cases.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-trump-has-a-powerful-strategy-53	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Trump, homelessness, golf
Trump Has A Powerful Strategy To Get Immigrants To 'Give Up'	Borders and Immigration	In his first term, President Donald Trump spun alternative realities. In his second, he's making everyone live in them. Trump's Washington, DC, crackdown sits well within another trend of an increasingly authoritarian second term — his desire to militarize civilian functions of the government and law enforcement. He sent thousands of active-duty troops to the southern border. He deployed National Guard troops and US Marines to Los Angeles after unrest over immigration raids. Trump's call for extreme solutions that only a strongman like him can provide is the kind of extremism that worried the Founders more than 250 years ago. Alexander Hamilton wrote in Federalist 1, for instance, that history showed leaders who overthrew liberty did so by "commencing demagogues, and ending tyrants."	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-trump-a-tax-law-will-mostly-benefit-the-rich-50	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Trump, tax law, CBO, inequality
Trump's Washington, DC, crackdown is a political stunt. But it could take a much darker turn	Politics / Trump Administration	President Donald Trump's tax and spending law will result in less income for the poorest Americans while sending money to the richest, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office reported Monday. The CBO estimates that the 10% of poorest Americans will lose roughly \$1,200 a year as they experience restrictions on government programs like Medicaid and food assistance, while the richest 10% of Americans will see their income increase by \$13,600 from tax cuts. Overall, American households will see more income from the tax cuts in the legislation, including middle income households, but the largest benefit will go to the top 10% of earners. But the government can revoke the citizenship of naturalized, foreign-born Americans—who make up more than 7% of the population, about 25 million people—through a legal process known as denaturalization, which returns them to the immigration status they held before naturalizing. At that point, deportation proceedings can begin. And in June, the Justice Department said its Civil Division had been directed by Trump to "maximally pursue denaturalization proceedings in all cases permitted by law and supported by the evidence."	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-zelensky-rejects-trump-s-suggest-53	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Trump, citizenship, immigration
Unmaking Americans: Trump aims to revoke citizenship	Borders and Immigration	"Any decisions made against us, any decisions made without Ukraine, are at the same time decisions against peace. They will bring nothing. These are dead decisions, they will never work," Zelensky said in a video address. He added that Ukraine "will not give Russia any awards for what it has done."	https://thn.tiny.us/aug12-tropical-storm-erin-tracker-67	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Zelensky, Trump, Ukraine, Russia
Zelensky Rejects Trump's Suggestion of Ceding Territory	International / Diplomacy	Tropical Storm Erin is likely to become the first hurricane of the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season, and a major one at that, according to forecasters at the National Hurricane Center. Erin formed in the eastern Atlantic Ocean on Monday and is projected to move west. During the course of this week, it's expected to strengthen. The NHC said it's still "too early" to determine what sort of impacts Erin could have, if any, to the U.S. East Coast, Bermuda or the northern Leeward Islands, but added that now is a good time to make sure preparedness plans are in place.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug13-2025-pale-hegseth-doug	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Tropical Storm Erin, hurricane, weather
Tropical Storm Erin tracker: Forecast to strengthen into 1st Atlantic hurricane of 2025 by this weekend	Climate / Weather	The discussion of 19th Amendment rights was part of a news segment focused on Doug Wilson — a self-proclaimed Christian nationalist pastor based in Idaho — that was reported to X by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. The secretary is among Wilson's supporters, and his involvement with Wilson's denormalization highlights how a fringe conservative evangelical Christian belief system that questions women's right to vote is gaining more traction in the Republican Party. "Why the eye-popping penalty? Because the speaker: a repeat offender, is one of Switzerland's wealthiest people, and the Vaud canton, or region, serves up fines based on factors like income, fortune or general family financial situation."	https://thn.tiny.us/aug13-international-assembly-borned-in-na-na	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Woman's suffrage, far right, democracy, voting right
Who's questioning women's right to vote?	Democracy & Voting Rights	Torrential rains have forced Mexico City's main airport to shut down flights for hours for the second consecutive day, stirring chaos in one of Latin America's busiest airports. The flight disruptions come as the Mexican capital experiences one of its heaviest rainy seasons in years, leading to constant flooding in other parts of the city.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug13-international-assembly-borned-in-na-na	https://www.yahoo.com/news/australia-recognize-palestine-120000788.html	2025/08/12	Weird World, speeding fine, Switzerland
Driver faces up to \$110,000 in fines for speeding	Weird World				2025/08/12	Mexico City, flooding, travel disruption
Torrential rains shut down flights at Mexico City airport for second day	Climate / Disasters				August 13, 2025	

		National Guard troops called on to active-duty by President Donald Trump arrived at the footsteps of the Washington Monument on Tuesday as part of his plan to address what he insists is "out of control" crime in the nation's capital. "That's part of our assignment – to go to the national monuments and be present," he told ABC News. The deployment of troops on U.S. soil is legal to an extent, with the president holding the power to wrangle service members in times of extraordinary crisis. But their duties are also limited to protecting federal personnel and federal property unless the president declares an insurrection, which he has not done. It was not immediately clear why the presence of U.S. troops along the National Mall was needed, other than to put Trump's orders on display. The area, marked by museums, monuments and long stretches of grass, is known as a relatively safe part of the city that attracts mostly tourists and school groups. Texas House Democrats who left the state to prevent a vote on new congressional maps will return to Texas, feeling they have accomplished their mission of killing the first special session, raising awareness and sparking national backlash about the mid-decade redistricting, multiple sources confirmed to ABC station KTRK and ABC News on Tuesday. The White House plans to conduct a wide-ranging review of the Smithsonian Institution's museum exhibitions, materials and operations ahead of America's 250th anniversary next year to ensure the museums align with President Donald Trump's view of American history, a White House official confirmed to ABC News. Roughly nine hours after President Donald Trump declared a public safety emergency in Washington, D.C., and took control of the city's police force, a 33-year-old man was shot and killed in Logan Circle, less than a mile from the White House, officials said. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Susan Monarez sent a note to the company's more than 10,000 employees Tuesday afternoon, directly blaming the role of the promotion of misinformation in the deadly shooting at the CDC. During a news conference, Chris Hoesy, director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), said almost 500 shell casings were recovered. Of those rounds, about 200 struck facilities on the CDC campus. It's unclear how many came from the gunman and how many came from law enforcement exchanging gunfire. The country's largest private prison companies are reporting significant profits amid an aggressive push by the Trump administration to increase immigration arrests and deportations. During earnings calls last week, executives with the firms Geo Group and CoreCivic announced an increase in revenue from new and current contracts with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and discussed their plans to expand their businesses to meet the administration's demands. A train that may be carrying hazardous materials derailed in Palo Pinto County, Texas, on Tuesday, according to local officials. Union Pacific said no one was injured in the derailment.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-police-guard-members-waiting	https://abcnews.com/news/40467466/national-guard-dc-political-crisis	August 13, 2025	National Guard, DC, political crisis
Guard members waiting for orders as they begin to gather in DC	Constitutional Crisis					
Texas Democrats to return after governor ends special session that included redistricting, sources say	Politics		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-politics-texas-democrats-return	https://abcnews.com/news/40467466/texas-politics-restricting-special-session	August 13, 2025	Texas politics, redistricting, special session
White House to conduct review of Smithsonian museum exhibitions to ensure they fit with Trump's view of American history	Censorship		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-politics-white-house-conduct	https://abcnews.com/news/40467466/smithsonian-censorship-trump-history	August 13, 2025	Smithsonian, censorship, Trump history
Hours after Trump seized DC police force, a man was gunned down in Logan Circle	ACAB		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-hours-trump-seized-police	https://abcnews.com/news/40467466/dc-shooting-police-takeover-trump	August 13, 2025	DC shooting, police takeover, Trump
Nearly 500 rounds recovered from CDC campus after gunman attack. Officials	ACAB		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-suspected-gunman-cdc-shooting	https://abcnews.com/news/40467466/cdc-shooting-mass-shooting-public-safety	August 13, 2025	CDC shooting, mass shooting, public safety
Top private prison companies see profits amid administration's immigration crackdown	Borders and Immigration		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-top-private-prison-companies	https://abcnews.com/news/40467466/private-prisons-immigration-policy-profit	August 13, 2025	private prisons, immigration policy, profit
Train carrying possible hazardous materials derails in Palo Pinto, Texas. Officials	Climate / Disasters		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-train-carrying-hazardous-materials	https://abcnews.com/news/40467466/train-derailment-hazardous-materials-texas	August 13, 2025	train derailment, hazardous materials, Texas
Anthony Scaramucci Says Wall Street Fooling Itself on Trump Leaving in 2028: Who Builds A \$200 Million Ballroom And Moves Out? in 3.5 Years	Political Commentary		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-anthony-scaramucci-says-wall	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/scaramucci-says-wall-street-fooling-itself-140000682.html	2025-08-13	Trump, Scaramucci, 2028 Election
Experimental 'Off-the-Shelf' Cancer Vaccine Is Already Prolonging Lives, Study Suggests	Science & Health / Medical Research		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-experimental-shelf-cancer-vaccine	https://gizmodo.com/science-off-the-shelf-cancer-vaccine-1849282222	August 13, 2025	cancer, vaccine, clinical research, immunotherapy, €
Companies embrace in-person interviews to dodge the chatbots	Labor / Technology		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-person-job-interview	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/companies-embrace-in-person-interviews-to-dodge-the-chatbots	2025-08-13	jobs, AI, hiring practices
Trump BLS pick E.J. Antoni gets panned by economists on left and right	Political Cesspool		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-trump-bls-antoni	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/trump-bls-antoni	2025-08-13	Trump, BLS, appointments
With BLS under fire, economists see no good replacement for government data	Economy		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-trump-bls-government	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/economy-data-bls	2025-08-13	economy, data, BLS
Trump's DC homelessness crackdown perplexes advocates	Housing / Homelessness		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-trump-homelessness-crackdown	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/trump-dc-homelessness	2025-08-13	Trump, DC, homelessness
Mechanical issue unexpectedly drains one of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes, state DNR says	Environment / Water & Infrastructure		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-minnesota-alice-lake-damaged	https://www.cbs2.com/news/2025/08/13/minnesota-alice-lake-damaged	August 13, 2025	Minnesota, DNR, water, environment, infrastructure
FDA may pull authorization of Pfizer Covid shot for children under 5	Public Health / Regulation		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-fda-pull-authorisation	https://www.cbs2.com/news/2025/08/13/fda-pfizer-covid-19-vaccines-children-regulation	August 13, 2025	FDA, Pfizer, COVID-19, vaccines, children, regulation
Demand for power set to surge in the next 18 months. Here's what it could mean for your bill	Energy / Infrastructure		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-utility-demand-surge	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/energy-utilities-cost-of-living	2025-08-13	Energy, Utilities, Cost of Living
The Trump family has raked in an astonishing \$2.4 billion over two presidencies, new report claims	Corruption / Financial Crime		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-american-politics-trump	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/trump-corruption-financial-gain	2025-08-13	Trump, Corruption, Financial Gain
Your security check at the airport might get faster — just need to scan your face first	Privacy / Surveillance		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-travel-advice-airport-security	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/facial-recognition-travel-privacy	2025-08-13	Facial Recognition, Travel, Privacy
What happened when D.C. was under tighter federal control	History / Politics		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-5608451-federal-control	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/dc-history-governance	2025-08-13	DC, history, governance
Trump ordered "new" census. Lutnick says it's up to Congress	Constitutional Crisis		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-5600506-president-order	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/trump-census-law	2025-08-13	Trump, census, law
Trump administration calls for 'comprehensive review' of Smithsonian	Political Cesspool		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-5600550-smithsonian-trump	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/trump-smithsonian-history	2025-08-13	Trump, Smithsonian, history
After the shooting at CDC, RFX Jr. criticizes agency's pandemic response	Public Health / COVID		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-newshour-health-shooting-cdc	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/cdc-rfx-jr-pandemic-response-gun-violence-pol	August 13, 2025	CDC, RFX Jr., pandemic response, gun violence, pol
Golf for them, grind for us: Trump, Vance and the teething US holiday divide	Economic Inequality		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-5600550-smithsonian-trump	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/inequality-trump-jd-vance	2025-08-13	Inequality, Trump, JD Vance
Texas attorney general seeks jail for O'Rourke as senate passes Republican-drawn map	Political Cesspool		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-aug-beto-pronke	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/texas-gerrymandering-beto-orourke	2025-08-13	Texas, Gerrymandering, Beto O'Rourke
'We don't want him': Dance Against Vance in Cotswolds in protest at vice-president's UK holiday	Political Cesspool		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-aug-cotswolds-residents	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/jd-vance-protests-uk-us-politics	2025-08-13	JD Vance, Protests, UK, US Politics
National guard begins deploying on DC streets after Trump police takeover	Authoritarian Shift		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-aug-cotswolds-residents	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/trump-policing-authoritarianism	2025-08-13	Trump, Policing, Authoritarianism
Trump administration to review 19 Smithsonian museums to ensure exhibits are 'patriotic'	Censorship / Culture War		https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-aug-trump-administration	https://www.aac.com/news/2025/08/13/smithsonian-censorship-culture-war-historical-mem	August 13, 2025	Smithsonian, censorship, culture war, historical mem

	A US appeals court on Tuesday rejected a bid by a group of unions to block the Trump administration government downsizing team known as the "department of government efficiency" (Doge) from accessing sensitive data on Americans.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-aug-3-trump-doge	https://www.fbe	August 13, 2025	
US court says Trump's Doge team can access social security numbers and other sensitive data	Surveillance & Civil Liberties A dissenting judge said it was prudent to temporarily block access to the data while the case plays out, and that the standard his colleagues had imposed on the plaintiffs was too high. A grassroots organization of health professionals have released a report outlining major health challenges in the US and calling for the removal of Robert F. Kennedy Jr from the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The report from Defend Public Health, a new organization of about 3,000 health professionals and allies, is an attempt to get ahead of misinformation and lack of information from health officials. "The Maha report is essentially a distraction from the real causes of poor health," said Elizabeth Jacobs, professor emerita at the University of Arizona and a founding member of Defend Public Health. "This administration does not want to address things like poverty and education and access to healthcare. Instead, they're distracting the public with information on solutions to problems that don't actually exist. When the foundation of your policy is not evidence-based, it will collapse."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-aug-defend-public	https://www.fbe	2025-08-13	privacy; surveillance; SSN; immigration data; courts
'Distracting the public': group of health professionals call for RFK Jr to be removed	Public Health Travel to the US by Canadian residents has continued to drop significantly for the seventh month in a row, as new data confirms that Donald Trump's threats have helped upend the summer tourism season. Months of aggressive rhetoric from the White House have prompted widespread boycotts of US products by Canadians, who have also sworn off visits to their southern neighbour amid lingering feelings of betrayal and anger. The lessons of Helsinki are clear: putting Donald Trump alone in a room with Vladimir Putin is an unpredictable – and often dangerous – affair. By the time he came out of the room, Trump looked dazzled by the Kremlin leader. Asked at a press conference about the conclusions of the US intelligence community that Russia had interfered in the elections, Trump said: "President Putin says it's not Russia. I don't see any reason why it would be." But Putin will still try his luck to shape Trump's image of what a peace deal could entail in a way that will bring maximum benefit to the Kremlin. Putin "wants a deal with Trump that will be presented to Kyiv and other European capitals as a fait accompli," wrote John Herbst, senior director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center and a former ambassador to Ukraine. The lack of invites for European leaders "has the smell of the Yalta Conference in 1945, where the United States, the Soviet Union, and the United Kingdom decided the fate of half of Europe over the heads of those nations."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-2025-aug-canada	https://www.fbe	2025-08-13	RFK Jr, Health Policy, Trump Administration
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Trump could expand role of national guard for 'quick reaction' to unrest	Authoritarian Shift Trump's order, however, has an expiration date: The president has 30 days before his occupation of the Metropolitan Police requires congressional approval by way of a new law. ... But it's not clear if the Trump administration has any intention of respecting the law. In an interview with Fox News Monday evening, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth refused to acknowledge the time constraint when pressed about the legal requirement. Homeless individuals will be given the option to leave their encampment, to be taken to a homeless shelter, to be offered additional or mental-health services, and if they refuse, they will be susceptible to fines or to jail time. While House spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt told reporters. Rep. Adam Smith (D-Wash.) said Tuesday it is "pretty clear" President Trump "wants his own domestic police force" after the president took control of the District of Columbia's Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). "Look, this president is trampling on basic freedoms of the American people to a degree we — I don't think we've ever seen," Smith said on CNN. "You see that with what the ICE [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] agents are doing, in terms of picking people up off the streets with no evidence, no due process, looking people up." "This is happening all across the country," the Evergreen State Democrat added. "Look, it's pretty clear the president wants his own domestic police force, and step by step, he's trying to create it, and we should be deeply alarmed by that, regardless of how you feel about crime in Washington, D.C., or any other city."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-2025-aug-trump	https://www.fbe	2025-08-13	National Guard, Protests, Policing, Trump
Trump Has Deployed Troops At Home Like No Other President	Authoritarianism / AI Trump's order, however, has an expiration date: The president has 30 days before his occupation of the Metropolitan Police requires congressional approval by way of a new law. ... But it's not clear if the Trump administration has any intention of respecting the law. In an interview with Fox News Monday evening, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth refused to acknowledge the time constraint when pressed about the legal requirement. Homeless individuals will be given the option to leave their encampment, to be taken to a homeless shelter, to be offered additional or mental-health services, and if they refuse, they will be susceptible to fines or to jail time. While House spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt told reporters. Rep. Adam Smith (D-Wash.) said Tuesday it is "pretty clear" President Trump "wants his own domestic police force" after the president took control of the District of Columbia's Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). "Look, this president is trampling on basic freedoms of the American people to a degree we — I don't think we've ever seen," Smith said on CNN. "You see that with what the ICE [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] agents are doing, in terms of picking people up off the streets with no evidence, no due process, looking people up." "This is happening all across the country," the Evergreen State Democrat added. "Look, it's pretty clear the president wants his own domestic police force, and step by step, he's trying to create it, and we should be deeply alarmed by that, regardless of how you feel about crime in Washington, D.C., or any other city."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-2025-2025-aug-trump	https://www.fbe	2025-08-13	Trump, Military, Civil Liberties

		Marko Mihkelson, chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Estonian Parliament, described it as "quite crazy" that Trump was putting pressure on Zelenskyy instead of calling out Putin for launching the war.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-articles-trump-olived-putin	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3333333333	2025-08-13	
Will Trump get played by Putin? Europe is worried	International / Russia	Mihkelson said the best-case scenario would be for the Alaska summit to be canceled. He warned of repeating the mistakes of the 1938 Munich Conference — when European leaders agreed to allow Adolf Hitler to annex territory in then-Czechoslovakia and that served as a prelude to the Nazi invasion of Europe. "Can Alaska become a second Munich, or not?" ... We should not repeat mistakes from the past," Mihkelson said. "And obviously nothing can be decided about Ukraine without Ukraine, and nothing can be decided about Europe without Europe."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug13-articles-trump-wants-deport	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4444444444	2025-08-13	Trump, Putin, Foreign Policy
Trump Wants To Deport Noncitizens Using A Little-Known Provision. This Bill Seeks To Repeat It.	Immigration / Law	HillPuff first obtained a copy of the Land of the Free Act, introduced by Reps. Deborah Ross (D-N.C.) and Becca Balint (D-Vt.). The bill takes aim at the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 — specifically, a once rarely used provision that allows for noncitizens to be deported if the secretary of state believes their presence in the U.S. is a foreign policy threat.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5555555555	2025-08-13	Trump, Immigration, Law
Trump's big bill is powering his mass deportations. Congress is starting to ask questions	Immigration / Policy	Before this Trump administration, officials only invoked the provision 15 times over the past 35 years, with only four cases resulting in deportation. But with Rubio stretching his power to detain and deport foreign students who express pro-Palestinian views, the new bill aims to make it harder for the administration to weaponize someone's immigration status to stifle political speech.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6666666666	2025-08-13	Trump, Immigration, Spending
State Department rolls out scaled-back Human Rights Report	International Politics	The crash of new money is setting off alarms in Congress and beyond, raising questions from lawmakers in both major political parties who are expected to provide oversight. The bill text provided general funding categories — almost \$30 billion for ICE officers, \$45 billion for detention facilities, \$10 billion for the office of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem — but few policy details or directives. Homeland Security recently announced \$50,000 ICE hiring bonuses.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7777777777	2025-08-13	Trump, Immigration, Spending
Man accused of throwing sandwich at CBP agent in DC faces federal assault charges	Crime / Law Enforcement	A Washington, D.C., man was charged with assaulting a federal officer after he allegedly threw a sandwich at a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agent during a confrontation this week, according to court documents.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8888888888	2025-08-13	Crime, CBP, Washington DC, Federal Charges
South Africa dismisses U.S. human rights report as 'deeply flawed'	International Politics	The top three individual actions that help the climate, including avoiding plane flights, choosing not to get a dog and using renewable electricity, were also the three that participants underestimated the most. Meanwhile, the lowest-impact actions were changing to more efficient appliances and swapping out light bulbs, recycling, and using less energy on washing clothes. Those were three of the top four overestimated actions in the report.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9999999999	2025-08-13	South Africa, Human Rights, Diplomacy
Study says Americans often miscalculate climate-related choices. One surprise is owning a dog	Climate / Public Awareness	Rescue missions like Elago's have intensified for the Indigenous Guard of the Nasa people, which formed in 2001 to protect Indigenous territories from armed groups and environmental destruction such as deforestation and illegal mining. Since 2020, as armed groups tightened their control of Nasa territory to expand illicit crops like marijuana and coca, those guerrillas have ramped up their recruitment of the region's children by dangling offers of cash and protection.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0000000000	2025-08-13	Climate Change, Public Awareness, Lifestyle
As armed groups ramp up child recruitment in Colombia, Indigenous confront them	International / Human Rights	Apple also warns against using some features when it's very hot or in direct sunlight for long periods, like GPS navigation when driving, playing a graphics-heavy video game or using the camera.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1111111111	2025-08-13	Colombia, Child Soldiers, Human Rights, Indigenous
One Tech Tip: This summer, don't let your phone overheat	Technology / Consumer Tips	Russian authorities announced Wednesday they were "partially" restricting calls in messaging apps Telegram and WhatsApp, the latest step in an effort to tighten control over the internet.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2222222222	2025-08-13	Technology, Smartphones, Consumer Tips
Russia restricts calls via WhatsApp and Telegram, the latest step to control the internet	Authoritarianism / Internet Freedom	In a statement, government media and internet regulator Roskomnadzor justified the measure as necessary for fighting crime, saying that "according to law enforcement agencies and numerous appeals from citizens, foreign messengers Telegram and WhatsApp have become the main voice services used to deceive and extort money, and to involve Russian citizens in sabotage and terrorist activities."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3333333333	2025-08-13	Russia, Internet Censorship, WhatsApp, Telegram
Why it's a mistake to ask chatbots about their mistakes	Technology / AI	The first problem is conceptual: You're not talking to a consistent personality, person, or entity when you interact with ChatGPT, Claude, Grok, or Replit. These names suggest individual agents with self-knowledge, but that's an illusion created by the conversational interface. What you're actually doing is querying a statistical text generator to produce outputs based on your prompts.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4444444444	2025-08-13	AI, Technology, Chatbots
Bessent says he'll push to end congressional stock trading	Politics / Ethics	Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent is calling for a ban on single-stock trading by members of Congress, a push that could supercharge legislative efforts to ban the practice that have gained momentum in recent months.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5555555555	2025-08-13	Scott Bessent, Congressional Stock Trading, Ethics
The latest ChatGPT is supposed to be 'PhD level' smart. It can't even label a map	Technology / AI	Instead, ChatGPT got a flatter, more terse personality that can't reliably answer basic questions. The resulting public mockery has forced the company to make sweaty apologies while standing by its highfalutin claims about the bot's capabilities.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6666666666	2025-08-13	AI, ChatGPT, Technology
Scientists Are Getting Seriously Worried That We've Already Hit Peak AI	Technology / AI	Though GPT-5 technically performs better on AI industry benchmarks — an already unreliable measure of progress, experts have argued — the critic argues that its use beyond anything other than a virtual chatbot remains unlikely. Worse yet, the rate at which new models grow against those dubious benchmarks appears to be slowing down.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7777777777	2025-08-13	AI, Technology, Research
Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent fails to divest his financial holdings and hit with watchdog warning	Politics / Ethics	Trump's Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has failed to divest his financial holdings, the government ethics watchdog has warned.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8888888888	2025-08-13	Scott Bessent, Treasury, Ethics
How the unraveling of two Pentagon projects may result in a costly do-over	Defense / Government Spending	The United States Office of Government Ethics recently sent a letter to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Michael Crapo, informing him that Bessent has yet to fully divest his financial assets. The New York Times, which reviewed the letter, reported.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9999999999	2025-08-13	Pentagon, Defense Spending, Government Oversight
Ala. Dog Has Been Bringing Home Human Bones for Nearly 9 Year, Baffling Investigators	Weird World	Donald Trump's Navy and Air Force are poised to cancel two nearly complete software projects that took 12 years and well over \$800 million combined to develop, work initially aimed at overhauling antiquated human resources systems.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0000000000	2025-08-13	Crime, Alabama, Unsolved Cases, Weird World
Trump says he may control D.C. police for longer than 30 days	Constitutional Crisis	The reason for the unusual move — officials at those departments, who have so far put the existing projects on hold, want other firms, including Salesforce and billionaire Peter Thiel's Palantir, to have a chance to win similar projects, which could amount to a costly do-over, according to seven sources familiar with the matter.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1111111111	2025-08-13	Trump, DC Police, Constitutional Crisis
Trump: "Very severe" consequences for Putin if he refuses ceasefire	International Politics	A family dog in Alabama has dragged home human remains four times in less than a year after finding them in nearby woods, turning a quiet neighborhood into the frontline of a chilling homicide probe.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2222222222	2025-08-13	Trump, Putin, Ceasefire, International Politics
CEOs tighten grip on workplace culture	Economy / Business	It's the latest twist in a series of grim discoveries involving Chicharrón. The investigation began on Aug. 20, 2024, when Mejía's husband spotted the family's two dogs, Chicharrón and another named Chicharrón, who is no longer with the family, playing with a skull on the roadway next to their home, Al.com reported.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3333333333	2025-08-13	CEOs, Workplace Culture, Return to Office, Business
Israel courts MAGA influencers amid Gaza backlash	International Politics	President Trump said on Wednesday he plans to extend the federalization of police in D.C. beyond the initially set 30 days.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4444444444	2025-08-13	Israel, MAGA, Gaza, International Politics
Ex-NM state GOP candidate gets 80 years for shootings at Democrats' homes	Crime / Politics	Trump's federalization of police has a 30-day limit unless Congress acts to extend it.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5555555555	2025-08-13	Crime, Politics, New Mexico, Solomon Pena
DC man accused of throwing sandwich at federal agent faces felony charges	Crime / Law Enforcement	Trump said during a press conference that his administration is going to push for a "long-term extension" of the federalization of the Metropolitan Police Department in a crime bill that will initially pertain to D.C. but will serve as a roadmap for other cities.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6666666666	2025-08-13	Crime, Federal Agent, Washington DC, Sandwich Incident
Trump DC crackdown damned by religious leaders amid 247 federal arrests	Civil Rights / Law Enforcement	"If it's a national emergency, we can do it without Congress," Trump said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7777777777	2025-08-13	Trump, DC Police, Religious Leaders, Civil Rights
Trump orders stockpiling of advanced drug ingredients	Health / Policy	President Trump said Wednesday that Russian President Vladimir Putin must agree to a ceasefire at his summit on Friday or face "very severe consequences."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8888888888	2025-08-13	Trump, Pharmaceuticals, Strategic Reserve, Health
Violent crime in border cities fell below national rate in 2024	Crime / Statistics	Trump had previously downplayed the likelihood of major breakthroughs in Alaska, calling it a "feel-out meeting." Now he's set a concrete objective — and one Putin has repeatedly rebuffed up to now.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9999999999	2025-08-13	Violent Crime, Border Cities, Crime Statistics
Only 54% of U.S. adults say they drink alcohol, a record low. A new poll shows what's behind the decline.	Health / Society	American CEOs are looking to reset workplace culture — emphasizing productivity and speed over flexibility and work-life balance.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0000000000	2025-08-13	Public Health, Gallup Poll, Substance Use
Woman saw a 'spiderweb' in an Arkansas park and decide to kick it. It was really a \$27,000 diamond	Weird World	This is putting employees on guard, with some feeling like a more hardcore culture is not what they signed up for.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1111111111	2025-08-13	Arkansas, Diamond, Weird World
Iconic Easter Island statues could be gone in 60 years because of rising seas, study warns	Climate / Cultural Heritage	The Israel government is courting popular MAGA influencers in an effort to address Republican divisions over the war in Gaza, where scenes of violence and starvation have fueled global outrage. U.S. support for Israel's military actions has fallen to record lows. Even within the traditionally pro-Israel GOP, younger Republicans are increasingly skeptical — questioning both the alliance and the billions in U.S. aid that sustain it.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2222222222	2025-08-13	Easter Island, Climate Change, Sea Level Rise, Cult
Desert tortoise's future in question amid climate threats	Environment / Wildlife	Solomon Peña, an unsuccessful New Mexico state House candidate, was sentenced to 80 years in prison Wednesday "for orchestrating a justice motivated shooting spree and plotting to murder witnesses to obstruct justice," the Justice Department announced.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3333333333	2025-08-13	Desert Tortoise, Climate Change, Wildlife
ICE detention center in Leavenworth, Kansas, is hiring despite months of legal limbo	Immigration / Law Enforcement	Dunn allegedly told the CBP agent "It's you! You're f---ing f---! And why are you here? I don't want you in my city!" before crossing the street, screaming at him "within inches of his face" and "winding his arm back and forcefully throwing" the Subway sandwich, per the filing to U.S. District Court in D.C.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4444444444	2025-08-13	ICE, Immigration, Kansas, Law Enforcement
It would have been catastrophic: Juneau's temporary levee protects most homes from record flooding	Climate / Disasters	President Trump on Wednesday ordered his health officials to secure a six-month supply of advanced pharmaceutical ingredients for drugs the administration determines are critical for national health and security.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5555555555	2025-08-13	Juneau, Flooding, Climate, Disasters
Record number of lawmakers aren't planning to run for reelection	Politics / Elections	Several U.S. border communities saw violent crime drop below the national average in 2024, as nationwide rates fell to 20-year lows, according to new FBI data analyzed by Axios.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6666666666	2025-08-13	Congress, Elections, 2026 Midterms
Former Capitol Police officer: Trump D.C. crackdown 'problematic'	Civil Rights / Law Enforcement	The survey finds that 54% of U.S. adults say they drink alcoholic beverages such as liquor, wine or beer — "the lowest by one percentage point in Gallup's nearly 90-year trend," the analytics company says.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14-articles-trumpo-bag-bill	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7777777777	2025-08-13	Trump, DC Police, Civil Rights

Trump was 'very involved' in Kennedy Center Honorees selection, vetoes 'wokeness'	Culture / Politics	At a press conference on Wednesday at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, President Trump said he was "very involved" in selecting the group — a departure for the Kennedy Center Honors. Traditionally, the recipients are selected in a months-long, bipartisan undertaking by members of the Kennedy Center board with input from the general public and past honorees. But on Tuesday, staff were caught off guard when Trump announced that honorees had already been selected. Kennedy Center Honors' executive producer Matthew Winer announced his resignation that day.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-kennedy-center-honors-36	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-13	Trump, Kennedy Center, Culture, Politics
		Centuries ago, dogs were more commonly called "hounds" — a term derived from the Old English word "hund." Today, "hound" typically refers to a specific breed of dog, but back then, it referred to all domestic canines, according to Gorie. Early forms of the word "dog" did appear in land charters and place names over a millennia ago. But most notably, during the Middle English period from roughly 1100 to 1450, "dog" was often used as an insult directed at people.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-dog-history-etymology-39	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-13	Trump, Kennedy Center, Culture, Politics
Why the origin of the word 'dog' remains a mystery	Weird world	"The use of terms for dog to insult people are pretty common historically and across cultures and we see it all over the place," Gorie said. "So not just in the history of English but in related languages of Europe and Asia."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-dog-history-etymology-39	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-13	Language, History, Etymology, Dogs
Shedding light on Japan's WWII germ warfare program	History / Military	Just because the movie exposes scars, does that mean people should choose to forget that part of history? asked state-run Hunan Satellite TV anchor Liu Juyang in a social media video. "This film is not only a re-examining of the past but also a warning to the future," she added.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-japan-germ-warfare-30	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Japan, WWII, Germ Warfare, History
What could happen in the states entering redistricting fights?	Politics / Elections	In response, Democratic and Republican leaders in at least seven other states have said they're open to moving their political lines in the fight over the U.S. House, but that means very different things in different places. States are often bound by constitutional language and laws that dictate how redistricting happens. And time is running out for maps to be set ahead of the 2026 midterms.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-teresa-calkins-germ-mandating-32	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-14	Redistricting, Gerrymandering, Elections
Companies don't want to fight with Trump. That may be reshaping the economy	Economy / Politics	An extent that is unprecedented even by Trump's norms-shattering standards. He has publicly attacked companies and their executives throughout his political career — but now he's demanding firings of executives who aren't even household names, such as a corporate economist at Goldman Sachs.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-trump-corporate-america-22	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-14	Trump, Corporate America, Economy, Politics
How many steps lead to better health? It may not be 10,000	Health / Fitness	But just how many should you aim for? If you want to live a longer and healthier life? New research suggests 7,000 is a good target.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-counting-steps-health-20	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-14	Health, Fitness, Step Count, Exercise
Florida judge sorts who is in charge of 'Alligator Alcatraz'	Politics / Law	A lawsuit brought by environmental groups and the Micoosukee tribe challenging construction and operations of an immigration detention center in the Florida Everglades wrapped up Wednesday with several key questions unanswered. At the top of the list is one U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams asked several times during the four-day hearing, "Whose running the show?" at the so-called "Alligator Alcatraz."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-alligator-alcatraz-court-26	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-14	Florida, Alligator Alcatraz, Court, DeSantis, Trump
Court rules Trump can withhold billions in foreign aid	International Politics	A federal appeals court handed President Trump a victory on Wednesday. The court ruled that the administration can continue to freeze or terminate billions of dollars that Congress had earmarked for foreign aid spending.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-trump-administration-foreign-33	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-13	Trump, Foreign Aid, International Politics
The U.S. citizenship test might soon get harder for immigrants to pass	Immigration / Policy	The foreign aid freeze was an action the President took on his very first day in office in January. "The test, as it's laid out right now, it's not very difficult," Edwoudt told the Times. "It's very easy to kind of memorize the answers. I don't think we're really comparing with the spirit of the law."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-citizenship-test-trump-6	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Immigration, Citizenship Test, Trump Administration
Coffee sold at Dollar General stores in 48 states under recall for possible glass shards in the grounds	Consumer Safety	Dollar General is recalling certain lots of its Clover Valley Instant Coffee due to the potential presence of glass, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced. The recall affects three lots of the eight-ounce product, sold exclusively in Dollar General stores nationwide between July 9 and 21. The coffee was distributed in 48 states, excluding Hawaii and Alaska.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-dollar-general-coffee-98	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Recall, Consumer Safety, Coffee
'No country is safe': deadly Nordic heatwave supercharged by climate crisis, scientists say	Climate / Disasters	Norway, Sweden and Finland have historically cool climates but were hit by scorching temperatures, including a record run of 22 days above 30C (86F) in Finland. Sweden endured 10 straight days of "tropical nights", when temperatures did not fall below 20C (68F).	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-nordic-heatwave-climate-82	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Climate Change, Heatwave, Nordic, Disasters
'Mind-blown': scientists discover sex reversal in kookaburras and lorikeets with cause unknown	Science / Wildlife	About 5% of common Australian wild birds including kookaburras and lorikeets could have undergone a "sex reversal" where their genetic sex does not match their reproductive organs, according to a new study.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-sex-reversal-australian-88	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Wildlife, Birds, Science, Australia
Why our broken food system remains a climate disaster: 'broiling the planet to stuff our farms'	Weird world	Our system of producing food, though, is in a relative stone age when it comes to the climate crisis. We continue to raise vast fields of carbon-rich forests for crop and grazing land thereby creating, by some estimates, as much as a third of all global planet-heating emissions.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-eating-earth-book-87	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Climate Change, Agriculture, Food System
The \$62m question: does a high school really need a professional-style stadium?	Education / Spending	Yet the accounts of Philip Beard Stadium, the Buford Wolves, are not a professional team or even a college one. They are high-schoolers. In the excellent world of high school football, Buford's \$62m, 10,000-capacity arena is not the biggest or most expensive taxpayer-funded student stadium in the US. But it may be the most laudatory.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-buford-georgia-philip-88	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Education, Spending, Georgia, Stadium
Democrats demand answers on cuts to firefighters during critical fire season	Politics / Emergency Response	As federal wildfire groups with strained resources in an intense year of the activity, Democratic lawmakers are demanding answers from the Trump administration about how severe cuts to staffing and budgets at the US Forest Service may have hamstringed wildfire preparation and response.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-firefighter-cuts-trump-83	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Firefighters, Trump, Emergency Response, Politics
US medical journal rejects call from RFK Jr to retract vaccine study	Health / Disinformation	An influential US medical journal is rejecting a call from the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., to retract a large Danish study that found that aluminum ingredients in vaccines do not increase health risks for children, the journal's editor told Reuters.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-robert-kennedy-vaccine-85	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	RFK Jr., Vaccines, Disinformation, Public Health
Argentina rocked as contaminated medical fentanyl kills up to 96 patients	International / Health	As many as 96 people are now thought to have died in Argentina after being treated with medical-use fentanyl that was later found to be laced with bacteria.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-argentina-contaminated-fentanyl-84	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Argentina, Fentanyl, Public Health, International
A Vermont science museum is using its 100-acre forest to support mental health	Health / Environment	The Montshire estate this exhibit the Healing Forest. There's the wind phone and other installations along the trail that encourage visitors to go out in the woods and be for themselves. One section looks like a playground. You can drop wooden balls down ramps and towers made of stone and wood that ring small bells.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-white-house-smithsonian-38	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-12	Mental Health, Environment, Vermont
What one historian says White House vetting of Smithsonian means for U.S. cultural institutions	Culture / Politics	"I agree. When I was a teacher, one of the most important things I found was for students to connect to the past. They needed to see something about themselves in it. And that is the same for museums as well. They needed to be something that people can connect to. If you come into the museum and you don't see people who look like you, people who have had experiences like you, you notice that, and it seems like, you are seemingly someone who has no history. And that's simply untrue."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-cognitive-decline-trump-69	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Smithsonian, White House, Culture, Politics
Cognitive Decline? Trump Uses Soviet-Era Name for Russian City	Political Cesspool	"Very under media is at work on my meeting with Putin," Trump said. So unlike, he wrote, that "I got Moscow and Leningrad free, as part of the deal with Russia, the Fake News would say that I made a bad deal!"	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-department-homeland-security-73	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Trump, Russia, Political Cesspool
The Department of Homeland Security is starting to annoy both brands and artists with its wild social media behavior	Government / Social Media	Anyway, many observers were quick to note the "Leningrad" slip—which, to be sure, was still not as egregious as a gaffe, also regarding the upcoming summit, that the president had made two days earlier, when he incorrectly stated twice that it was taking place in Russia. (If the president's Wednesday post was a 34-year flashback to 1991, his Monday remarks turned back the clock over a century and a half, to when Alaska was still Russian territory.)	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-experts-fake-trump-54	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-14	DHS, Social Media, Government
Experts fear Trump administration's use of 'dehumanizing' memes is a jump to actual violence'	Political Cesspool	The Trump administration's use of social media jokes to promote the president's harsh and unpopular immigration policies is raising concerns among extremism experts that it dehumanizes immigrants by normalizing violence against them.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-fbi-agents-puffed-53	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Trump, Memes, Political Cesspool, Violence
FBI agents are again pulled from their day jobs to address a Trump priority	Law Enforcement / Politics	FBI agents — thrust into yet another role for which they are not trained — have been put on patrol duties with local police as part of President Donald Trump's declaration of a crime emergency in Washington, DC.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-fiona-hill-mistake-57	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	FBI, Trump, Law Enforcement
Fiona Hill: It's a mistake for Trump to meet Putin alone	International Politics	"Putin will lure you in a moment," she said. "He likes to do the two guys chatting routine, but what he's really doing is making you complicit in all kinds of things he wants."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-groups-sue-trump-90	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Fiona Hill, Trump, Putin, International Politics
Groups sue Trump agencies for using 'secret' report to reverse core of US climate rules	Climate / Policy	Two major environmental groups announced on Tuesday they have sued the Trump administration for secretly convening a group of climate skeptics, which prepared a report that served as the basis for a reversal of U.S. rules on greenhouse gas emissions without public notice.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-ice-recruitment-drive-48	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-14	Trump, Climate Policy, Lawsuit
ICE's Recruitment Drive Just Hit a Disgusting New Low	Immigration / Law Enforcement	What's most alarming is the DHS's actions. They write "Which way, American Man?" a direct reference to the book "Which Way, Western Man?" written by infamous white supremacist William Gayley Simpson and published by neo-Nazi and National Alliance founder William Luther Pierce. Simpson's book is deeply racist and antisemitic, containing chapters titled "The Necessity of Eugenics," "The Everlasting Truth About Race," and "The Doctrine of the Thoroughbred," among others.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-lake-powell-plunge-46	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-14	ICE, Recruitment, Immigration, Law Enforcement
Lake Powell's plunge toward 'dead pool' danger threatens Arizona water supply — what it means for the US West	Climate / Environment	Water levels at the man-made reservoir in the southwest may approach the "minimum power pool" elevation of 3,500 feet by December of next year, potentially halting hydroelectric production at the Glen Canyon Dam, according to AZ Family. Minimum power pool represents the lowest elevation at which water can still pass through the turbines of a dam.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-melania-trump-demands-43	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-14	Lake Powell, Water Supply, Arizona, Climate
Melania Trump demands Hunter Biden retract 'extremely salacious' Epstein comments	Political Cesspool	"Epstein introduced Melania to Trump. The connections are like, so wide and deep," Biden said in one of the comments Trump disputes. Biden attributed the claim to author Michael Wolff, whom Trump disparaged in June as a "Third Rate Reporter." He has accused Wolff of making up stories to sell books.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-national-guard-enhanced-78	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-14	Melania Trump, Hunter Biden, Epstein, Political Cesspool
National Guard rehearsed show of force against immigration raid protesters, general testifies	Immigration / Law Enforcement	The first lady's threats echo a favored strategy of her husband, who has aggressively used litigation to go after critics. Public figures like the Trumps face a high bar to succeed in a defamation lawsuit.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-newsom-mocks-trump-59	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	National Guard, Immigration, Law Enforcement
Newsom mocks Trump in all-caps post promising a 2028 Democratic victory	Politics / Elections	"DONALD TACO TRUMP: AS MANY CALL HIM, MISSED THE DEADLINE!! CALIFORNIA WILL NOW DRAW NEW, MORE BEAUTIFUL MAPS. THEY WILL BE HISTORIC AS THEY WILL END THE TRUMP PRESIDENCY (DEMS TAKE BACK THE HOUSE). BIG PRESS CONFERENCE THIS WEEK WITH POWERFUL DEMS AND GAVIN NEWSOM — YOUR FAVORITE GOVERNOR — THAT WILL BE DEVASTATING FOR MAGA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER!" — CNN. Newsom wrote on X, insulting Trump's language in his Truth Social posts.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-pete-hegseth-past-58	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Newsom, Trump, Elections, Politics
How Pete Hegseth's zeal to bring religiosity to the Pentagon is dividing the military	Military / Religion	While secretary of defense Pete Hegseth's links to an extremist church and crusader tattoos caused a stir during his confirmation hearings, the former Fox & Friends host is now openly bringing his ultra-conservative brand of Christianity to the Pentagon. Veterans tell the Guardian that Hegseth's religiosity — rubbing off in new recruitment ads and official US Dept of Defense social media activities — is dividing the ranks and doing untold damage to the future of the US military.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-supreme-court-lesled-53	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-14	Pete Hegseth, Pentagon, Religion, Military
The Supreme Court is Being Tested on Whether Parental Rights Apply Equally in Blue and Red States	Courts / Civil Rights	In Tuesday's ruling, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit released a 8-2 decision in Brandt v. Griffin, holding that Arkansas' ban on gender-affirming care for minors survives three different challenges to its constitutionality. In part, this ban ruling followed Skimmet, in which the Supreme Court's conservative supermajority held that a similar ban does not violate the equal protection clause because it does not classify based on transgender status or sex, thus surviving the minimal evaluation standard of rational basis review. However, in Skimmet, the court denied a petition by minors and their parents that argued the ban also infringes on parental rights protected under the due process clause. Moreover, no one has argued that the Tennessee ban conflicts with the freedom of speech of health care providers protected under the First Amendment. Now, the highly conservative 8th Circuit went beyond Skimmet, dismissing those two additional challenges brought by parents and doctors.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-trump-authoritarian-moves-45	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-14	Supreme Court, Parental Rights, Civil Rights
Trump's 7 most authoritarian moves so far	Authoritarianism / Politics	1. Putting military on US soil 2. Tariffs 3. Investigations of his opponents 4. MACA-ing the government's independent functions 5. His coercion of the media, universities and law firms 6. Ignoring Congress/TikTok 7. Skirting due process and the rule of law on deportations	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-trump-dismembered-rsot-51	https://www.rptv.com	2025-08-14	Trump, Authoritarianism, Politics
Trump, 79, Has Deranged Rant About 'Grass' at Kennedy Center	Political Cesspool	"We're going to redo the grass with the finest grasses. I know a lot about grass because I own a lot of golf courses — and if you don't have good grass, you'll die in business very long."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug14b-trump-administration-unveil-74	https://www.rptv.com	August 14, 2025	Trump, Kennedy Center, Political Cesspool
Trump administration to unveil tougher solar and wind subsidy rules	Energy / Policy	The Trump administration is expected as soon as Monday to take another step toward curbing the growth of renewable energy in the United States by making it harder for companies to claim federal tax subsidies for wind and solar energy.				Trump, Renewable Energy, Subsidies, Policy

		Quite a few people will also read the 2024 reports, published yesterday. But they will do so for very different reasons. The original drafts were ready in January, before the Biden administration left office, following the usual practice. In past years, the reports were published in March or April. But this year they were delayed for several months while President Donald Trump's political appointees, including Michael Anton, the MCCA intellectual who is now the State Department's director of policy planning, rewrote the drafts. Some of the changes affect the whole collection of documents, as entire categories of interest were removed. The Obama administration had previously put a strong focus on corruption, on the grounds that kleptocracy and autocracy are deeply linked, and it started collecting information on the persecution of sexual minorities. Over the past few weeks, as the new reports were being prepared, I spoke with former officials who had seen early versions, or who had worked on the reports in the past. As many of them expected, the latest reports do not address systemic discrimination against gay or trans people, and they remove observations about rape and violence against women.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg14b-trump-definition-human-72	https://www.yaho	August 14, 2025	
Trump Has a New Definition of Human Rights	Political Cesspool	Trump appeared to be banking on the support of congressional Republicans to push through any attempt to extend the 30 day takeover — but maintained that if lawmakers failed to approve the extension, he would go forward with the move on his own by declaring a national emergency. "I don't want to call it a national emergency," Trump said, before adding, "I'll have to, I will."	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg14b-trump-30day-circumventing-77	https://www.yaho	August 14, 2025	Trump, Human Rights, Political Cesspool
Trump floats circumventing Congress to maintain control of DC police	Constitutional Crisis	Photos and images of agents in the wealthy neighborhood of Georgetown and down by the wharf area drew some of the most intense heckling. "Georgetown? Did they bust somebody for pissing Chardonnay with a steak?" wrote Robbie Sherwood, communications director for the Arizona House Democrats, on X.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg14b-trump-national-guard-71	https://www.yaho	August 14, 2025	Trump, Congress, DC Police, Constitutional Crisis
Trump's National Guard takeover of DC gets trilled: 'Did they bust somebody for pissing Chardonnay with a steak?'	Political Cesspool	"Murders in 2023 reached the highest rate, probably ever," Trump said on Monday. "They say 25 years, but they don't know what that means because I just goes back 25 years, can't be worse." The 2023 homicide rate was not the highest the city has ever experienced — data, which goes back to 1980, indicates homicides peaked in the nation's capital in 1991. The 2023 rate has declined by 63 percent since 1991.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg14b-trump-stop-using-75	https://www.yaho	August 14, 2025	Trump, DC Police, Political Cesspool
Trump can't stop using false and misleading data to make his case for DC takeover	Political Cesspool	Overall, violent crime has gone down by 35 percent since 2023. Sex abuse rates have gone down 71 percent, and assaults with a dangerous weapon have dropped 62 percent.				
Trump's Unhinged D.C. Post: 'The White House Is in Charge'	Political Cesspool	President Donald Trump has doubled down on his campaign against crime in Washington, D.C., with another Truth Social post in which he boldly proclaimed: "The White House is in charge."	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg14b-trump-unhinged-post-65	https://www.yaho	August 14, 2025	Trump, DC Police, Political Cesspool
US judge blocks Trump religious exemption to birth control coverage	Courts / Health Policy	A U.S. judge on Wednesday struck down rules adopted during President Donald Trump's first term that exempt employers with religious or moral objections from having to provide workers with insurance coverage for birth control.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg14b-judge-blocks-trump-68	https://www.yaho	August 14, 2025	Trump, Birth Control, Religious Exemption, Courts
USDA spent thousands on giant Trump banners as it was cutting aid to schools and food banks, report says	Political Cesspool	The Agriculture Department spent thousands of dollars on giant banners featuring President Donald Trump's face as it was cutting aid to schools and food banks, a new report has revealed.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg14b-usda-spent-thousands-52		2025-08-14	
Vance Is Already Naming His Next Target for a Family Vacation	Political Cesspool	Around the same time, the USDA spent more than \$16,000 on banners of Trump and former President Abraham Lincoln, who created the department, to hang outside its Washington headquarters, according to documents obtained by Salon.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg14b-vance-already-naming-81	https://www.yaho	August 14, 2025	USDA, Trump, Political Cesspool, Food Aid
		"Hopefully, we can find some excuses [as] vice president of the United States to go to Hawaii. Kamala Harris went to Hawaii, so we should be able to find some excuse to go to Hawaii."	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg14b-walked-trump-hellcape-56	https://www.yaho	2025-08-14	J.D. Vance, Political Cesspool
		A U.S. judge on Wednesday struck down rules adopted during President Donald Trump's first term that exempt employers with religious or moral objections from having to provide workers with insurance coverage for birth control.				
I Walked Through Trump's D.C. Hellcape. It's Now Clear What Exactly the Feds Are Doing Here.	Civil Rights / Law Enforcement	At the Mall on Tuesday, I felt a surge of recognition when I saw a crowd of 6-year-olds rush by clutching pencils and pads, clearly engaged in some kind of scavenger hunt. That's what the National Guard and federal agents will be doing in D.C. isn't it? They'll spend most of their time roaming around, searching for the petty crimes and aesthetic offenses on the list they've been given: a ill pint, an open beer, a tent pitched under an overpass, men looking for work outside Home Depot. The point of a scavenger hunt is not to produce anything of value: the items on the list don't add up to any coherent, meaningful narrative. But when you're occupied by that title busyness, it's easy enough to convince yourself it matters.				Trump, DC Police, Civil Rights, Federal Patrols
		President Donald Trump's plan to oversee the Bureau of Labor Statistics was hanging around the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, footage shows, prompting a panicked scramble from the White House to paint him as a mere bystander. The president announced that he was nominating Heritage Foundation economist and Project 2025 architect E.J. Anton to replace the previous stats chief, whom Trump abruptly fired after receiving several months of weak job data. The choice to appoint a MACH hardliner to a position that requires nonpartisan professional analysis sparks immediate fears that BLS data will no longer be reliable if the Senate confirms Anton.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg14b-unearthed-images-show-49	https://www.yaho	2025-08-14	
Unearthed images show E.J. Anton among the crowds of the president's supporters	Politics / Media	The U.N. says nearly 12,000 children under 5 were found to have acute malnutrition in July — including more than 2,500 with severe malnutrition, the most dangerous level. The World Health Organization says the numbers are likely an undercount.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-article-palestinian-gaza-children-starv	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	E.J. Anton, Trump, Rally, Politics
A Gaza hospital sees rising numbers of malnourished children	Health / Conflict	The Pennsylvania county where an explosion at a U.S. Steel plant south of Pittsburgh killed two people and injured more than 10 others announced Thursday that it is stepping up air quality monitoring in the area of the sprawling facility that has a troubled environmental record.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-article-pennsylvania-steel-plant-explosi	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	Gaza, Malnutrition, Health Crisis
Pennsylvania county boosts air quality checks after US Steel plant explosion	Environment / Safety	After Monday's blast, the county health department initially told residents within 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) of the plant to remain indoors and close all windows and doors. The department lifted the advisory after its monitors didn't detect levels of soot or sulfur dioxide above federal standards.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-article-trump-doe-schools-lawyuit-ruling	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	Air Quality, Industrial Accident, Pennsylvania
Judge rules against Trump administration's plan to end DEI efforts AP News	Education / Schools	A federal judge on Thursday struck down two Trump administration actions aimed at eliminating diversity, equity and inclusion programs at the nation's schools and universities.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	DEI, education, Trump, federal court, schools
Ice dices slingshot across a metal surface all on their own - Ars Technica	Weird world	"It initiated a sea change in how the Department of Education regulates educational practices and classroom conduct, causing millions of educators to reasonably fear that their livelihood, and even beneficial, speech might cause them or their schools to be punished," Gallagher wrote. A few years ago, Boreiko's lab experimentally demonstrated a three-phase Ledentrost effect in water vapor, liquid water, and ice. The Ledentrost effect is what happens when you dash a few drops of water onto a very hot, sizzling skillet. The drops levitate, sliding around the pan with wild abandon. If the surface is at least 400° Fahrenheit (well above the boiling point of water), cushions of water vapor, or steam, form underneath them, keeping them levitated. The effect also works with other liquids, including oils and alcohol, but the temperature at which it manifests will be different. Boreiko's lab discovered that this effect can also be achieved in ice simply by placing a thin, flat disc of ice on a heated aluminum surface. When the plate was heated above 150° C (302° F), the ice did not levitate on a vapor the way liquid water does. Instead, there was a significantly higher threshold of 550° Celsius (1,022° F) for levitation of the ice to occur. Unless that critical threshold is reached, the meltwater below the ice just keeps boiling in direct contact with the surface. Cross that point and you will get a three-phase Ledentrost effect.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	science, physics, ice discs, friction, experiments
Starlink tries to block Virginia's plan to bring fiber Internet to residents - Ars Technica	Fuck That Guy	Starlink operator SpaceX is fighting Virginia's plan to deploy fiber Internet service to residents, claiming that federal grant money should be given to Starlink instead. SpaceX is already in line to win over \$3 billion in grant money in the state but is seeking \$60 million.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	Starlink, internet, broadband, Virginia, monopoly
'ICE Barbie' Kristi Noem claims 1.6M migrants have left the country. Even the group behind the number admits it may be overstated	Political Cesspool	So-called 'ICE Barbie' Kristi Noem has claimed 1.6 million migrants have left the country since President Donald Trump took office but the group behind the number says it may be overstated.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	Kristi Noem, Immigration, misinformation, ICE Barbie
We Knew Cephalopods Were Smart, but Not to This Extent: Cuttlefish Pass Classic Psychology Test Designed for Children	Weird world	But there were some caveats the non-profit mentioned including the possibility immigrants may now be more reluctant to respond to the government survey because of "the recent sleep-deprived enforcement efforts."	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	Cuttlefish, intelligence, psychology, animals, science
AI experts return from China stunned: The U.S. grid is so weak, the race may already be over	Technology	A study published in Proceedings of the Royal Society B has revealed that common cuttlefish can pass a test of delayed gratification—a benchmark of cognitive ability typically applied to children, primates, and birds. This research, led by behavioral ecologist Alexandra K. Schmitt of the University of Cambridge, adds another layer to our understanding of cephalopod intelligence, and it's a finding that is relevant to rethink how cognitive skills evolve in non-human species.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	AI, China, US grid, technology competition
		Meanwhile, David Fisman, a Chinese electricity expert who has spent years tracking their energy development, told Fortune that in China, electricity isn't even a question. On average, China adds more electricity demand than the entire annual consumption of Germany, every single year. While rural provinces are blanketed in rooftop solar, with one province matching the entirety of India's electricity supply.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	
		The world faces a record glut of oil next year as a Saudi-led cartel ramps up production — just as global demand slumps.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	
World faces record glut of oil next year as Opec floods markets	Energy	The sluggish demand clashes with a surge of production from Opec. The IEA said Opec's push to boost global oil supply would mean an extra 2.5 million barrels per day this year and 1.9 million barrels a day in 2026 — around 400,000 to 600,000 barrels higher than it previously expected.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	OPEC, oil markets, energy, global economy
		Weaker-than-expected demand in China, India and Brazil in recent months is expected to weigh the most on global orders. The IEA said demand growth would hit 700,000 barrels a day in 2026 — down from estimates of 720,000 last month.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	
		THE STATE DEPARTMENT released its annual reports on human rights around the world on Tuesday, and revealed an administration set on whitewashing the records of some of the world's worst violators of human rights.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	human rights, State Department, censorship, transp
The Incredible Disappearing Human Rights Reports	Constitutional Crisis	The hollowed-out reports on roughly 200 countries and territories omit references to LGBTQ+ discrimination and censored information on government abuses, including gender-based violence and government corruption. They no longer include sections focused on systemic racial or ethnic discrimination and violence, child abuse, or child sexual exploitation. The congressionally mandated human rights reports, which are used to guide U.S. decisions on diplomacy and aid, have been turned into wholly political documents that target countries with whom the Trump administration has clashed and soft-pedal abuses by the administration's allies.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	Trump, Putin, Ukraine, summit, foreign policy
Why the Trump-Putin Summit Cannot End the War in Ukraine	Foreign Affairs	Israel, and countries like El Salvador, South Sudan, and Eswatini, which have agreed to accept and in some cases imprison U.S. deportees as part of Trump's growing global gulag, got a soft touch. South Africa, which has led the war crimes case against Israel at The Hague, received a more pointed report.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	Trump, Putin, Ukraine, summit, foreign policy
Trump's D.C. takeover met with "music festivals": new protest code word	Civil Rights / Protest	The stated aim of Trump's summit with Putin — such as his idea of "swapping" one piece of Ukrainian territory for another, or the notion of a partial ceasefire — will not address what the Russian leader has long described as the "root causes" of the war. "When he talks about root causes, he's talking about Ukraine's existence as a sovereign, independent country," Green explains. "That's not Trump's to give away."	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	Trump, Putin, Ukraine, summit, foreign policy
		No, there is not a "music festival" coming to the streets of Washington, D.C. — but that's what social media users want: repeat algorithms to think.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	Trump, Protests, Civil Rights, Activism, DC
		They're talking about protests online, but they're calling them "music festivals" in an attempt to use more algorithm-friendly phrases, fearing videos could be censored.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	
Vegetable inflation strikes, with a warning for grocery prices	Economy	The U.S. economy has a vegetable problem, and it's not just "broccoli refusal" — entire — wholesale prices for fresh veggies soared by a record amount last month, foreshadowing a possible spike at the grocery store soon.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	inflation, groceries, vegetables, economy, prices
Bondif fies DOJ employee accused of throwing sandwich at federal agent	Political Cesspool	A 38.9% increase in prices for fresh and dry vegetables from June to July was the major driver of a higher index for "final demand goods" (things that are done and ready to be sold to a consumer, as opposed to things that go into a later production process).	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	Trump, DOJ, Political Cesspool, Weird News
Trump wants to use traffic stops to target undocumented immigrants	Immigration / Policing	A Justice Department employee accused of throwing a sandwich at a Customs and Border Protection agent this week has been fired, and faces felony charges, according to Attorney General Pam Bondi.	https://thn.tiny.us/Avg15-ice-does-slingshot-across-a-metal-su	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	Trump, Immigration, Police, Civil Rights

		Social Security "looks more threatened than ever," is how AP puts it. The Social Security Administration, the agency that oversees the program, lost thousands of employees this year, including senior executives with deep understanding of how the program works. The field offices, Social Security's "front door" where the public goes for help to sign up for benefits, getting cards, etc., are facing a staffing crisis, per a recent report from the Strategic Organizing Center. Offices are down about 20% of staff this year, taking into account folks who've been transferred to work phone lines, per an Axios tally.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-08-14-trump-social-security-biz-beautiful	https://www.axios.com	August 15, 2025	
Trump says Social Security is stronger, but signs of trouble mount	Economy / Social Programs				Trump, Social Security, Economy, Fiscal Risk	
PPI report: US tariff cost burden will define the Trump-era economy	Economy / Trade	New inflation data confirms anecdotes from Corporate America: U.S. importers are bearing the brunt of tariffs so far — costs that look set to be passed along to consumers. The Producer Price Index, a measure of prices paid to wholesalers, came in fiery hot, rising 0.9% in July — the biggest gain in three years. For context, economists expected a mere 0.2% monthly increase, following a flat reading in June. Rich Americans are spending at a higher rate this year — everyone else is basically slowing their roll. Spending increased nearly 2% in July from last year for higher income households, and 1% for middle-earners, according to a Bank of America Institute analysis released earlier this week. For the lowest third of households, those earning roughly \$50,000 a year or less, spending growth was zero, zip, zilch, nada — 0.0%, per the analysis, which looked at internal credit- and debit-card spending data from BoFA.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-08-14-trump-tariffs-economy-ppp	https://www.axios.com	August 15, 2025	
Amid tariffs, 'big, beautiful bill,' low-income Americans penny pinch	Economy	The field offices, Social Security's "front door" where the public goes for help to sign up for benefits, getting cards, etc., are facing a staffing crisis, per a recent report from the Strategic Organizing Center. Offices are down about 20% of staff this year, taking into account folks who've been transferred to work phone lines, per an Axios tally.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-08-15-trump-tariffs-biz-beautiful-bill-a	https://www.axios.com	August 15, 2025	
Border Patrol agents in L.A. show up outside of Gov. Gavin Newsom's redistricting press conference - CBS Los Angeles	Borders and Immigration	U.S. Border Patrol agents appeared outside of the Japanese American National Museum on Thursday morning as Gov. Gavin Newsom and other state and local leaders were conducting a news conference announcing a plan to move forward with a redistricting plan. A group of masked agents showed up in trucks outside of the news conference. U.S. Border Patrol Chief Gregory Bovino said agents were conducting "young patrols" in the area. Bovino confirmed to CBS Los Angeles that one person was arrested outside the museum. How? By convincing U.S. freight railroad companies to switch from diesel power to rechargeable batteries — part of a business model Langer estimates could make her company, Voltify, as much as \$10 a year.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-news-border-patrol-gov-gavin-newsom-new	https://www.cbs.com	August 15, 2025	Border Patrol, Gavin Newsom, L.A., immigration, redistricting
Battery-electric trains: Voltify wants railroad operators to avoid diesel	Green Energy / Climate	The red-headed wood pigeon, found only on Japan's remote Ogasawara Islands, has staged an incredible recovery from the early 2000s, when the birds' numbers fell to fewer than 80 individuals. The turning point came when conservationists removed feral cats, which, since being introduced to the islands, had been preying on the red-headed wood pigeons (Columba janthina niles). The population rebounded within just three years — an unusually fast recovery that caught the attention of researchers at Japan's Kyoto University.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-08-14-battery-electric-trains-voltify-wa	https://www.cbs.com	2025-08-15	trains, diesel, Voltify, green energy, transportation
131 feral cats removed from remote Japanese islands — then something exceptional happens	Weird World	The red-headed wood pigeon, found only on Japan's remote Ogasawara Islands, has staged an incredible recovery from the early 2000s, when the birds' numbers fell to fewer than 80 individuals. The turning point came when conservationists removed feral cats, which, since being introduced to the islands, had been preying on the red-headed wood pigeons (Columba janthina niles). The population rebounded within just three years — an unusually fast recovery that caught the attention of researchers at Japan's Kyoto University.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-animal-facts-birds-red-headed-wood-pigeon	https://www.fox.com	August 15, 2025	feral cats, Japan, wildlife, conservation, birds
We weren't actually more anxious during Covid, researchers discover	Health / Research	"Our results might suggest that the mental health of U.S. adults is more resilient than public perception suggests, given the many news headlines about the U.S. currently experiencing a 'mental health crisis,'" Noah French, a researcher at University of Virginia and an author of the new study, explained in a statement. Costco has opted not to dispense abortion pills after receiving demands from activists on both sides of the issue — and faith-based groups are celebrating the move. Last year, New York City Comptroller Brad Lander urged the retail giant to get a certification to be able to dispense mifepristone — one drug in a two-drug regimen for medication abortions — at its pharmacies. The following month a religious coalition pleaded with Costco not to sell the termination pill.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-news-health-covid-pandemic-anxiety-month	https://www.fox.com	August 15, 2025	Mental Health, COVID-19, Research
Costco balks on sale of abortion pill. Faith-based activist groups are celebrating the decision	Health / Policy	Costco has opted not to dispense abortion pills after receiving demands from activists on both sides of the issue — and faith-based groups are celebrating the move. Last year, New York City Comptroller Brad Lander urged the retail giant to get a certification to be able to dispense mifepristone — one drug in a two-drug regimen for medication abortions — at its pharmacies. The following month a religious coalition pleaded with Costco not to sell the termination pill.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-americas-us-politics-costco-abortion-pill	https://www.fox.com	August 15, 2025	Abortion, Retail, Policy
Largest ICE detention facility at Fort Bliss opens after months of delays and contract squabbles	Immigration / Detention	A new immigration detention facility, expected to be the largest in the United States, is set to open this week after facing months of delays, including a failed contract and a workpiece death. The detention facility, dubbed "Lonestar Lockup" by Texas Republican Senator John Cornyn, will begin receiving hundreds of people on August 17. The site at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, has an initial capacity of approximately 1,000, but that will expand to 5,000, making it the largest Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in the country.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-americas-us-politics-fort-bliss-ice-pail	https://www.fox.com	August 15, 2025	ICE, Fort Bliss, Detention
New York City Federal building housing ICE evacuated as hazmat teams investigate envelopes of white powder	Security / Law Enforcement	Hazmat teams have been deployed to a federal government building in New York City after envelopes containing a mysterious white powder were discovered, authorities said. Just before 4 p.m. on Thursday, Immigration and Customs Enforcement personnel discovered envelopes containing "an unknown white powder" on the fifth floor of 28 Federal Plaza, the FBI said at a press conference Thursday. Five envelopes were found in the mail room of Enforcement and Removal Operations — a component of ICE. Civil rights groups and legal experts fear the president's remarks will embolden police officers to abandon constitutional guardrails — and signal to Americans that those protections are meaningless.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-americas-us-politics-new-york-city-white	https://www.fox.com	August 15, 2025	ICE, NYC, Hazmat
Trump told cops to do "whatever the hell they want" to fix DC. Here's why that's 'extremely dangerous'	Policing / Civil Rights	No, police cannot do "whatever the hell they want," Rahman added. But officers "will feel emboldened to do things that we know are not only legally unsound and questionable but also unpopular — like sweep away people and forcibly move people who are homeless, or tell people that they can't be in certain public places." The security firm of former U.S. Navy Seal Erik Prince will soon deploy nearly 200 personnel from various countries to Haiti as part of a one-year deal to quell gang violence there, a person with knowledge of the plans said Thursday.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-15-mx-at-5003316-blackwater-erik-prince	https://www.rpx.com	2025-08-15	Trump, DC Policing, Civil Rights
Blackwater founder to deploy nearly 200 personnel to Haiti - NPR	Foreign Affairs	No, police cannot do "whatever the hell they want," Rahman added. But officers "will feel emboldened to do things that we know are not only legally unsound and questionable but also unpopular — like sweep away people and forcibly move people who are homeless, or tell people that they can't be in certain public places." The security firm of former U.S. Navy Seal Erik Prince will soon deploy nearly 200 personnel from various countries to Haiti as part of a one-year deal to quell gang violence there, a person with knowledge of the plans said Thursday.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-15-mx-at-5003316-blackwater-erik-prince	https://www.rpx.com	2025-08-15	Erik Prince, Haiti, Blackwater, private military, gangs
Mpox seems like a past worry but still poses a global danger	Health	Over the past year, the virus spread rapidly across borders in Africa. Twenty-four African countries are in the midst of mpox outbreaks — up from 13 a year ago, according to the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For many of these countries — from Gabon to Kenya, from Uganda to South Sudan — this is the first time they've ever seen cases of mpox. Well, one man put on a demonstration of why you might want to steer clear of the flash if you're going to try snapping some photos of an elephant for the 'gram. A few people were standing there watching the elephant when, all of a sudden, it charged at one man — identified as tourist R. Basavaraju — who had just snapped a selfie with the elephant using his flash.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-16-g-p-1-824002-mpox-what-urgent-emergency	https://www.rpx.com	August 15, 2025	Health, Mpox, Public Health
Man Learns The Hard Way Why You Don't Use A Flash When Photographing Elephants Outkick	Weird World	Basavaraju fell while trying to get away from the elephant, which stomped on him several times, ripping off his pants and underwear. He survived the attack but was taken to the hospital with injuries. Six months into his second term, public evaluations of President Donald Trump's job performance have grown more negative. His job approval stands at 36% (60% disapprove), and fewer Americans now attribute several positive personal characteristics to him than did so during the campaign.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-16-g-p-1-824002-mpox-what-urgent-emergency	https://www.rpx.com	August 15, 2025	elephants, photography, flash, animals, Weird World
Trump's Tariffs, 'Big Beautiful Bill' Viewed Negatively as His Approval Slips Pew Research Center	Economy	Basavaraju fell while trying to get away from the elephant, which stomped on him several times, ripping off his pants and underwear. He survived the attack but was taken to the hospital with injuries. Six months into his second term, public evaluations of President Donald Trump's job performance have grown more negative. His job approval stands at 36% (60% disapprove), and fewer Americans now attribute several positive personal characteristics to him than did so during the campaign.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-16-g-p-1-824002-mpox-what-urgent-emergency	https://www.rpx.com	August 15, 2025	Trump, tariffs, economy, approval rating, Pew Research
Gen Z and millennials are taking over bingo halls, survey finds	Weird world	According to research, there has been a rise in younger people going on bingo nights and, while it might be far from a full house, 44 per cent of those visiting for the first time are under 35, fuelled by a desire to spend less money on alcohol. With Kennedy leading HHS, this about-face is easy to parse as yet another anti-vaccine move. But the assault on mRNA is also proof of another kind of animus: the COVID-revenge campaign that top officials in this administration have been pursuing for months, attacking the policies, technologies, and people that defined the U.S.'s pandemic response. As the immediacy of the COVID crisis receded, public anger about the American response to it took deeper root — perhaps most prominently among those critics who are now Trump appointees. That animosity has become an essential tool in Kennedy's efforts to undermine vaccines. "It is leverage," Dori Reiss, a vaccine law expert at UC Law San Francisco, told me. "It is a way to justify doing things that he wouldn't be able to get away with otherwise."	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-life-style-bingo-gen-z-millennials-mecca	https://www.fox.com	2025-08-15	Gen Z, Millennials, Leisure Trends
Why RFK Jr.'s Anti-Vaccine Campaign Is Working	Disinformation	A drug used in medical abortions could help prevent women at high risk of breast cancer from developing the disease, according to an international group of doctors and scientists. However, "stigma" around mifepristone is stopping pharmaceutical companies from investigating its potential as a new treatment doctors could offer to reduce the risk of breast cancer, they say.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-covid-news-683853	https://www.fox.com	August 15, 2025	RFK Jr., anti-vaccine, COVID-19, disinformation, pol
Abortion drug could help reduce risk of breast cancer, group of medics says	Health / Women	Companies appear reluctant to carry out trials despite the fact that three previous studies all found that the drug shows promise as a way of slowing down the growth of cancerous cells. A lawsuit filed in Louisiana on behalf of two mothers and their four minor children, including one with cancer, claims the two families were unlawfully denied due process and deported by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to Honduras in April 2025. The lawsuit, which names the attorney general, Pam Bondi, Department of Homeland Security, Kristi Noem, and various ICE officials as defendants, alleges ICE violated its own policies, and multiple federal laws, when officers secretly detained the families, denied access to counsel and swiftly deported them to Honduras, ignoring legal filings.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-14-cdc-basmati-busiana-immigration	https://www.fox.com	August 15, 2025	Women's Health, Cancer, Research
Man feeling ice raid outside LA Home Depot hit and killed on freeway	Borders and Immigration	A man was hit by a vehicle and killed as he attempted to get away from federal immigration officers who were raiding a Home Depot in Los Angeles county on Thursday morning, according to authorities. "From selectively presenting data from particularly convenient dates to misrepresenting axes to exaggerate magnitudes, he has used all of the tricks in the book and shown time and again that he is not a credible source of information," Dave Hebert, an economist at the American Institute for Economic Research, a conservative thinktank, told the Guardian. "Worse, he has repeatedly shown that he fundamentally misunderstands what some of the data the BLS puts out actually means. It's difficult to imagine someone effectively leading a vital organization like the BLS who cannot correctly define the data they're putting out."	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-14-los-angeles-ice-raid	https://www.fox.com	August 15, 2025	ICE, deportation, lawsuit, Honduras, children
Conservatives join backlash over Trump pick for head of labor statistics: 'Not a credible source of information'	Politics / Administration	A man was hit by a vehicle and killed as he attempted to get away from federal immigration officers who were raiding a Home Depot in Los Angeles county on Thursday morning, according to authorities. "From selectively presenting data from particularly convenient dates to misrepresenting axes to exaggerate magnitudes, he has used all of the tricks in the book and shown time and again that he is not a credible source of information," Dave Hebert, an economist at the American Institute for Economic Research, a conservative thinktank, told the Guardian. "Worse, he has repeatedly shown that he fundamentally misunderstands what some of the data the BLS puts out actually means. It's difficult to imagine someone effectively leading a vital organization like the BLS who cannot correctly define the data they're putting out."	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-14-los-angeles-ice-raid	https://www.fox.com	August 15, 2025	ICE, LA, immigration, death, raids
Trump reportedly called Norwegian minister 'out of the blue' to ask about Nobel prize	Politics / Diplomacy	The Norwegian outlet Dagens Næringsliv, citing unnamed sources, reported: "Out of the blue, while finance minister Jens Stoltenberg was walking down the street in Oslo, Donald Trump called ... He wanted the Nobel prize — and to discuss tariffs."	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-14-trump-bureau-labor-statistics-q	https://www.fox.com	2025-08-15	Trump, Appointments, Labor Statistics
Israel appears set to approve highly controversial 3,400-home West Bank settlement Israel The Guardian	Foreign Affairs	Israel appears set to give formal planning approval to a highly controversial settlement project for more than 3,400 new homes that has been frozen for decades and which critics say would split the occupied West Bank in half. Trump insisted that he would not let Putin get the better of him in Friday's meeting, telling reporters: "I am president, and he's not going to mess around with me. I'll know within the first two minutes, three minutes, four minutes or five minutes — whether or not we're going to have a good meeting or a bad meeting."	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-14-israel-appears-set-to-approve-con	https://www.fox.com	August 15, 2025	Trump, Norway, Nobel Prize
Putin ready to make Ukraine deal, Trump says before Alaska summit	Foreign Affairs	Clashes between rival groups of protesters in Serbia left dozens injured overnight, police said on Thursday, as months of anti-government demonstrations boiled over into street violence for a second night. For the second night running, large groups of pro-government supporters, most wearing masks, confronted protesters. The two groups hurled bottles, stones and fireworks at each other. California Gov. Gavin Newsom said Thursday his state will hold a Nov. 4 special election to seek approval of redrawn districts intended to give Democrats five more U.S. House seats in the fight for control of Congress.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-14-serbia-stammer-to-meet-volodymyr-zel	https://www.fox.com	August 15, 2025	Israel, West Bank, settlements, Palestine, international
Dozens injured in Serbia as protesters clash with pro-government supporters Serbia The Guardian	Protests and Civil Unrest	Clashes between rival groups of protesters in Serbia left dozens injured overnight, police said on Thursday, as months of anti-government demonstrations boiled over into street violence for a second night. For the second night running, large groups of pro-government supporters, most wearing masks, confronted protesters. The two groups hurled bottles, stones and fireworks at each other. California Gov. Gavin Newsom said Thursday his state will hold a Nov. 4 special election to seek approval of redrawn districts intended to give Democrats five more U.S. House seats in the fight for control of Congress.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-aug-14-serbia-protesters-clash-government	https://www.fox.com	2025-08-15	Ukraine, Trump, Putin, diplomacy, Russia
California is moving forward with a partisan redistricting effort to counter Texas' move	Elections / Voting	Now, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is able to share information about people who are not in its custody, such as those pulled over during traffic stops. Police may also provide transportation for federal immigration agency employees and detained individuals. The new site, at the Baker Correctional Institution near Lake City in the northeast part of the state, will house more than 1,300 people, the governor and other state officials announced at an Aug. 14 news conference. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials will use the nearby Lake City Gateway Airport to transport immigrants.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-news-articles-california-moving-forward	https://www.yah.com	August 15, 2025	Serbia, protests, violence, government, civil unrest
DC police now allowed to assist ICE in transporting detainees, police chief says	Borders and Immigration	Now, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is able to share information about people who are not in its custody, such as those pulled over during traffic stops. Police may also provide transportation for federal immigration agency employees and detained individuals. The new site, at the Baker Correctional Institution near Lake City in the northeast part of the state, will house more than 1,300 people, the governor and other state officials announced at an Aug. 14 news conference. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials will use the nearby Lake City Gateway Airport to transport immigrants.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-news-articles-dc-police-now-allowed-ass	https://www.yah.com	2025-08-15	California, redistricting, Texas, politics
Florida to open second immigration detention facility, 'Detention Depot'	Borders and Immigration	The facility was originally closed because of a staffing shortage within the Florida Department of Corrections, but DeSantis said the Florida National Guard will staff the center. (Baker Correctional Institution is not the same as the Baker County Detention Center, which is already an ICE detention facility.) On Aug. 14, Hunter Biden hit back with an explosive-laden response, saying he had read the account in newspaper articles dating back to 2019.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-news-articles-florida-open-second-immig	https://www.yah.com	2025-08-15	policing, immigration, ICE, local federal cooperation
Hunter Biden drops F-bomb on Melania Trump's Jeffrey Epstein lawsuit threat	Political Censorship	Noem's intervention ensured the app topped the charts for a number of days (although it has since fallen to the top 100). Then last month Aaron's wife, Carolyn Feinstein, was fired from her Department of Justice job in Austin, Texas. The couple believe it was clear "retaliation" for the app, despite Feinstein not being involved in the app's creation or promotion. The Trump administration and the aviation companies working for it have been purposely hiding the tail numbers on immigration flights to avoid public scrutiny and accountability, CNN reports. This move comes as the Trump administration's immigration crackdown ratchets up in frequency and aggression, as deportation flights are up 15 percent from last year. A plane removing a tail number is the equivalent of a car removing a license plate. With the tail number, civilians, journalists, and immigration organizations alike can keep an eye on which deportation flights are leaving, and to where. It also helps loved ones track their deported family members.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-news-articles-florida-open-second-immig	https://www.yah.com	2025-08-15	Florida, immigration, detention centers, deportation
The ICE alert app founder sparking fury in Trump officials: 'Pam Bondi said I better watch out? Please.'	Borders and Immigration	Noem's intervention ensured the app topped the charts for a number of days (although it has since fallen to the top 100). Then last month Aaron's wife, Carolyn Feinstein, was fired from her Department of Justice job in Austin, Texas. The couple believe it was clear "retaliation" for the app, despite Feinstein not being involved in the app's creation or promotion. The Trump administration and the aviation companies working for it have been purposely hiding the tail numbers on immigration flights to avoid public scrutiny and accountability, CNN reports. This move comes as the Trump administration's immigration crackdown ratchets up in frequency and aggression, as deportation flights are up 15 percent from last year. A plane removing a tail number is the equivalent of a car removing a license plate. With the tail number, civilians, journalists, and immigration organizations alike can keep an eye on which deportation flights are leaving, and to where. It also helps loved ones track their deported family members.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-news-articles-hunter-biden-drops-f-bomb	https://www.yah.com	August 15, 2025	Hunter Biden, Melania Trump, Epstein, legal threats
ICE is Going to Sinister Lengths to Avoid Accountability	Borders and Immigration	Noem's intervention ensured the app topped the charts for a number of days (although it has since fallen to the top 100). Then last month Aaron's wife, Carolyn Feinstein, was fired from her Department of Justice job in Austin, Texas. The couple believe it was clear "retaliation" for the app, despite Feinstein not being involved in the app's creation or promotion. The Trump administration and the aviation companies working for it have been purposely hiding the tail numbers on immigration flights to avoid public scrutiny and accountability, CNN reports. This move comes as the Trump administration's immigration crackdown ratchets up in frequency and aggression, as deportation flights are up 15 percent from last year. A plane removing a tail number is the equivalent of a car removing a license plate. With the tail number, civilians, journalists, and immigration organizations alike can keep an eye on which deportation flights are leaving, and to where. It also helps loved ones track their deported family members.	https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-news-articles-ice-alert-app-founder-pwr	https://www.yah.com	2025-08-15	ICE Alert app, immigration, Trump administration, as
			https://thn.kiny.us/avg15-news-articles-ice-going-sinister-lengths	https://www.yah.com	August 15, 2025	ICE, immigration, accountability, transparency

Illinois judge denies Paxton's request to help arrest Texas Democrats	Legal	An Illinois judge on Wednesday declined Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's (R) request to help Texas Democrats who fled there in contempt.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-news-articles-illinois-judge-denies-paxt	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	Ken Paxton, Texas Democrats, Illinois court, legal bar
MAGA Republicans try to run from the racism in their redistricting plan	Elections / Voting	Unfortunately, we have grown to the point in this country where you can use racism against people of color, but people of color can't respond and say, 'That's racism.' If we do, you're not going to print it. You're not going to carry it. What you're going to do is to allow the racist statement to prevail. And what we try to do is fight it — by indicating that it IS racist — you allow that to just be words that evaporate into nothingness.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-news-articles-maga-republicans-try-run-r	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	MAGA, redistricting, racism, voting rights
RFK Jr.'s HHS re-establishes childhood vaccine safety task force after pressure from his former anti-vaccine advocacy group	Healthcare	The US Department of Health and Human Services said it is re-establishing the Task Force on Safer Childhood Vaccines, a panel of US health officials tasked with making recommendations on vaccine development, distribution and monitoring. The task force, which will be helmed by US National Institutes of Health Director Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, will also include the director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the commissioner of the US Food and Drug Administration, according to HHS Director of Communications Andrew Nasse. Additional members will be announced in the future, he said.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-news-articles-rfk-jr-hhs-establishes-cl	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	MAGA, redistricting, racism, voting rights
People Are Calling Out The "Dystopian" New Laws In Texas Schools That Require Prayer Time And Ten Commandments Posters	Religion	House Bill 1481 will prohibit students from using cellphones and any other personal electronic devices at school. The legislators believe this new law will improve performance and reduce distractions in the classroom.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-news-articles-texas-school-laws-require	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	RFK Jr., vaccines, HHS, public health
Tropical Storm Erin path shifts, but strengthens and still forecast to grow into major hurricane, NHC says	Climate / Disasters	What's being added to schools is what is really gaining attention and going viral. Senate Bill 11 will require schools to designate Bible reading and prayer time during the school day. And Senate Bill 10 will require public elementary and secondary schools to display the Ten Commandments in every classroom on a visible 10" x 20" poster.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-news-articles-tropical-storm-erin-path-s	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	Texas, religion in schools, Ten Commandments, edu
This Will Be Trump's Dark Legacy For America: Political Guru	Donald Trump	"No president in our history has weakened us more at home," Rothkopf told host Joanna Coles. "And I think, ultimately, this is going to be how he is judged in a geopolitical sense. When Donald Trump leaves office, the United States will not be the most powerful nation on earth."	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-news-articles-trump-dark-legacy-america	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	Tropical Storm Erin, hurricanes, weather, climate
Trump's Military Crackdowns Are Only Going to Get Worse	Donald Trump	The president and his top government appointees are publicly stressing that this will not end with D.C. and L.A., that other military options are very much on the table. The facts, the laws, and data do not seem to matter: Trump and his team believe he can do whatever he wants, whenever he wants, including using the U.S. armed forces for domestic political purposes as well as intimidating his enemies. His team is privately putting together plans for him to do just that.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-news-articles-trump-military-crackdowns	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	Trump legacy, authoritarianism, democracy, politics
White House believes Corey Lewandowski is fudging his work hours to stay working with Kristi Noem longer: report	Political Cesspool	White House officials are reportedly skeptical that Corey Lewandowski, a political advisor who is currently a temporary special government employee, has been trying to avoid hitting the maximum number of days he may work so he can remain part of the Department of Homeland Security.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-news-articles-white-house-believes-corey	https://www.yaho	August 15, 2025	Trump, military crackdowns, authoritarianism, dome
Trump says Zelenskyy can end Russia war 'almost immediately' before White House meet	Politics / Foreign Policy	But unnamed administration officials told Axios they believe Lewandowski is trying to evade his expiration date by sneaking into buildings with other staffers to avoid swiping his badge, and using a non-government email to conduct business.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-trump-64	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	Corey Lewandowski, Kristi Noem, White House, poli
Global talks to cut plastic pollution stall as powerful nations resist production caps	Climate / Policy	Trump's Donald Trump on Sunday teased what he said would be a "big day" as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and a host of European leaders prepared for a White House meeting that Trump said can end Russia's invasion of Ukraine "almost immediately."	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-trump-64	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	Trump, Zelenskyy, Russia-Ukraine, Diplomacy
Final Gathering of Nations: Iconic powwow to conclude in 2026	Culture / Indigenous	"Take all that plastic pollution forced in Geneva this week, with no agreement to meaningfully reduce the harms to human health and the environment that come with the millions of tons of plastic water bottles, food containers and packaging produced today.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-climate-38	https://www.yaho	2025-08-15	Trump, Zelenskyy, Russia-Ukraine, Diplomacy
Hurricane Erin reintensifies to a Category 4 storm: trag officials begin excavation of mass grave near Mosul	Climate / Disasters	That means any progress continues to depend on efforts to improve recycling, reuse and product design — the very things that powerful nations argued were sufficient to address the problem without resorting to production cuts.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-gather-36	https://www.yaho	2025-08-16	Plastic Pollution, Climate Policy, Recycling
Vermont park celebrates the bond between dogs and their humans	Human Rights / Conflict	For decades, tens of thousands of people have descended upon Albuquerque for what is billed as North America's largest powwow, a celebration showcasing Indigenous dancers, musicians and artisans from around the world.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug15-huric-65	https://www.yaho	2025-08-16	Indigenous, Powwow, Culture
Musk pressured to cut off Starlink internet for scammers	Weird World	Organizers announced Saturday that 2026 will be the last time the cultural event is held, saying via email and social media that it will end after 43 years without providing details on the decision.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-vermont-77	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Dogs, Vermont, Culture, Weird World
What would happen if America started taking its economic data? Here's what happened when other countries did it	Economy / Global	It reintensified to a Category 4 storm with 130 mph (215 kph) maximum sustained winds early Monday and moved closer to the Southeast Bahamas, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Musk, Starlink, Scams, Internet
Trump's unprecedented, potentially unconstitutional deal with Nvidia and AMD, explained: Alexander Hamilton would approve	Fuck That Guy	... The Bahamas government issued a Tropical Storm Watch for the central Bahamas, while a Tropical Storm Warning remained in effect for the Turks and Caicos Islands and southeast Bahamas, the hurricane center reported.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-energy-58	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Trump, Nvidia, AMD, Economy, Constitution
Factscheck: Trump's climate report includes more than 100 false or misleading claims	Climate / Disinformation	... Iraq officials have begun the excavation of what is believed to be a mass grave left behind by the Islamic State extremist group during its rampage across the country a decade ago.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-energy-58	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Trump, Climate Report, Disinformation
The EPA's know-nothing assault on climate science	Climate / Environment	The park was created 25 years ago by Vermont folk artist Stephen Huneck and his wife, Gwen, and features hiking trails, swimming ponds, an art gallery and a Dog Chapel where visitors can add to the thousands of photos and notes to pets that share the chapel walls.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	EPA, Climate Change, Science Policy
Maryland Democrat says Trump 'once again got played' by Putin	Politics / Foreign Policy	A.U.S. senator wants answers and fast. Senator Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) has formally asked Elon Musk to explain how SpaceX plans to stop criminals from using Starlink satellite internet to run elaborate global scams.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Trump, Putin, Summit, Criticism
Trump-Putin summit: Closed-door talks ongoing after red carpet welcome	Authoritarian Popaganda	But this isn't just about money lost to phishing texts or fake investment sites. What's unfolding is much darker. Satellite technology, meant to bring the world closer, is now allegedly being used to power human trafficking compounds, force thousands into digital servitude, and fuel criminal operations that have already cost Americans billions.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Trump, Putin, Alaska Summit, Diplomacy, Authoritarian
Job market gloom hasn't been this bad since the Great Recession	Economy	It raises difficult, urgent questions about who controls access to the internet in lawless zones and what tech giants owe the public when their tools are misused.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Economy, Jobs, Great Recession, Inflation
Putin made maximalist claims to Ukrainian territory in Trump summit: Sources	War / Authoritarianism	At stake is the heart of an economy relied upon by nearly every person on earth, directly or indirectly. The US economy affects everyone from Americans in gilded Manhattan skyscrapers to, quite literally, garbage pickers living in developing nation slums.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Trump, Putin, Ukraine, Russia, War, Authoritarian
Trump-Putin summit starts on red carpet, ends in confusion	Political Cesspool	But while Greece famously faked its way into the European Union and Argentina to this day remains embroiled in legal fights over its own sham numbers, there key differences here: The US economy is the world's biggest, buoyed by its global dominance and by years of strength.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Trump, Putin, Ukraine, Diplomacy, Political Chaos
Trump to meet Zelenskyy on Monday after "difficult" post-summit call	International Politics	The chips do appear to be quite significant to China, considering that the Cybersecurity Administration of China held discussions with Nvidia over security concerns that the H20 chips may be tracked and turned off remotely, according to a disclosure on its website. The deal, which lifted an export ban on Nvidia's H20 AI chips and AMD's MI308, and followed heated negotiations, was widely described as unusual and also still theoretical at this point, with the legal details still being sorted by the Department of Commerce. Legal experts have questioned whether the eventual deal would constitute an unconstitutional export tax, as the U.S. Constitution prohibits duties on exports. This came to be known as the "export clause" of the constitution.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Trump, Zelenskyy, Ukraine, Diplomacy, Putin
MAGA eager for D.C. patrols to spread to other cities	Authoritarianism	A "critical assessment" report commissioned by the Trump administration to justify a rollback of US climate regulations contains at least 100 false or misleading statements, according to a Carbon Brief factcheck involving dozens of leading climate scientists.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Trump, MAGA, DC Crackdown, National Guard, Aut
Republican governors sending hundreds of National Guard troops to D.C.	Constitutional Crisis	... Complied in just two months by five "independent" researchers hand-selected by the climate-skeptic US secretary of energy, Chris Wright, the document has sparked fierce criticism from climate scientists, who have pointed to factual errors, misrepresentation of research, messy citations and the cherry-picking of data.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Trump, National Guard, Republican Governors, DC,
Russia, Ukraine agreement "a long ways off," Rubio says after Trump's summit	War / Foreign Policy	The Trump administration's assault on what Zeldin called "climate change religion" is based on demonstrably false assumptions and assertions. Global warming is not "a hoax." Temperatures on the surface of the earth and ocean are increasing at alarming rates. The ice sheets are melting, sea levels are rising and catastrophic weather-related events are more frequent. The benefits of addressing climate change, moreover, outweigh costs to the economies of developed and developing countries — and to the welfare of hundreds of millions of people on the planet.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Trump, Rubio, Ukraine, Russia, War, Diplomacy
Trump trade war: What we know about tariffs and inflation	Economy	Hundreds of studies conducted throughout the world confirm that human activities, especially the burning of fossil fuels, are having an adverse impact on the climate. About 97 percent of climate scientists agree. According to one expert, no new evidence has emerged "that would in any way challenge the scientific bases of the endangerment finding."	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Trump, Tariffs, Trade War, Inflation, Economy
Zelenskyy's meeting with Trump joined by European leaders	International Politics	"Weet, Martin, there's no supercharging this. Donald Trump, once again, got played by Vladimir Putin. Vladimir Putin got the red carpet treatment on American soil. But we got no ceasefire, no imminent meeting between Putin and Zelenskyy," Van Hollen responded.	https://thn.tiny.us/aug18-story-88	https://www.yaho	2025-08-18	Trump, Zelenskyy, Europe, Ukraine, Diplomacy

		— Trump welcomes Putin back on world stage with red carpet — Putin faced with questions he never gets asked — What was said when talks ended earlier than expected — And what was not said — Extraordinarily – given the context and the premise for the summit – when it was Trump's turn to speak he did not mention Ukraine or the possibility of a ceasefire once. — "Next time in Moscow" - Putin makes rare aside in English	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-ahic-62			
Trump and Putin Alaska summit: Five takeaways from the meeting	Politics / Foreign Policy	Despite warnings, the heat claims one to three lives each year, with rangers responding to overheated individuals multiple times weekly. Communicating heat safety remains a paramount, yet difficult, priority for the National Park Service. "It's very easy to underestimate how dangerous heat is," said Abby Wines, the park's acting deputy superintendent. "People are usually used to thinking of heat as something that makes them uncomfortable," and that they can tough it out. "This type of heat will kill," she said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-wp09-72	https://www.bbc.com/news/health-68111111	2025-08-18	Trump, Putin, Summit, Foreign Policy
Tourists are flocking to Death Valley — but aren't heeding the warning signs	Climate / Tourism	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will not target ultra-processed foods or pesticides as part of his "Make America Healthy Again" initiative, according to the draft of a new government report. Elsewhere, the document reportedly calls for research into areas such as the impact of electromagnetic radiation, children's oral health, the role of the microbiome as well as the effects of exposure to poor air quality and microplastics. The report also recommends government action on increasing breastfeeding rates, infertility, encouraging physical activity, and educating the public on the dangers of vaping.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-wp09-81			

OpenAI's GPT-5 didn't make ChatGPT as smart as some AI fans hoped	Technology / AI	On X, the AI industry's favored online watering hole, tech workers posted screenshots showing that GPT-5 could do better than previous AI systems at tasks such as coding and collecting research on complex topics. But they also shared evidence it could still sometimes make the kind of mistakes characteristic of earlier chatbots, such as getting tricked by a riddle or confidently claiming factually incorrect information was true. The lack of fireworks is prompting some tech insiders to reset their expectations for how quickly AI capabilities will improve, and question statements from industry leaders like OpenAI CEO Sam Altman suggesting systems matching human intelligence at most tasks are near. The Washington Post has a content partnership with OpenAI.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-56	https://www.washpost.com/ai/openai-gpt-5-expectations/	2025-08-18	AI, OpenAI, GPT-5, Expectations
Alligator Alcatraz's New Cousin: 'Deportation Depot' Opens In Sanderson, FL	Weird World	Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis announced plans to open a second immigration detention center, dubbed "Deportation Depot," as a step to expand the state's capacity to hold and deport undocumented immigrants. The expectation is that it will be able to hold more than 1,300 detainees comfortably and could export detainees approximately 2,000 through temporary dormitories. A nonprofit anti-vaccine group founded by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said it is funding a lawsuit against him, in his capacity as secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services, for failing to establish a task force to promote the development of safer childhood vaccines. "Our first priority will ALWAYS be children's health. Sec. Kennedy has FAILED to establish a task force dedicated to making childhood vaccines safer, as mandated by federal law," so we WILL be holding him accountable." Children's Health Defense said Tuesday in a post on X.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-47	https://www.washpost.com/florida-deportation-depot/	August 18, 2025	Florida, Deportation Depot, Weird World, Immigration
Anti-vaccine group that RFK Jr. founded says it's funding lawsuit against him over vaccine safety task force	Health / Conspiracies	The tactic is one familiar to both parties. When Kennedy was head of Children's Health Defense, he filed dozens of lawsuits against corporations and government agencies, usually over vaccines. The attorneys from groups including the ACLU, the US Immigration Law Counsel and Florida Keys Immigration filed a lawsuit against Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and other officials in July, saying the defendants "blocked detainees held at the facility from access to legal counsel" and are preventing "people detained in civil immigration custody at Alligator Alcatraz from communicating with legal counsel and from filing motions with the immigration court that could result in their release from detention."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-52	https://www.yahoo.com/news/anti-vaccine-group-says-it-funding-lawsuit-against-rfk-jr-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	RFK Jr., Anti-vaccine, Lawsuit, Health, Conspiracies
Attorneys warn of 'black hole' for detainees with 'Alligator Alcatraz' case due for hearing Monday	Justice / Prisons	Most employees have been working from home since the Aug. 8 shooting. CDC leaders offered employees the option keep working from home or return to campus Monday. But four of the buildings will stay closed except for critical staff and many employees feel unsafe returning. The former CDC employee says she has been talking to friends and co-workers, many of whom still feel unsafe returning to work. They fear misinformation about the vaccines and public health may cause others to target CDC workers.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-57	https://www.yahoo.com/news/attorneys-warn-black-hole-detainees-alligator-alcatraz-case-due-hearing-monday-180800283.html	2025-08-18	Prisons, Detainees, Alligator Alcatraz, Justice System
Some CDC workers can return to work in person on Monday	Health / Policy	"People are concerned for their safety. They have not been given any information for additional security measures that have any substance," Boon said. On Friday, Aug. 15, the New York Post reported that 75 encampments have been cleared around the capital, with the Department of the Interior confirming to the outlet that United States Park Police have done so since the signing of Trump's "Making the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful" executive order in March.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-59	https://www.yahoo.com/news/some-cdc-workers-can-return-work-person-monday-180800283.html	2025-08-18	CDC, Public Health, Workforce Policy
D.C. Homeless Encampments Removed amid Trump Police Takeover: They Don't Want to Be Reminded That Four People Died	ACAB	D.C. Council member Brianne K. Nadeau told the outlet that such "dramatic action" erodes "the trust we have built with folks living outside and diminishes our ability to bring them into permanent housing and get them stabilized." David Beatty, 65, told NPR on Thursday, when crews near the Lincoln Memorial began to dismantle a small encampment. "It just feels wrong to me. The idea that we're poor makes them uncomfortable. They don't want to be reminded that poor people exist."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-30	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dc-homeless-encampments-removed-amid-trump-police-takeover-180800283.html	2025-08-18	Trump, Homelessness, Police Crackdown, D.C.
A decades-old rule lets drivers set speed limits on US roads. That could be changing	Infrastructure / Transportation	Amid a recent spike in road deaths across the country, the Federal Highway Administration sent a subtle but important message to states that the 85% rule isn't actually a rule at all and was carrying too much weight in determining local speed limits. In its first update since 2009 to a manual that establishes national guidelines for traffic signs, the agency clarified that communities should also consider such things as how the road is used, the risk to pedestrians, and the frequency of crashes.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-58	https://www.yahoo.com/news/a-decades-old-rule-lets-drivers-set-speed-limits-on-us-roads-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Speed Limits, Transportation, Infrastructure, US Roads
Denver man called United Airlines real customer service — then got transferred to someone who took \$17K. How?	Economy / Consumer	Both Smoker and Stager confirmed using call logs that Smoker had called United Airlines' official customer service number, and the call log showed confirmed three hours he had spent on the phone were with United. "The more I looked into it, the more clear it became that it was a scam via United's system somehow," Smoker said. "Now how that happened? I have no idea."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-29	https://www.yahoo.com/news/denver-man-called-united-airlines-real-customer-service-then-got-transferred-someone-who-took-17k-how-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	United Airlines, Scam, Consumer, Travel
Draft 'MAHA' plan to improve kids' health leaked. Here's what's in it.	Health / Policy	On the federal end, however, a representative told him the three-hour call connected with David was only in their internal call log for 12 minutes. The report addresses a number of issues around raising families. It promises to update infant formula requirements, encourage breastfeeding and launch an education campaign to boost fertility rates. But the draft doesn't outright call for removing fluoride from water. Instead, it says the government will "educate" Americans on appropriate levels of fluoride and raise awareness of getting fluoride through toothpaste. It references the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention revisiting its long-standing recommendation to add fluoride to drinking water and the FDA's review of prescription fluoride supplements.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-44	https://www.yahoo.com/news/draft-maha-plan-improve-kids-health-leaked-heres-whats-in-it-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Kids Health, MAHA Plan, Policy, Health
Dumbest Leakers Reveal Trump's Secret Plans to 'Honor' Putin	Fuck That Guy	The report calls for the creation of a government working group to scrutinize the use of psychiatric medication by children. Kennedy has long criticized the use of these drugs, such as antidepressants and Adderall, and has made false claims about them. Eight pages of documents detailing U.S. plans to "honor" Russian President Vladimir Putin during Trump's failed summit with the world leader were left behind in the business center of a hotel in Alaska. In addition to literally rolling out the red carpet for Putin, the documents reveal that the summit lunch was also designed "in honor of his excellency Vladimir Putin."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-89	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dumbest-leakers-reveal-trumps-secret-plans-honor-putin-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Trump, Putin, Leaks, Authoritarianism
Ex-Trump Aide Claims Prez Has Sinister Plot for Dem Cities: 'It's Bigger'	Politics / Trump Administration	"I would say it's even bigger than that," he said. "And I think immigration is going to be used as the Trojan horse to make all of this happen. I mean, well, it's like a Russian doll of Trojan horses to mix a whole bunch of metaphors." "But for Donald Trump, it's about neither of those things," he went on. "It's about power and leverage. And that sounds abstract. That sounds conspiratorial. But everything that he does by his own explanation is about how do you get the leverage to do the next thing you want."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-49	https://www.yahoo.com/news/ex-trump-aide-claims-prez-has-sinister-plot-dem-cities-its-bigger-180800283.html	2025-08-18	Trump, Cities, Authoritarianism, Allegations
Florida GOP removes new immigration merchandise after Home Depot objects	Political Cesspool	The Republican Party of Florida said it has removed a line of deportation-themed shirts, hats and other tchotchkes for sale on its website that mimicked The Home Depot's logo.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-41	https://www.yahoo.com/news/florida-gop-removes-new-immigration-merchandise-after-home-depot-objects-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Florida, GOP, Immigration, Merch, Culture War
Govin Newsom Fires Fresh Shots at 'Tiny Hands' Trump Amid Failed Alaska Summit	Political Cesspool	"Trump just fed the podium with Putin—no questions, nothing!" Newsom tweeted in all caps. "Total low energy. The look like he'd just eaten 3 buckets of KFC with Vlad." He also took aim at the president's "tiny" hands.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-59	https://www.yahoo.com/news/govin-newsom-fires-fresh-shots-tiny-hands-trump-amid-failed-alaska-summit-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Newsom, Trump, Alaska Summit, Political Cesspool
Orgies, survival bunkers, and life upheavals: Meet the preppers embracing the AI apocalypse	Weird World	Some believe we're at the dawn of an age of superabundance — in which almost all intellectual labor can be automated — arriving an unprecedented wave of human flourishing. They're embracing a lifestyle they call "smart-to-hot." Others are bracing for economic catastrophe and making major investments and career moves accordingly. And yet others, who think AI will inevitably wrest free of human control and gain the ability to kill all organic life. They're spending their retirement savings, having "weird orgies," and building survival bunkers.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-37	https://www.yahoo.com/news/orgies-survival-bunkers-life-upheavals-meet-the-preppers-embracing-the-ai-apocalypse-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Preppers, AI, Apocalypse, Weird World
Judge denies Trump administration request to end a policy protecting immigrant children in custody	Borders and Immigration	A federal judge ruled Friday to deny the Trump administration's request to end a policy in place for nearly three decades that is meant to protect immigrant children in federal custody. Mosquitoes typically prefer more tropical, humid conditions, but these biting machines have exploded in number throughout the Las Vegas Valley in recent years because of a host of changes. A mix of urban development, climate change, insecticide resistance and genetic adaptations are creating a more hospitable environment for the insects in southern Nevada.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-24	https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-denies-trump-administration-request-end-policy-protecting-immigrant-children-custody-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Trump, Immigration, Children, Custody, Borders
Las Vegas' growing mosquito problem is 'a ticking time bomb'	Climate / Health	Thousands of Air Canada flyers are facing another day of travel disruption on Monday, after striking Air Canada flight attendants defied a federal back-to-work order and abruptly halted the airline's service. Teachers from California and New York who went to work in Oklahoma public schools will be required to pass a certification test to prove they share the state's conservative political values. Regardless of the subject or grade they teach, they'll have to show they know "the biological differences between females and males" and that they agree with the state's American history standards, which includes elements of a conspiracy theory that the Democratic Party stole the 2020 presidential election from President Donald Trump, which fact checkers have said are false.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-54	https://www.yahoo.com/news/las-vegas-growing-mosquito-problem-is-a-ticking-time-bomb-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Las Vegas, Mosquitoes, Climate, Health
Lots of turbulence: Air Canada flyers describe cancellation, rebooking chaos amid strike	Labor / Transportation	The state Department of Education will implement the new certification test for teachers from the two largest Democratic-led states "who are teaching children that are antithetical to our standards" to ensure newcomers "are not coming into our classrooms and indoctrinating kids," Oklahoma schools Superintendent Kristi Noem Waters, said in an interview with USA TODAY. A year after being lauded for its plan to replace thousands of aging, gas-powered mail trucks with a more electric fleet, the U.S. Postal Service is facing congressional attempts to strip billions in federal EV funding.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-53	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lots-of-turbulence-air-canada-flyers-describe-cancellation-rebooking-chaos-amid-strike-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Air Canada, Strike, Labor, Transportation, Travel
Oklahoma will require teachers from NY, CA to prove they back 'America First'	Political Cesspool	The fighting hasn't stopped. The killing hasn't stopped. And there is no ceasefire. What changed President Trump's mind? "Raidade asked. "I don't think his mind has changed at all," Rubio said. "I think, ultimately, if this whole effort doesn't work out then, yes, there is going to have to be additional consequences to Russia, but we're trying to avoid that by reaching a peace agreement. And that's not going to be easy. It's going to take a lot of work."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-91	https://www.yahoo.com/news/oklahoma-will-require-teachers-from-ny-ca-to-prove-they-back-america-first-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Oklahoma, Education, America First, Teachers, Loyalty
Republicans tout to make a U-turn on federal commitment to electric vehicles for the Postal Service	Climate / Policy	"This is an ideological campaign to erase LGBTQ+ lives and any honest discussion of sex, stripping libraries of resources and stories," William Johnson, the director of PEN America's Florida office, told the Guardian. The books taken off the school shelves included The Diary of Anne Frank and What Girls Are Made of by Elena K. Arnold. None of them were under formal review by the district, and they hadn't been flagged by local parents as potentially inappropriate. Parents with children in the school system even had the opportunity to opt their children out of a particular reading, without removing them from the class for every year.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-46	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-tout-to-make-a-u-turn-on-federal-commitment-to-electric-vehicles-for-the-postal-service-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Republicans, USPS, EVs, Climate Policy
Rubio Desperately Tries to Spin Trump's Putin Flop	Political Cesspool	Rubio continued to hedge: "So, we're still a long ways off. I mean, we're not at the precipice of a peace agreement. We're not at the edge of one, but I do think progress was made." "This is an ideological campaign to erase LGBTQ+ lives and any honest discussion of sex, stripping libraries of resources and stories," William Johnson, the director of PEN America's Florida office, told the Guardian. The books taken off the school shelves included The Diary of Anne Frank and What Girls Are Made of by Elena K. Arnold. None of them were under formal review by the district, and they hadn't been flagged by local parents as potentially inappropriate. Parents with children in the school system even had the opportunity to opt their children out of a particular reading, without removing them from the class for every year.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-54	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rubio-desperately-tries-to-spin-trumps-putin-flop-180800283.html	2025-08-18	Rubio, Trump, Putin, Spin
'State-driven censorship': new wave of book bans hits Florida school districts	Education / Censorship	A club shooting in the New York City borough of Brooklyn early Sunday left three people dead and nine others wounded in a year of record low gun violence in the city.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-54	https://www.yahoo.com/news/state-driven-censorship-new-wave-of-book-bans-hits-florida-school-districts-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Florida, Book Bans, Censorship, Education
Shooting in a crowded New York club leaves 3 dead, 9 wounded	Gun Violence	The Trump administration is planning a \$50 million ad blitz to support Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem's mass deportation campaign after she was brutally roasted on South Park.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-36	https://www.yahoo.com/news/shooting-in-a-crowded-new-york-club-leaves-3-dead-9-wounded-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Gun Violence, New York, Shooting, Public Safety
Trump planning \$50 million ad blitz to support Kristi Noem's deportation campaign after she was roasted on South Park	Political Cesspool	The US military is deploying more than 4,000 Marines and sailors to the waters around Latin America and the Caribbean as part of a ramped-up effort to combat drug cartels, two US defense officials told CNN — a dramatic show of force that will give the president a broad range of military options should he want to target drug cartels.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-30	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-planning-50-million-ad-blitz-to-support-kristi-noems-deportation-campaign-after-she-was-roasted-on-south-park-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Trump, Kristi Noem, Deportation, Campaign, Ads
US military deploying over 4,000 additional troops to waters around Latin America as part of Trump's counter-cartel mission	Military / Foreign Policy	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the federal agency overseeing the country's legal immigration system, instructed officers on Friday to consider additional factors when determining whether immigrants applying for U.S. citizenship have a "good moral character." Typically, legal immigrants with U.S. permanent residency, also known as a green card, can apply for naturalized American citizenship after a 3- or 5-year period, depending on their case. Demonstrating "a good moral character" has long been one of the requirements in U.S. immigration law for American citizenship, alongside passing English and civics tests.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-54	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-military-deploying-over-4000-additional-troops-to-waters-around-latin-america-as-part-of-trumps-counter-cartel-mission-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Trump, Military, Latin America, Cartels, Foreign Policy
U.S. to more heavily scrutinize "good moral character" citizenship requirement	Borders and Immigration	But a policy issued Friday by USCIS expands the "good moral character" assessment, saying that determination must involve "more than a cursory mechanical review focused on the absence of wrongdoing." Instead, the review, the agency told its officers, should be "a holistic assessment of an alien's behavior, adherence to societal norms, and positive contributions that affirmatively demonstrate good moral character." A measles outbreak in Texas that infected more than 700 people has officially been declared over, state health officials announced on Monday.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-31	https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-to-more-heavily-scrutinize-good-moral-character-citizenship-requirement-180800283.html	August 18, 2025	Immigration, Citizenship, USCIS, Moral Character
'Measles outbreak that sickened more than 700 declared over in Texas - ABC News'	Public Health	Health officials declared the outbreak over after more than 42 days without a new case, a cut-off based on the time between when a person is exposed to when they get sick.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-34	https://www.yahoo.com/news/measles-outbreak-that-sickened-more-than-700-declared-over-in-texas-180800283.html	2025-08-18	Measles, Outbreak, Texas, Public Health, Vaccination
'Death toll in Russian factory fire rises to 24 - ABC News'	Foreign Affairs / Russia	The death toll from last week's fire at an industrial plant in Russia's Ryazan region has risen to 24, with at least another 157 people injured, officials said Monday. Although nuclear fission, which powers nuclear reactors, can provide plenty of energy, it also produces potentially dangerous radioactive waste as a by-product.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug18-2025-32	https://www.yahoo.com/news/death-toll-in-russian-factory-fire-rises-to-24-180800283.html	2025-08-19	Russia, Factory Fire, Death Toll, Disaster, International
'Scientists propose turning nuclear waste into potentially safer nuclear fuel - ABC News'	Science / Climate Tech	But commercial fusion, which is in the early stages of development, requires a very rare, very expensive form of hydrogen known as tritium. Researchers believe they have discovered a new way to manufacture tritium by using the thousands of tons of nuclear waste currently being stored in the U.S., according to Terence Talmowski, a physicist at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, who will present his findings at the ACS fall meeting, which began Saturday and ends Thursday.			2025-08-19	Nuclear Waste, Energy, Science, Fuel, Climate Tech

		Once everybody runs out of stockpiled inventory, everybody will be losing money, Laura Veldkamp, a professor of economics and finance at Columbia University. "They'll raise prices and it will be passed onto the consumer. It's just a matter of when."	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-dt-124750825-33	https://abcnews.com/News/Politics/Trade/2025/08/19/tariffs-economy-inflation-shopping-consumer-price-index/			
"When could tariff-driven price increases hit shoppers? Experts explain - ABC News"	Economic Conditions	Tariffs put forward so far by Trump are expected to cost an average household an additional \$2,400 this year, the Yale Budget Lab said.			2025-08-19	Tariffs, Economy, Inflation, Shopping, Consumer Price Index	
		In San Francisco Bay, salt ponds created more than a century ago are reverting to marshland. Along the New York and New Jersey coasts, beaches ravaged by Superstorm Sandy underwent extensive restoration. In Alabama, a rebuilt spit of land is shielding a historic town and providing wildlife habitat. Coastal communities nationwide are ramping up efforts to fend off rising seas, higher tides and stronger storm surges that are chewing away at coastlines, pushing saltwater farther inland and threatening ecosystems and communities.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-coastal-community-restoration-45	https://apnews.com/story/US/Environment/2025/08/19/coastal-restoration/		2025-08-19	Climate, Coastal, Flooding, Storms, Infrastructure
"Coastal communities fortify shorelines against stronger storms, rising seas"	Climate / Disasters	In the U.S., perhaps nowhere is more vulnerable than the hurricane-prone Gulf Coast. Louisiana alone has lost more than 2,000 square miles (5,180 square kilometers) of coastline — more than any other state — over the past century, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.				2025-08-19	Climate, Coastal, Flooding, Storms, Infrastructure
"Crazy conspiracist" and "unhinged comedian": Grok's AI personas posited	Tech / AI Ethics	The website for xAI's Grok chatbot is exposing the system prompts for several of its AI personas, including a "brassy conspiracist" that seems designed to handhold a user into beliefs that "a secret global cabal" controls the world.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-crazy-conspiracist-unhinged-74	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/grok-ai-personas-exposed-180000783.html		2025-08-19	AI, Grok, Content Moderation, Elon Musk
COVID infection ages blood vessels, especially in women, research reveals	Health / Medicine	We know that COVID can directly affect blood vessels. We believe that this may result in what we call early vascular aging, meaning that your blood vessels are older than your chronological age and you are more susceptible to heart disease. If that is happening, we need to identify who is at risk at an early stage to prevent heart attacks and strokes.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-2025-08-covid-57	https://medicalxpress.com/news/2025-08-covid-blood-vessels-women.html		2025-08-19	COVID, Women's Health, Long COVID, Aging
		"All the climate science and all of the other priorities that the last administration had at NASA we're going to move aside, and all of the science that we do is going to be directed towards exploration, which is the mission of NASA," Duffy, who also leads the Transportation Department, told Fox Business.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-5453230-duffy-nasa-56	https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/1000000-nasa-climate-science-programs-to-be-eliminated/			
Sean Duffy: NASA's climate science programs to be eliminated	Climate / Disasters	"That's why we have NASA — is to explore, not to do all of these earth sciences," he added.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-dog-epstein-files-02	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/epstein-files-shared-house-oversight-committee		2025-08-19	Project 2025, Climate Denial, NASA, GOP Policy
		House Oversight Chair James Comer (R-Ky.) announced that the Justice Department had informed him it will begin sharing documents related to its Jeffrey Epstein probe with Congress on Friday.					
"Comer says the DOJ will start sharing Epstein files with House Oversight Committee Friday"	Political Scoopool	The subpoena sent to DOJ earlier this month demanded the department turn over all records related to investigation of the disgraced financier by Aug. 19.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-fbi-co-director-04	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/bongi-patel-bondi-fbi-director		2025-08-19	Epstein, DOJ, Oversight, Comer, House Republican
		But Comer said in a statement Monday that the DOJ "needs more time" to hand over everything. Attorney General Bondi and FBI director Kash Patel have appointed Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey to serve as bureau co-deputy director alongside Dan Bongino, Fox News Digital first reported on Monday and Axios can confirm.					
"Bondi, Patel appoint Missouri AG co-FBI director alongside Bongino"	Constitutional Crisis	The new position is seen by insiders as a prelude to the eventual departure of Bongino, who clashed with Bondi amid the fallout over the release of the Epstein files, per Axios' Marc Caputo.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-msnbc-rebrand-ms-06	https://www.foxnews.com/media/msnbc-rebrand		2025-08-19	FBI, Bongino, Missouri AG, Patel, Bondi, Law Enforcement
"MSNBC to rebrand to MS NOW"	Media and Information	MSNBC, the progressive cable network owned by NBCUniversal, is rebranding to MS NOW, an acronym stands for My Source for News, Opinion and the World.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-flu-vaccine-confusion-07	https://www.foxnews.com/health/measles-outbreak		2025-08-19	MSNBC, Media, Rebrand, Versant, News
		The U.S. this year experienced the worst measles outbreak in 30 years, a large uptick in whooping cough and the highest number of pediatric flu deaths in more than a decade.					
		Clinicians say moves like Kennedy's decision to stop recommending COVID-19 vaccines for healthy kids have emboldened segments of the public to question the effectiveness and safety of a range of shots for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), pertussis, chicken pox and more.					
		"They feel like if the government has chosen RFK Jr. to be the head of Health and Human Services, there must be something to that. There must be a reason to question vaccines," said Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.					
		Some pediatricians offices and even children's health systems have begun weighing whether to keep unvaccinated patients on their rosters.					
		While the overall vaccination rates still appear high, they can mask regional drop-offs, those seen in West Texas where some classrooms had upward of 50% of kids not vaccinated, Besser said.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-trump-call-putin-01	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-putin-call		2025-08-19	Vaccines, RFK Jr., Public Health, Schools, Back to School
"School reopenings bring more vaccine confusion" — Trump calls Putin during Ukraine summit at White House"	Public Health	Russia did not confirm a meeting with Zelenskyy but only said that Trump and Putin had discussed "the idea of raising the level of Russian and Ukrainian representation in the negotiations."	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-trump-mail-in-05	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-mail-in-voting		2025-08-19	Ukraine, Zelenskyy, Foreign Policy
	Foreign Affairs / Ukraine	While he shifted his tune before the 2024 election to promote absentee voting, Trump has long rallied against mail-in voting — and he's back to singing that song. In harmony with him, Trump recently claimed on Fox News, is Russian President Vladimir Putin.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-trump-mail-in-voting-03	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-mail-in-voting		2025-08-19	Ukraine, Zelenskyy, Foreign Policy
		The president didn't mention Putin his Monday Truth Social post, but following the leaders' Alaska summit on Friday, Trump relayed to Fox's Sean Hannity that Putin told him, "Your election was rigged because you have mail-in voting."					
		Driving the news, Trump, in a Monday Truth Social post, also said he'd also target "Highly Inaccurate, Very Expensive, and Seriously Controversial VOTING MACHINES."					
"Trump floats mail-in voting ban after saying Putin called 2020 election rigged"	Elections / Voting Access	Trump has argued mail-in voting was a source of cheating in the 2020 election, despite there being no evidence of widespread fraud.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-trump-mail-in-voting-02	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-mail-in-voting		2025-08-19	Elections, Trump, Mail-in Voting, Putin, 2020
		Trump also incorrectly claimed that the U.S. is the only country in the world that uses mail-in voting. Many countries offer some form of postal voting.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-trump-mail-in-voting-04	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-mail-in-voting		2025-08-19	Elections, Trump, Mail-in Voting, Putin, 2020
		Asked if the U.S. was prepared to send troops to guarantee Ukraine's security after the war, Trump said that European countries would form the "first line of defense" but "we'll be involved."	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-anti-abortion-chicago-02	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Ukraine, Trump, Zelenskyy, Security, Russia
"Trump-Zelenskyy meeting: U.S. will join Ukraine security guarantees"	Foreign Affairs / Ukraine	Trump did not offer any more details beyond saying the U.S. will do its part to ensure any peace deal endures for the long term. "We will give them very good protection, very good security. That's part of it," Trump said.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-anti-abortion-chicago-02	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Ukraine, Trump, Zelenskyy, Security, Russia
		A year after the Supreme Court preserved abortion pill access, the fight over dispensing mifepristone is shifting from courtrooms to boardrooms as anti-abortion forces press pharmacy chains not to sell the drugs.					
		Curbing mifepristone access could make it even harder for women to access safe abortions, as well as miscarriage care, for which it has an off-label use.					
Abortion pill fight hits the boardroom	Reproductive Rights	"By refusing to offer mifepristone, Costco has chosen politics over science, fear over facts, and ideology over the rights of its customers," Mini Timmaraju, CEO of advocacy group Reproductive Freedom for All, said in a statement last Friday.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-democratic-maga-movement-80	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Abortion, Pharmacy Policy, CVS, Walgreens, Corporate
		Democrats are torn by what they should stand for now and heading into the 2028 elections. But a number of current trends suggest a likely answer: their own version of a populist, anti-establishment, MAGA-like makeover.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-democratic-maga-movement-80	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Abortion, Pharmacy Policy, CVS, Walgreens, Corporate
		Four megatrends that are already shaping Democrats' efforts to remake their image and rewrite their agendas.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-democratic-maga-movement-80	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Abortion, Pharmacy Policy, CVS, Walgreens, Corporate
		Media: MSM is fading in its mesmerizing hold over liberals. At the same time, the emerging media of podcasts, YouTube and TikTok favor the new and edgy.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-tsa-clear-airport-81	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Gen Z, Jobs, Tariffs, Economic Policy
Gen Z's job market: slow hiring amid Trump tariffs, policy uncertainty	Economy / Labor	Mood: You see it every day, from California Gov. Gavin Newsom's foul-mouthed declarations of retaliating want to Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-Texas) mocking her state's Republican governor, Greg Abbott, for using a wheelchair. Dems are tired of looking and feeling like chumps. They want to brawl, politically and verbally.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-tsa-clear-airport-81	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Gen Z, Jobs, Tariffs, Economic Policy
		AI: Some level of job devastation is coming. Championing the worker will be too appealing for Dems to resist — a chance to win back the base, at a time when Rs are all-in with Big Tech, like Dems were during the rise of the internet.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-tsa-clear-airport-81	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Gen Z, Jobs, Tariffs, Economic Policy
Democrats channel combative MAGA energy	Politics / Party Strategy	Attention: The attention economy favors the bold — see New York mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani, the democratic socialist candidate for Minneapolis mayor, State Sen. Omar Fateh.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-tsa-clear-airport-81	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Gen Z, Jobs, Tariffs, Economic Policy
		New graduates are having an especially tough time landing a job right now. The share of unemployed Americans that are new to the workforce is at a 37-year high.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-tsa-clear-airport-81	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Gen Z, Jobs, Tariffs, Economic Policy
Gen Z's job market: slow hiring amid Trump tariffs, policy uncertainty	Economy / Labor	13.4% of unemployed Americans in July were "new labor force entrants," those looking for jobs with no prior work experience, including new high school and college graduates.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-tsa-clear-airport-81	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Gen Z, Jobs, Tariffs, Economic Policy
		It's the highest number since 1988, as the Baby Boomer generation was flooding the job market. CLEAR and the TSA are playing biometric "scissors" at their major U.S. airports ahead of a nationwide rollout, the identity verification company told Axios exclusively.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-tsa-clear-airport-81	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Gen Z, Jobs, Tariffs, Economic Policy
		The pilot begins Tuesday at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL), next week at Reagan National (DCA) and the week of Aug. 31 at Seattle-Tacoma (SEA).	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-tsa-clear-airport-81	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Gen Z, Jobs, Tariffs, Economic Policy
CLEAR, TSA launch eGates at major U.S. airports ahead of 2026 World Cup	Surveillance / Privacy	CLEAR is funding the rollout at no cost to taxpayers, the company said.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-covid-flu-breast-82	https://www.foxnews.com/health/covid-flu-breast-cancer		2025-08-19	TSA, Facial Recognition, CLEAR, Airport Security
		Only CLEAR+ members can use the eGates, but they can choose to opt out, the company told Axios.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-covid-flu-breast-82	https://www.foxnews.com/health/covid-flu-breast-cancer		2025-08-19	TSA, Facial Recognition, CLEAR, Airport Security
New Research Shows COVID And Flu Can Reawaken Distant Breast Cancer Cells	Health / Medicine	Now, in the case of breast cancer, new research published in the medical journal "Nature" suggests that common respiratory viruses, like the flu and COVID, can reactivate dormant cancer cells in the lungs and lead to metastatic disease within a couple of weeks. But it may not be the actual viruses themselves that stir up cancer cells, but rather our immune responses.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-schizophrenia-mental-health-51	https://www.foxnews.com/health/schizophrenia-mental-health		2025-08-19	Cancer, COVID, Breast Health, Recurrence Risk
"How worms could be used in future mental health treatments"	Weird world	Scientists at the University of Reading have discovered that tiny flatworms, known as planaria, could serve as an alternative to rodents in developing treatments for mental health disorders. The research found that these worms react to psychiatric drugs, such as haloperidol, in a similar way to mice and rats, becoming less active.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-baltimore-key-bridge-86	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Mental Health, Science, Flatworms, Research, Innovation
		A coal freighter was engulfed in a fire at a port as a powerful explosion took place near the site of Baltimore's collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-baltimore-key-bridge-86	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Baltimore, Explosion, Shipping, Infrastructure
Coal ship explodes near site of Baltimore's collapsed Key Bridge	Climate / Disasters	The Coast Guard was called in on Monday following the dramatic explosion, which has now been fully contained, according to Baltimore city officials.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-boston-logan-planes-02	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Baltimore, Explosion, Shipping, Infrastructure
"Two planes forced to return to Boston Logan airport hours apart after midair issues"	Aviation / Incidents	No injuries have been reported, Baltimore City Fire Department spokesperson John Marsh told WBALTV.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-boston-logan-planes-02	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Boston, Logan Airport, Aviation, Safety, Flights
Firefighters forced to cut open child's playground slide to release middle-aged man stuck inside	Weird World	Two planes were forced to return to Boston Logan International Airport just hours apart on Sunday night after separately experiencing issues midair.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-man-stuck-playground-84	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Boston, Logan Airport, Aviation, Safety, Flights
		The man was found "feet and head first" in the middle of the slide, the fire department said in a Facebook post.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-trump-zelenskyy-meeting-47	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Weird World, Rescue, Connecticut, Public Safety
"This was worse than the last time Trump met Zelenskyy. It was also deeply weird"	Foreign Affairs / Ukraine	Zelenskyy, of course, is a man in the awkward position of being the democratically elected leader of the country Trump's friend is currently trying to dismantle. And the body language of today's meeting told its own story: gone were the grinning smiles and admiring jibes, replaced with the brittle civility of a man forced to pose with the victim while still swooning over the perpetrator.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-air-force-david-85	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Trump, Zelenskyy, Ukraine, Summit, Politics
Pentagon Air Force general to resign in latest shake-up at the top	Military / Defense	According to The Washington Post, Alvin was "informed last week that he would be asked to retire and that the Pentagon under Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth wanted to go in another direction." "It was certainly not his choice," the newspaper quotes an unnamed source as saying.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-dc-restaurant-decline-50	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Trump, Zelenskyy, Ukraine, Summit, Politics
"DC area restaurants lose patrons as Trump's police takeover leads to drop in reservations"	Economic Conditions	Restaurant reservations in Washington, D.C., were down nearly 25 percent, on average, this past week after President Donald Trump announced the federal government would largely take control of the nation's capital to reduce crime.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-dhs-speakerwriter-social-07	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Pentagon, Air Force, Military Leadership, Trump Administration
DHS speakerwriter linked to hateful social accounts while claiming American conservatives are ostracized like Jews in Nazi Germany	Political Scoopool	A speechwriter at the Department of Homeland Security has been linked to hateful posts on social media and is reportedly claiming that American conservatives are ostracized like the Jews were in Nazi Germany.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-nfl-male-cheerleader-48	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	DHS, Extremism, Nazi Comparisons, Trump Administration
"NFL male cheerleader claps back after MAGA hand-writing: 'Did someone say our name'"	Weird World	About one-third of NFL clubs have male dancers on their cheer teams, a practice which began in the 2015 season when the Los Angeles Rams first introduced them.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-donald-trump-putin-46	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	NFL, Cheerleader, MAGA, Viral, Sports Culture
		But if Trump can get Ukraine to agree to hand over the land — then Putin saves men and arms to reuse another day.					
		But Putin, an indicted war criminal and wily operator, wangled a trip to Alaska and a summit with the U.S. president where he persuaded Trump that a ceasefire wasn't necessary.					
		He also managed to shift the debate about the future of Ukraine to "land swaps" and discussions about what bits of its land Ukraine would surrender in return for vague Trumpian commitments to "security guarantees."					
"Why Trump broke off meeting Europe's leaders to call Putin"	Foreign Affairs / Russia	This makes no sense. Ukraine was invaded. Europe's leaders each made it clear they backed Ukraine, wanted a ceasefire before any further talks, and that they would buy the weapons America has stopped going to Ukraine.	https://tiny.cc/Avg19-barth-syndrome-children-30	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-zelenskyy-meeting		2025-08-19	Trump, Putin, Ukraine, Diplomacy, Europe
		Seven-month-old Gilbert has a rare genetic condition called Barth syndrome, one that can have dire consequences, like heart failure, extreme muscle weakness and a dramatically reduced life expectancy.					
		What's been keeping Gilbert alive and functioning relatively well, according to his family, is an experimental drug called elamipride, made by Stealth BioTherapeutics. Small studies have suggested it's safe and effective in treating the ultra-rare illness. Just 150 people in the U.S. have the condition.					
		An ultra-rare disease like Barth syndrome with an ultra-small population of patients who can be tested for clinical efficacy faces barriers for FDA drug approval. There aren't enough patients to do robust, randomized clinical trials, McCurdy said.				2025-08-19	FDA, Barth Syndrome, Rare Disease, Kids Health, Clinical Trials
"For kids with Barth syndrome, time is running out, parents say, unless the FDA acts"	Health / FDA						

"Woman, saying raw milk sickened her toddler and led to loss of unborn baby, sues Florida dairy farm"	Public Health / Lawsuits	A woman has sued a Florida dairy farm state officials linked to an outbreak of infections from consuming raw milk, claiming she lost her unborn child while she was caring for her toddler who got sick from the milk. Rachel Maddox claimed that she didn't know about the risks involved with raw milk and that her child became seriously sick after having consumed the product, according to the lawsuit, filed Wednesday in Seminole County.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-woman-says-saw-36	https://www.rbc	2025-08-19	Raw Milk, Public Health, Lawsuit, Florida, Food Safe
		This approach "speaks to the people who enjoy the irreverence, who enjoy the cruelty, who enjoy the 'twining the lies,'" said Ryan Milnes, a professor of communication at the College of Charleston who studies Internet culture. "Especially how it causes people to freak out and cry foul. I think that's part of the point with these." White House spokesperson Abigail Jackson didn't directly respond to NPR's questions for this story. She sent an emailed statement saying, "The White House consistently posts banger memes," and went on to mock NPR.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-memes-white-house-59	https://www.npr		
"Trump officials post viral memes about deportation"	Borders and Immigration	We're going to start with an executive order that's being written right now by the best lawyers in the country and not in mail ballots because they're corrupt, Trump said during a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the White House Monday. "And it's time that the Republicans get tough and stop it because the Democrats want it. It's the only way they can get elected." Michael Morley, a professor at Florida State University College of Law, told NPR that the Constitution gives Congress – not the president – the power to regulate federal elections. "There's really nothing that the executive branch can do on its own in terms of direct mandates," he said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-trump-mail-in-58	https://www.npr	2025-08-19	Trump, Immigration, DHS, Deportation, Memes
"Trump wants to stop states from voting by mail and using voting machines"	Elections / Voting Access	"Unless the president has some theory under which he could try to ban certain kinds of voting machines or tried to ban mail in ballots by enforcing some existing federal law, he would need the cooperation of Congress," Hansen said, "which I think he'd be unlikely to have to any kind of federal interference with how the midterm elections will be run."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-250816113622-ctm-60	https://www.abc	2025-08-19	Trump, Elections, Voting Machines, Mail-in Ballots, C
Trojan horse bacteria sneak cancer-killing viruses into tumors	Health / Medicine	Scientists have engineered a groundbreaking cancer treatment that uses bacteria to smuggle viruses directly into tumors, bypassing the immune system and delivering a powerful one-two punch against cancer cells. The bacteria act like Trojan horses, carrying viral payloads to cancer's core, where the virus can spread and destroy malignant cells. Built-in safety features ensure the virus can't multiply outside the tumor, offering a promising pathway for safe, targeted therapy. People who regularly consume the hot bean juice or another caffeinated beverage are usually in a better mood after drinking it, according to European researchers.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-coffee-mood-happy-49	https://www.bbc	2025-08-19	Cancer, Biotechnology, Trojan Horse, Medical Break
"Your morning coffee is putting pep in your step — and making you happier too"	Health / Lifestyle	"Caffeine works by blocking adenosine receptors, which can increase dopamine activity in key brain regions — an effect that studies have linked to improved mood and greater alertness," England-based University of Warwick's Professor Anu Rao explained in a statement.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-caffeine-peace-56	https://www.bbc	2025-08-19	Coffee, Mental Health, Study, Lifestyle, Mood
"There's an app for businesses to promote 'freebies.' But you'll need to be a model or have thousands of followers"	Weird World	All of this was free in exchange for her posting about the various places she visited on social media within 24 hours. Speaking to The Independent, she said these posts can range from an Instagram Story to a full Instagram post or TikTok video.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-a-circus-47-79	https://www.bbc	2025-08-19	Influencers, Freebies, Apps, Social Media, Lifestyle
"A climate of unparalleled malevolence": are we on our way to the sixth major mass extinction?	Climate / Disasters	Worryingly, in the past few decades geologists have discovered that many, if not most, of the mass extinctions of Earth history – including the very worst ever by far – were caused not by asteroids as they had expected, but by continent-spanning volcanic eruptions that injected catastrophic amounts of CO2 into the air and oceans.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-corch-blowing-could-63	https://www.bbc	2025-08-19	Mass Extinction, Climate Crisis, Greenhouse Gases, Weir
Conch blowing could help to alleviate sleep apnoea, study suggests	Weird World	Blowing into a conch shell could help tackle the symptoms of a sleep disorder that affects millions of people across the UK, according to a study.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-akaska-bongass-forest-41	https://www.bbc	2025-08-19	Sleep Apnoea, Breathing, Alternative Therapy, Weird
"Fire in the hole: the Indigenous crews blasting the Alaskan rainforest to save it"	Climate / Disasters	After a historic land buyback by the US Forest Service, Tingit crew members are demolishing culverts to restore streams, salmon runs and cultural history deep in the Tongass national forest.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-aligator-alcatraz-40	https://www.bbc	2025-08-19	Alaska, Indigenous, Conservation, Rainforest, Clima
"Aligator Alcatraz" detainees face abuse and are denied due process, say lawyers"	Borders and Immigration	A federal judge in Miami was hearing arguments on Monday that detainees at the remote immigration jail in the Florida Everglades known as "Aligator Alcatraz" are routinely subjected to human rights abuses and denied due process before being deported.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-national-park-visitors-38	https://www.bbc	2025-08-19	Immigration, Detention, Abuse, Florida, Legal Rights
"Trump's move to sanitize US history gets little support with national park visitors"	Media and Information	As part of the administration's war on "woke," Donald Trump has asked the American public to report any finding "negative" about Americans in US national parks. But the public has largely refused to support a world view not inconvenient historical facts, comments submitted from national parks and seen by the Guardian show.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-us-private-prison-42	https://www.bbc	2025-08-19	Trump, National Parks, History, Censorship, Public E
"Private-equity backed prison health companies continue despite decade of alleged constitutional violations"	Corruption	An autopsy report and investigation concluded that CF would have had a 90% chance of survival if she had received immediate treatment. Instead, medical staff had attempted to revive her with Narcan, which only revives people who are experiencing overdose. Welipath, one of the nation's leading health providers to prisons and jails, was the contractor responsible for healthcare at Santa Barbara county's Northern Branch jail, where CF died. The grand jury's report is the latest in over a decade of government investigations into two behemoths in the prison health industry – Welipath and Corizon – which are both backed by private equity investors.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-son-norway-crown-43	https://www.bbc	2025-08-19	Prison Health, Private Equity, Corruption, Lawsuits, I
		Since 2014, in eight cases involving these two private equity-backed healthcare companies examined by the Guardian, investigators from the Department of Justice, New York City department of investigation and other local investigators, have found their negligence so severe that it violated inmates' eighth amendment rights protecting them from substantial risk of harm, including preventable death. Staff shortages are often a contributing factor – a 2023-24 Santa Barbara county grand jury investigation into Welipath-managed jails found that staffing shortages led to delays in care.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-5-takeaways-trump-64	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Norway, Royals, Rape, Criminal Charges, Europe
"Son of Norway's crown prince charged with four counts of rape"	International / Crime	Marius Borg Høiby, the son of the Norwegian crown prince, has been charged with 32 offences including four counts of rape, a prosecutor has said. Høiby, whose mother is the crown princess, Mette-Marit, and whose stepfather is the crown prince, Haakon, Norway's future king, is expected to stand trial early next year and could face up to 10 years in prison if found guilty of the most serious charges.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-bond-clashed-ethics-17	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Trump, Zelenskyy, Ukraine, Diplomacy
5 takeaways from the Trump-Zelenskyy White House meeting	Geopolitics / Foreign Policy	A positive tone but few specifics Europeans succeeded in showing up Zelenskyy Interim ceasefire is rare point of contention Trump vows for Putin's desire to make peace Huge stakes if bilateral meeting happens Pam Bondi has spent much of her time as attorney general wrangling with ethics officials determined to keep her from holding onto lavish gifts, a new report revealed Monday. Bondi and her staff repeatedly pushed back on federal rules limiting gifts, a source familiar with the discussions told The New Yorker. Among the items at issue: a FIFA soccer ball that Trump himself lobbed her way after a meeting, and a box of cigars from mixed-metal-arts sale Conor McGregor, who recently lost his appeal in a civil case where he was found liable for sexual assault.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-democratic-texas-lawmaker-65	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Bondi, Ethics, Corruption, Gifts, Trump Officials
"Bondi Clashed With Ethics Officials Over Efforts to Keep Lavish Gifts"	Corruption	"Every new administration needs time to adjust to ethics rules that might seem trivial," the source said. "What wasn't normal was the amount of pushback that we got."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-ice-deporting-thousands-26	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Texas, Protest, Legislative Fight, GOP Power Grab
Democratic Texas lawmaker spending night on state House floor after refusing GOP demand for law enforcement escort	Political Censorship	Burrows announced that the Democrats could only leave the House floor if they received written permission and agreed to be under law enforcement escort until the chamber resumes on Wednesday morning. The monthly number of people deported whose most serious conviction was a traffic violation — such as driving without a license — has more than tripled in the last six months, hitting almost 600 in May, according to new estimates by The Marshall Project. In total, over 1,800 people with traffic violations have been deported this year. People with no criminal convictions at all make up two-thirds of the more than 120,000 people deported between January and May. For another 6%, the only offense on their record was illegal entry to the U.S. Only about 12% were convicted of a crime that was either violent or potentially violent. The numbers contradict officials' continued claims that immigration enforcement is focusing on the "worst of the worst" criminal offenders.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-obama-biden-clinton-10	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	ICE, Deportation, Immigration, Minor Offenses, Justi
"ICE is deporting thousands with minor offenses — from traffic violations to weed possession"	Borders and Immigration	Bondi this month approved two federal criminal investigations of New York Attorney General Letitia James and one of Sen. Adam Schiff, D-Calif. Bondi also instructed an unnamed federal prosecutor to begin a grand jury investigation of whether Obama administration officials committed federal crimes they assessed Russia's actions during the 2016 election.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-pregnancy-robot-48-18	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Trump, Clinton, Obama, Biden, Investigations
"The Trump ally fighting for criminal investigations of Obama, Biden and Clinton"	Political Censorship	Reportedly, China is working on designing a bot with an artificial womb — which will receive nutrients through a hose in its abdomen — that will soon be able to carry a fetus for about 10 months before giving birth, according to Chouan Bi.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-russian-nationalists-want-29	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Pregnancy, Robots, Fertility, Bioethics, Reproductio
"Pregnancy robots could give birth to human children in revolutionary breakthrough — and a game-changer for infertile couples"	Weird World	Yes, really. Russian nationalists are saying that Putin should come home from his Alaska visit with a very important present for the Russian people. They either claim the land of Alaska was leased, not sold, or that a Russian diplomat bribed American lawmakers, or that the Russian Tsar didn't follow the house of the sale, or some other excuse.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-spouse-johnson-vows-28	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Russia, Alaska, Nationalism, Putin, Threats
"Russian nationalists want Alaska back, and they want Putin to take it by force"	Foreign Affairs / Russia	House Speaker Mike Johnson says he plans to derail California's proposed congressional map after Governor Gavin Newsom unveiled a proposal to redraw the state's electoral boundaries. Newsom and California Democrats proposed new congressional lines on Friday in an attempt to eliminate potential gains in Texas, where Republicans backed by Donald Trump launched a nationwide redistricting battle with raked party ambitions ahead of midterm elections in 2026. Johnson accused Democrats of an "illegal power grab."	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-texas-state-senators-24	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Mike Johnson, California, Texas, Redistricting, Puti
"Speaker Johnson vows to stop California's redistricting push — but ignores Texas doing the same"	Political Censorship	But unlike California, Texas lawmakers in the state legislature only need to vote on the maps before they are signed into law by Governor Gregg Abbott. Newsom, meanwhile, must hold a special election this fall so voters can decide whether to suspend the state's independent redistricting commission until the end of the decade to advance the new map.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-trump-administration-heights-72	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Texas, Redistricting, Voting, Elections, GOP
"Texas state senators take first step toward redistricting"	Elections / Voting Access	"What Ukraine is just basically getting as a concession is for the Russians to stop fighting. And this is Putin's way of the way through the 25 years of his presidency, which is: I'm going to beat you up, and my concession is that I stopped beating you up," she said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-trump-completely-cowed-77	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Citizenship, Immigration, Moral Character, Policy Sh
Trump administration heightens 'good moral character' standards for potential US citizens	Borders and Immigration	"Although it was presented as perhaps a show of power by being at a U.S. Air Force base with the ... passing of the B-52s and other fighter jets, it did certainly look much more like a show of appreciation for Vladimir Putin," she said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-trump-remains-johnson-vows-28	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Fiona Hill, Trump, Putin, Narrative Warfare
Trump 'has completely ceded narrative control' to Putin: Fiona Hill	Geopolitics / Foreign Policy	President Donald Trump's announcement Monday that he will sign an executive order aimed at getting rid of mail-in ballots and voting machines seems unlikely to amount to much. He doesn't appear to have any such authority, and legal challenges would surely follow. It was instructive in one way: It made clear the president elected to lead the party of states' rights has very little regard for states' rights.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-trump-takes-3c-12	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Trump, States' Rights, Constitution, Power Grab
"Trump's remarkable statement against states' rights"	Constitutional Crisis	Indeed, he almost seems to disdain them. Last week, FBI Director Keith Pate declined and released internal FBI interview notes from a former House Intelligence Committee staffer who first accused Schiff in 2017 of directing illegal leaks of classified information about Trump and Russia.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-trump-wants-states-28	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Trump, Adam Schiff, DOJ, FBI, Abuse of Power
"Trump uses FBI and Justice Department to escalate his long-standing feud with Adam Schiff"	Constitutional Crisis	The allegations from the former staffer had already been investigated in Trump's first term by federal prosecutors, who questioned the staffer's credibility. But that didn't stop Trump from using the claims as a basis to call on Attorney General Pam Bondi to investigate the California Democrat.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug19-vaccine-panel-fired-21	https://www.yah	2025-08-19	Trump, Voter Data, Citizenship, Surveillance, Electio
"Trump wants states to feed voter info into powerful citizenship data program"	Elections / Voting Access	The Trump administration is developing a powerful data tool it claims will let states identify noncitizens registered to vote. But Democratic critics and data experts warn it could allow the federal government to vacuum up vast quantities of information on Americans for unclear purposes.	https://thn.tiny.us/B20-apnews-81	https://www.yah	2025-08-20	Vaccines, RFX, Jr., Public Health, Conflicts of Interes
"Vaccine panel fired by Kennedy had lowest rate of financial conflicts since 2000, study shows"	Public Health	Conflicts of interest on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's vaccine advisory committee were at historic lows around the time when Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. fired all 17 members in June, new data published in a medical journal on Monday showed. A bus crash in northwestern Afghanistan killed at least 79 people returning from Iran, including 19 children, an official said.				
Bus crash in northwestern Afghanistan kills 79, including 19 children	International / Disasters	Nearly 1.8 million Afghans have been forcibly returned from Iran in the past few months. A further 184,459 were sent back from Pakistan and more than 5,000 were deported from Turkey since the beginning of the year. Additionally, nearly 10,000 Afghan prisoners have been repatriated, mostly from Pakistan.				Afghanistan, Crash, Refugees, Herat

Federal judge in Miami issues split decision on 'Alligator Alcatraz' lawsuit	Borders and Immigration	A federal judge in Miami dismissed part of a lawsuit that claimed detainees were denied access to the legal system at the immigration detention center in the Florida Everglades known as "Alligator Alcatraz," and then moved the remaining counts of the case to another court.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-apnews-27	https://apnews.com/story/us/immigration/2025/08/20/federal-judge-miami-immigration-detention-center/	2025-08-20	ICE, Lawsuit, Detention, Florida
		The judge granted the state defendants a change of venue motion to the Middle District of Florida, where the remaining claims of First Amendment violations will be addressed. Those include allegations of delays in scheduling meetings between detainees and their attorneys and an inability for the detainees to talk privately with their attorneys by phone or videoconference at the facility whose official name is the South Detention Facility.				
Firefighters battle to save Oregon's 325-foot Doerner Fir	Climate / Disasters	The Doerner Fir, a coastal Douglas Fir tree over 325 feet (99 meters) tall and estimated to be over 450 years old, has been burning since Saturday in Coos County in Oregon's Coast Range. An infrared drone flight on Tuesday showed no active flames or smoke at the top of the tree, but it detected heat within a cavity in the tree trunk some 280 feet high, federal Bureau of Land Management spokesperson Megan Harper said.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-apnews-82	https://apnews.com/story/us/oregon/2025/08/20/doerner-fir-burns-oregon/	2025-08-20	Oregon, Wildfires, Forest, Conservation
		Figuring out how to approach the tree from the side to douse the cavity with water has been a challenge, Harper said. Various options have been discussed, including building scaffolding or climbing adjacent trees for better positioning, or letting it smolder and monitoring to see if it reignites.				
Legal pathway to US now gives authorities ability to screen applicants for anti-Americanism	Borders and Immigration	Immigrants seeking a legal pathway to live and work in the United States will now be subject to screening for "anti-Americanism," authorities said Tuesday, raising concerns among critics that it gives officers too much leeway in rejecting foreigners based on a subjective judgment.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-apnews-50	https://apnews.com/story/us/immigration/2025/08/20/anti-americanism-screening/	2025-08-20	USCIS, Immigration, Policy, Ideology
		If it isn't specified what constitutes anti-Americanism and it isn't clear how and when the directive would be applied.				
A Colorado man's final days show how patients are using — and struggling with — the right to die	Health / Medicine	Harley was preparing to invoke his right under Colorado law to end his own life. In 2016, a strong majority of Colorado voters approved Medical Aid in Dying, known as MAID, for people with terminal conditions who are expected to live six months or less. Harley was eligible to receive the lethal drugs made available under the law.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-denverite-40	https://denverite.com/2025/08/20/a-colorado-mans-final-days-show-how-patients-are-using-and-struggling-with-the-right-to-die/	2025-08-20	Colorado, Right to Die, Assisted Suicide, Health Law
		But not everyone agrees medical aid in dying is as humane as supporters say, even as lawmakers have expanded access to the process. Disability rights activists recently sued to end the practice entirely in Colorado, arguing it represents a slippery slope that could lead to eugenic killings. Meanwhile, some health care organizations have barred the practice from their facilities on religious grounds.				
Florida is now the 2nd most financially distressed state in the US — topped only by Texas, Google helps reveal	Economy / Inflation	That pushback is one reason why Harley drove an hour from his Wheat Ridge home to die. He wasn't allowed to take the medication in the place where he'd been receiving care, so he turned to people who have come up with creative alternatives — in this case, the RV, which had been retooled as a mobile sanctuary for people's final hours.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-yahoo-24	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/florida-is-now-the-2nd-most-financially-distressed-state-in-the-us-140000288.html	2025-08-20	Florida, Economy, Debt, Google Trends
		But some states are struggling more than others. Florida is now one of the most financially distressed states in the country, second only to another Southern state, according to a new report by WalletHub, which defines financial distress as having credit in forbearance or delinquent payments due to financial difficulty.				
The 'shadow AI economy' is booming: Workers at 99% of companies say they use chatbots, but most of them are hiding it from IT	AI Ethics / Safety	Texas is the most financially distressed state in the country, followed by Florida, Louisiana, Nevada and South Carolina. The states that are best off? That honor goes to Hawaii, followed by Vermont, Alaska, Oregon and New Mexico.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-yahoo-58	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/texas-is-the-most-financially-distressed-state-in-the-country-140000288.html	2025-08-20	AI, Workplace, Chatbots, Tech Use
		The mainstream AI economy is struggling, but the "shadow AI economy" is booming. That's one of the key takeaways from a sweeping new MIT study on generative AI in the workplace. The study reports that workers at more than 95% of companies are using personal chatbot accounts for daily tasks, often without approval from IT, while only 40% of companies actually have official LLM subscriptions.				
What we know about the new ICE detention center in McCook	Borders and Immigration	Officials announced Tuesday that a minimum-security prison in McCook will be converted into an ICE detention facility, though details about who will be held there and when the transition will begin remain scarce.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-nebraskaapublicmedia-35	https://nebraskaapublicmedia.com/news/ice-detention-center-mccook-nebraska/	2025-08-20	ICE, McCook, Detention, Nebraska
		Asked if children or families will be held at the facility, Pilen said he is "not a politician" and has "not thought about that." Pilen initially said the facility would hold people who are "minimal to low risk," though he later referred to detaining "criminals" and "terrorists" who are involved in drug and sex trafficking.				
U.S. Senator Issues Warning To NFL Teams With Male Cheerleaders	Civil Rights / Liberties	I would like to ask the ownership of the NFL and the commissioner, what the hell are you doing? Tuberville began. "If you're going to be woke, and if you're going to try to take the men out of men's sports, which is what they're doing, they're trying to take gender and by and make it more about gender than about masculinity, then you're going to have a huge problem."	https://thn.tiny.us/820-yahoo-56	https://sports.yahoo.com/senator-issues-warning-to-nfl-teams-with-male-cheerleaders-140000288.html	2025-08-20	NFL, Cheerleaders, Gender, Politics
		A detention center that is poised to become the largest of its kind in the country opened on a military base in El Paso, Texas, over the weekend, amid concerns over safety, costs, and a lack of transparency.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-time-14	https://time.com/6088888/ice-detention-center-el-paso-texas/	2025-08-20	
'Lone Star Lock Up' ICE Mega Detention Facility Opens Doors	Borders and Immigration	More than \$1 billion will be invested in the detention center to expand its current 1,000-bed capacity to hold up to 5,000 people. Immigrants who are currently in removal proceedings or final removal orders are expected to be detained at the facility.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-scoop-10	https://www.scoop.international.com/news/ice-mega-detention-facility-opens-doors/	2025-08-20	ICE, Detention, Immigration, Texas
		The FDA said Tuesday that certain types of Great Value raw frozen shrimp sold at Walmart may be contaminated with Cesium-137, a radioactive isotope.				
Radioactive shrimp recall: FDA warns against these Walmart brands	Health / Medicine	The FDA shared three Great Value products that should not be shared, eaten or served to others: Great Value brand frozen raw shrimp, lot code: 8005540-1, Best by Date: March 15, 2027 Great Value brand frozen raw shrimp, lot code: 8005538-1, Best by Date: March 15, 2027 Great Value brand frozen raw shrimp, lot code: 8005538-1, Best by Date: March 15, 2027 Context: These were sold at stores in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and West Virginia, according to the FDA.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-scoop-9	https://www.scoop.international.com/news/fda-warns-against-these-walmart-brands/	2025-08-20	FDA, Recall, Walmart, Contamination
		"There will be more added to it as far as technology, cameras, sensors — we're also going to be painting it black," Noem said during a briefing in Santa Teresa, New Mexico. "That is specifically at the request of the president. When something is painted black, it gets even warmer, making it even harder for people to climb," she said.				
Border wall to be painted black at Trump's request, Noem says	Borders and Immigration	Good most characteristic is not a new requirement for naturalization. But under the USCIS memo, officers are instructed to put "greater emphasis" on an applicants' "positive attitudes and contributions."	https://thn.tiny.us/820-scoop-12	https://www.scoop.international.com/news/border-wall-to-be-painted-black-at-trumps-request-noem-says/	2025-08-20	Trump, Border Wall, Kristi Noem, Immigration
		As an essential precondition for ending the war, Ukraine wants written, binding assurances that its allies — namely Europe, but preferably the U.S. — will defend it from future Russian attacks. The details of those security guarantees will be negotiated in the coming weeks, but could potentially involve European peacekeepers in Ukraine backed by U.S. air power.				
MAGA isolationists brace for details of Ukraine security guarantees	Foreign Affairs	As leader of the "America First" movement, Trump must navigate a delicate balance: offering enough security to satisfy Kyiv without making military commitments that could fracture his base. Few videos in recent memory have spread as quickly and generated as much bewilderment among defense types as those capturing the collision of Chinese vessels as they harassed boats in the South China Sea.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-scoop-6	https://www.scoop.international.com/news/maga-isolationists-brace-for-details-of-ukraine-security-guarantees/	2025-08-20	Ukraine, Trump, MAGA, Security Policy
		The unusual online gathering of the newly formed Vaccine Integrity Project was intended to provide an evidence base for doctors and public health officials as they update recommendations for kids, pregnant women and immunocompromised people.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-scoop-7	https://www.scoop.international.com/news/vaccine-integrity-project-meeting/	2025-08-20	
Crash in South China Sea underscores 'incredibly tense' situation	Foreign Affairs	"Over the last few months, we've seen policy changes by federal officials based on evidence that has been shown as flawed, analytically fraught, or flat-out wrong," said Michael Osterholm, an epidemiologist at the University of Minnesota and a leader of the initiative.				China, Philippines, South China Sea, Navy
		"It's vital that providers and the public continue to have vaccine information they can rely on," he said during the meeting.				
Doctors mount vaccine safety review to rival feds'	Health / Medicine	HHS didn't respond to a request for comment.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-scoop-8	https://www.scoop.international.com/news/doctors-mount-vaccine-safety-review-to-rival-feds/	2025-08-20	Vaccines, COVID, Medical Oversight, Public Trust
		The Trump administration revoked the security clearances of 37 current and former officials on Tuesday that it accused of "politicization or weaponization" to "advance personal, partisan or non-objective agendas."				
Trump administration revokes security clearances of 37 US intel officials	Political Cesspool	National Intelligence Director Tulsa Gabbard publicly released a memo naming the officials, which Mark Zaid, a lawyer who represents intelligence officers and who's suing the Trump administration to have his revoked security clearance restored, said may have broken the law.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-scoop-1	https://www.scoop.international.com/news/trump-administration-revokes-security-clearances-of-37-us-intel-officials/	2025-08-20	Trump, Intelligence, Security Clearance, Purge
		—Put a sock in it. There's nothing but downside to trashing Trump, his policies, or allies.				
Behind the Curtain: 11 ways to influence Trump	Political Cesspool	—Put a sock in the mouths of others. You often pay for the sins of friends, partners or associates who trash Trump.				Trump, Manipulation, Influence, Axios
		— Don't overreact. Many make the mistake of responding impulsively to Trump's impulsiveness.				
Hurricane Erin: Storm alerts in NC, Virginia, some East Coast beaches shut	Climate / Disasters	— Build two spheres of influence. Think of Trump's two ears. One is full of throwback MAGA purists, skeptical of anyone not purchased MAGA. The other ear hears the whispers of more conventionally rational actors: the Rubio, Bennett or White House Chief of Staff Steve Wicks.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-scoop-4	https://www.scoop.international.com/news/hurricane-erin-storm-alerts-in-nc-virginia-some-east-coast-beaches-shut/	2025-08-20	Hurricane Erin, Weather, Evacuations, East Coast
		— Everything's negotiable. Trump lives for the transaction and public illumination of "big deals."				
Companies start to buckle under tariffs, raising threat of price hikes	Economy / Inflation	— Remember, it's WWE or reality TV. Trump thinks about optics differently than, um, probably everyone else in business and politics.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-scoop-2	https://www.scoop.international.com/news/companies-start-to-buckle-under-tariffs-raising-threat-of-price-hikes/	2025-08-20	Tariffs, Inflation, Home Depot, Trump
		— Get face-to-face. Trump will say or write horrible things about people, nations or companies. But rarely in person, one-on-one.				
Why health costs will increase in 2026 for workers	Health / Medicine	Never assume the deal is fully done. What makes Trump maddening to deal with is his propensity to change his mind or mood — often on a dime.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-scoop-3	https://www.scoop.international.com/news/why-health-costs-will-increase-in-2026-for-workers/	2025-08-20	Health Care, Inflation, Insurance
		— Play the long game. None of these techniques is a one-off. We're not quite one-sixth of the way (210 days) through Trump's second term.				
Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro says he's deploying 4.5 militia members in response to 'outlandish threats' by U.S.	Foreign Affairs	— Pony up. Trump is aggressively fundraising for his MAGA inc. super PAC and other political committees. Donors sometimes cost \$1 million a plate. The New York Times has extensively documented how contributors have received favorable treatment, including executives from crypto and healthcare companies.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-chance-13	https://www.chance.com/news/venezuelas-nicolas-maduro-says-hes-deploying-4-5-militia-members-in-response-to-outlandish-threats-by-u-s/	2025-08-20	Venezuela, Maduro, Militia, Foreign Policy
		The storm is not forecast to make landfall in the United States, but forecasters warned of "life-threatening" storm surges, coastal overwash and flooding along the U.S. East Coast this week. Mandatory evacuation orders are in effect in North Carolina's Dare and Hyde counties, including for Ocracoke and Hatteras islands.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-huffpost-52	https://huffpost.com/entry/venezuela-maduro-militia	2025-08-20	
Federal Health Plans Ban Gender Affirming Care Under Trump Admin	Civil Rights / Liberties	Swimming bans and beach closures were in effect in N.C. and other states, including New York City's Long Island ocean beaches, and parts of New Jersey and Delaware due to threats of flooding, rough surf conditions and potential rip tides from the hurricane.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-co-19	https://www.coastal.com/news/federal-health-plans-ban-gender-affirming-care-under-trump-admin/	2025-08-20	Gender Affirming Care, Trump, Health Insurance, LG
		The corporate pricing dam is cracking — companies are raising prices, or signaling that increases are coming, to absorb some of the costs of the Trump administration's tariffs.				
ICE adds two Mustang GT Fastbacks to its fleet — at Trump's request — in latest move to entice recruits	Borders and Immigration	Big employers who've tried to insultate workers from rising health costs are preparing to share the pain next year in the form of higher premiums to reflect year-over-year increases of as much as 10%.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-apnews-3	https://apnews.com/story/us/immigration/2025/08/20/ice-adds-two-mustang-gt-fastbacks-to-its-fleet-at-trumps-request/	2025-08-20	ICE, Mustang, Recruitment, Trump
		A survey the group released of 121 large employers insuring 11.6 million people found companies' medical costs sharply outpaced their expectations over the past two years.				
ICE adds two Mustang GT Fastbacks to its fleet — at Trump's request — in latest move to entice recruits	Borders and Immigration	They are now projecting health costs to jump a median of 9% next year absent any cutbacks in benefits to offset the increases.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-apnews-3	https://apnews.com/story/us/immigration/2025/08/20/ice-adds-two-mustang-gt-fastbacks-to-its-fleet-at-trumps-request/	2025-08-20	ICE, Mustang, Recruitment, Trump
		Venezuela President Nicolás Maduro on Monday said he would deploy 4.5 militia members in response to "outlandish threats" by the United States after Washington raised the bounty for his arrest to \$50 million and launched anti-drug operations in the Caribbean.				
ICE adds two Mustang GT Fastbacks to its fleet — at Trump's request — in latest move to entice recruits	Borders and Immigration	The largest employer health benefits program for the federal government announced a last-minute policy change on Friday that it would no longer cover gender-affirming care for adults next year, HuffPost has learned.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-apnews-3	https://apnews.com/story/us/immigration/2025/08/20/ice-adds-two-mustang-gt-fastbacks-to-its-fleet-at-trumps-request/	2025-08-20	ICE, Mustang, Recruitment, Trump
		As morale among U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement personnel sinks to new lows, the Trump administration hopes spending more than \$120,000 on a pair of high-performance Mustang GT Fastbacks will juice the embattled deportation agency's efforts to attract new recruits.				
ICE adds two Mustang GT Fastbacks to its fleet — at Trump's request — in latest move to entice recruits	Borders and Immigration	"Therefore, two (2) Ford Mustang GT vehicles were selected as they meet the ICE requirement," explains the so-called justification-and-approval document — known as a "J&A" — which lays out the reasons why the contract was awarded without having issued the usual competitive bidding process.				ICE, Mustang, Recruitment, Trump
		The agency's "need for the services is so urgent and compelling that providing full and open competition would result in unacceptable delays and seriously hinder the Government's recruiting initiative," according to the J&A, which was added to a federal contracting database on Tuesday. "As a result, the sole source procurement method/strategies must be pursued to meet mission-critical timelines."				

Kilmar Abrego Garcia wants criminal case thrown out over Trump administration's 'vindictive' prosecution	Political Cesspool	Kilmar Abrego Garcia is asking a federal judge to throw out a criminal case against him, claiming he was "singled out" by President Donald Trump's administration for "having the audacity to fight back, rather than accept a brutal injustice" after he was wrongfully deported to a brutal prison in his home country.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-co-87	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Trump, DOJ, Prosecution, Abrego Garcia
Trump team will soon decide what's 'anti-American' when granting citizenship	Borders and Immigration	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced on Tuesday that "anti-American" activity — including social media posts and any perceived ideological affiliations — will be considered an "overwhelmingly negative factor" when deciding whether immigrants can stay in the country legally.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-co-88	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Citizenship, USCIS, Immigration, Trump
Trump shows off merch teasing third term as Zelensky visits seeking end to Ukraine war: 'Exit through the gift shop'	Political Cesspool	A photo circulating on social media, shared by Special Assistant to the President and Communications Advisor Margo Martin, captures Zelensky staring at a wall of red and white MAGA caps and other pro-Trump merchandise in a room — reminiscent of a gift shop — that appears to be part of the White House. The picture was posted on Monday, following the world leaders' meeting at the White House to discuss the future of Russia's war in Ukraine. Zelensky, boasting an all-black suit, stands with his arms crossed under a chandelier as Trump grabs a red hat, emblazoned with "4 More Years," from the collection. The 22nd Amendment bars anyone from serving as president for more than two terms, meaning Trump will be ineligible to stand again at the next election.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-co-89	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Trump, Zelensky, MAGA, Merchandise
United Airlines faces lawsuit after selling 'windowless' window seats	Consumer Rights	United Airlines is facing a class action lawsuit for allegedly selling "windowless" window seats to passengers. The alleged lawsuit, which is still recruiting members, claims that the airline "misled customers" by charging for aircraft window seats without windows.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-co-90	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	United Airlines, Travel, Consumer, Lawsuit
Capybaras, penguins and giant Galapagos tortoises lured on scales for weigh-in	Weird World	A pair of capybaras, Humboldt penguins, giant Galapagos tortoises and a ring-tailed lemur troop were among the animals to step on the scales at London Zoo's annual weigh-in. Pivically, a 30-year-old giant Galapagos tortoise, was lured onto a board scale with a lettuce snack while the Humboldt penguins jostled in line for zookeeper Jessica Ray on Tuesday.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-png/160-9-1	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Capybaras, Penguins, Tortoises, Zoo
Tractor pull competition draws big crowds	Weird World	In the competition, tractors and trucks latch onto a contraption called a sled, which looks like a flat-bed trailer carrying a huge weighted box on a slider. As the machines thunder down the track, momentum causes the weight-box to slide across the trailer until the balance shifts so much that the sled digs into the ground and the back tires lift, immobilizing it.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncr-43	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Motorsport, Tractors, Culture, Rural America
Not all schools teach about AI. This camp wants to close the gap	Education / Youth	The further down the dirt track a puller goes before the sled grinds to a halt, the higher they score. If a driver makes it all the way to the end of the track, a "full pull," they get perfect marks. For years, research has shown there's a digital divide when it comes to schools teaching about new technologies. For example, affluent suburban schools are more likely to have computer science classes than districts in poorer urban and rural areas.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncr-37	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	AI, Education, Youth, Schools
Home Depot quiet on immigration raids outside its doors	Borders and Immigration	In her own research, Lake has found that suburban, majority-white and low-poverty school districts are about twice as likely to provide AI training to teachers as are urban, rural or high-poverty districts.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncr-34	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	AI, Education, Youth, Schools
Texas Democrats end two-week walkout over redistricting	Elections / Voting Rights	If it's such a company most caught up in the Trump administration's immigration crackdown, it's the Home Depot, after numerous raids near stores around Los Angeles and the country. But the home-improvement giant has largely stayed quiet. During Tuesday's streeting call with Wall Street analysts, executives said nothing — and received no questions about — immigration raids or day laborers. Last week, after a man died as he ran from one of the raids onto a freeway and was struck by a car, Home Depot representatives did not respond to NPR's inquiry on the death. Earlier in the month, Home Depot replied to questions about the company's position on raids and interaction with federal authorities with a statement it has issued repeatedly.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncr-38	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	ICE, Home Depot, Immigration, Raids
Air Canada says flights resume after flight attendants strike ends	Labor / Unions	"We ask associates to report any suspected immigration enforcement operations immediately and not to engage for their own safety," the statement reads, in part. "We aren't notified that immigration enforcement activities are going to happen, and we aren't involved in them. In many cases, we don't know that arrests have taken place until after they're over. We're required to follow all federal and local rules and regulations in every market where we operate."	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncr-41	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Air Canada, Strike, Labor, Flights
Trump expands 'woke' criticism from Smithsonian to other museums	Political Cesspool	After a two-week walkout, many Texas Democrats returned to the state's Capitol on Monday, allowing Texas Republicans to press forward with redistricting plans. Democratic state Rep. Minnieella Pleasa says their efforts started a "nationwide movement," but she's ready to make a legal case that Republican redistricting maps are "too 'racially gerrymandered' maps."	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncr-29	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Trump, Museums, Woke, Culture War
Turnover among election officials rose to a new high in 2024	Elections / Voting Rights	Air Canada said it will gradually restart operations after reaching an agreement early on Tuesday with the union for 10,000 flight attendants to end a strike that disrupted the travel plans of hundreds of thousands of travelers.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncr-28	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Elections, Trump, Disinformation, Turnover
How 'nerd' went from geeky insult to mainstream	Weird World	The Museums throughout Washington, but all over the Country are, essentially, the last remaining segment of WOKE," he wrote.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncr-30	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Language, Nerd, Dr. Seuss, Linguistics
Study: Cash aid is a boon to the health of infants and little kids	Health / Medicine	Trump's post on Truth Social accused the Smithsonian of presenting a narrative of "how horrible our Country is, how bad Slavery was, and how unappreciated the downtrodden have been — Nothing about Success, nothing about Brightness, nothing about the Future. We are not going to allow this to happen, and I have instructed my attorneys to go through the Museums, and start the exact same process that has been done with Colleges and Universities where tremendous progress has been made. This Country cannot be WOKE, because WOKE IS BROKE. We have the "HOTTEST" Country in the World, and we want people to talk about it, including in our Museums."	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncr-33	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Health, Poverty, Cash Aid, Kenya
Gun violence hits Black communities hardest. Trump is rolling back prevention efforts	Health / Medicine	Turnover among the country's election officials has continued to increase — now nearly five years after Donald Trump's failed attempt to overturn the 2020 contest led to voting officials facing more pressure and harassment. Some 2 in 5 of all the local officials who administered the 2020 election left their jobs before the 2024 cycle, according to research out Tuesday from the Bipartisan Policy Center. The trend was especially pronounced in large jurisdictions, where the Trump campaign's misinformation about voting often focused.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncr-42	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Gun Violence, Health, Trump, Equity
Doctors who use AI may 'forget' some skills	Health / Medicine	According to the Online Etymology Dictionary, nerd became a midcentury slang term used by U.S. students. It potentially developed from the 1940s word "nerf," an alteration of the word "huff" that meant a "stupid or crazy person," the dictionary said.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncr-44	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Doctors, AI, Skills, Health Tech
After Virginia, SpaceX Also Protests Louisiana's 'Wasteful' Fiber Plans	Infrastructure / Broadband	Infants born to people who received \$1,000, no-strings-attached, were nearly half as likely to die as infants born to people who got no cash, according to a report published Monday by the National Bureau of Economic Research. Cash cut mortality in children under 5 by about 45%, the study researchers found, on par with interventions like vaccines and anti-malarials.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncrpgm-21	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	SpaceX, Broadband, Louisiana, Starlink
Trump Rolls Back Rules Protecting Mental Health Coverage — ProPublica	Health / Medicine	"This paper is really well done, and the result itself is pretty stunning," says Heath Henderson, an economist at Drake University who wasn't involved in the study. Historically, it's been "difficult to study the impacts of cash transfers on mortality with any sort of rigor," he says. "This study is different," he says, and suggests cash can help people get life-saving care.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-ncrpublic-26	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Mental Health, Insurance, Trump, Policy
'Unimaginable tragedy': 5-year-old dead after shooting themselves in the head with unsecured gun, police say	Gun Violence / Public Safety	Cash payments were associated with a 48% drop in infant mortality, from roughly 40 deaths per 1,000 births to about 21 deaths. Deaths of children under five were 45% lower in households who got cash, according to 32 per 100,000 births from 57.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-the-independent-54	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	Atlanta, Gun Safety, Children, Tragedy
The Two-Word Phrase Unleashing Chaos at the NIH	Health / Medicine	Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, gun violence has surged, shattering any sense of peace or progress here. Louisiana suffers the nation's second-highest firearm death rate — and Bogalusa, a predominantly Black community with 10,000 residents, has seen dozens of shootings and a violent crime rate approaching twice the national average.	https://thn.tiny.us/820-theguardian-72	https://www.usc.is	2025-08-20	NIH, Funding, Science Policy, The Atlantic
Leading US economists urge peers to fight Trump's attack on environment	Environment / Energy	Most headlines focus on America's urban centers, but the numbers also reflect the growth of gun violence in places like Bogalusa. In 2020, the gun violence death rate for rural communities was 40% higher than in large metropolitan areas, according to Johns Hopkins University. Firearms are the No. 1 killer of children in the U.S., and no group suffers more than young Black people. More Black boys and men ages 15 to 24 in 2023 were killed in gun homicides than from the next 15 leading causes of deaths combined.				Economy, Climate, Trump, Environment

		Choking smoke spewed by wildfires is far more dangerous than previously thought, a new study has found, with death tolls from short-term exposure to the particulates underestimated by 93% Researchers found that 535 people in Europe died on average each year between 2004 and 2022 as a result of breathing in the tiny toxic particles known as PM2.5 that are released when wildfires rage	https://thn.lnky.us/820-theguardian-77	https://www.bbc.com/news/health-68111111	2025-08-20		Wildfires, Air Quality, Health, Climate
Wildfire smoke far more dangerous to health than thought, say scientists	Health / Medicine	The residents of Tequililla, Mexico, knew the heatwave was bad when they heard the thuds. One by one, the town's hawker monkeys, overcome with dehydration and exhaustion, were falling from the trees like apples, their tiny bodies smoldering the ground as temperatures soared past 43C (110F) in spring last year	https://thn.lnky.us/820-theguardian-74	https://www.bbc.com/news/health-68111111	2025-08-20		
Monkeys falling from trees and baking barnacles: how heat is driving animals to extinction	Climate / Disasters	Episodes such as this are unfolding across the world as the climate crisis delivers harsher and more frequent heatwaves. Flying foxes have tumbled from trees in Australia, billions of barnacles have basked in tide pools in Canada, male beetles have been virtually sterilised by soaring temperatures.					Extinction, Animals, Heat, Climate Crisis
Trump tariffs and green energy rollbacks push household electricity bills up 10%	Economy / Inflation	Household electricity bills have increased by 10% since Donald Trump re-entered the White House, a new report has found, with its authors highlighting the impact of the president's data-center bonfireman and cuts to clean energy projects as part of the cause. The analysis comes as the US energy secretary, Chris Wright, said he knows rising energy prices could be a political challenge for the GOP ahead of next year's midterm elections, but claimed Democrats were to blame for the cost increases.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-theguardian-75	https://www.bbc.com/news/business-68111111	2025-08-20		Electricity, Trump, Energy, Inflation
Ice used Marriott chain to detain immigrants, despite hotel's 2019 pledge not to cooperate	Borders and Immigration	A Sheraton hotel in Louisiana has been used by immigration officials to hold people who are being deported, in what appears to be a contradiction of a position Sheraton's parent company, Marriott, took in 2019 when it said its properties would not be used in cooperation with ICE.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-theguardian-18	https://www.bbc.com/news/immigration-68111111	2025-08-20		ICE, Marriott, Detention, Immigration
		Though not every beef fallow evangelist or raw milk aficionado might consider themselves Republican, cows' connection to RFK's "health" crusade is unavoidable. It appears that cows have won the position of Muga's favorite animal.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-theguardian-20	https://www.bbc.com/news/health-68111111	2025-08-20		
		"Who-who has become moo-moo," the Atlantic's Yasmin Tayag wrote this week, in an essay about Americans going "all-in" on "cow-based wellness."					
Raging bulls: why Muga is pushing cow products on to America	Political Cesspool	"When it comes to animal products, it seems [that Muga] promotes cows the most," said Mark Kern, a professor of exercise and nutritional sciences at San Diego State University. "They don't seem to say the same things for chicken or turkey."	https://thn.lnky.us/820-theguardian-72	https://www.bbc.com/news/health-68111111	2025-08-20		MAGA, Beef, Culture War, Tallow
Trump's tariffs replace diplomacy as other US tools of statecraft are discarded	Foreign Affairs	On the campaign trail, Donald Trump pledged to use tariffs to revitalize American industry, bringing jobs home and helping to make America great again. But more than six months into his administration, experts say the president's trade war is increasingly being wielded as a political cudgel, in lieu of more traditional forms of diplomacy.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-theguardian-78	https://www.bbc.com/news/business-68111111	2025-08-20		Tariffs, Trump, Foreign Policy, Statecraft
The 'big church move': Swedish town begins to roll historic building 8m	Weird World	After eight years of planning, a cost of more than 500m kronor (€39m) and an early morning blessing, a church in northern Sweden began a slow-motion 8m journey on Tuesday to make way for the expansion of Europe's biggest underground mine.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-theguardian-70	https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-68111111	2025-08-20		Sweden, Church, Relocation, Architecture
		More than 2.8 million people now identify as transgender in the US, including an estimated 724,000 youth, according to a new data analysis that is the largest of its kind to date.					
		The Williams Institute primarily relied on 2021 to 2023 data from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) surveys and records disclosed by state health agencies. Some of the key findings include:					
More than 2.8m people in US identify as trans, including 724,000 youth, data shows	Civil Rights / Liberties	1% of the total US population aged 13 and older identifies as trans, including 0.8% of adults (more than 2.1 million people) and 3.3% of youth ages 13 to 17 (roughly 724,000 people). Young adults ages 18 to 24 are significantly more likely to identify as trans (2.72%) than those 35 to 64 (0.42%) and those aged 65 and older (0.26%). Of the 2.1 million trans adults, 32.7% (698,500) are trans women, 34.2% (730,500) are trans men and 33.1% (707,100) are trans non-binary people. The trans populations are fairly consistent across regions, with 0.9% of adults in the west, midwest and north-east identifying as trans, compared with 0.7% of adults in the south. Minnesota had the highest rate of adults who identify as trans (1.2%), and Hawaii had the highest rate of trans youth (0.5%), though the ranges were similar across states.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-npr-15	https://www.npr.org/2025/08/20/trans-people-us/	2025-08-20		Transgender, LGBTQ+, Demographics, Civil Rights
		According to the commercial airline news website Aero Explorer, the airport's security staff bailed en masse to take part in reindeer hunting season. This time-honored tradition serves as both a winter meal and a preparation ritual in Greenland. The驯鹿 had thawed, and the deer were on the move.					
Flights Delayed After Airport Staff Decided to Go Hunting	Weird World	Security staff left their body cameras unsupervised as passengers stood around wondering what the holdup could be, as flight number UAL1 to Newark didn't depart until 12:15, over three hours after it should've left.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-yahoo-32	https://www.yahoo.com/news/flights-delayed-airport-staff-decided-go-hunting-123456789.html	2025-08-20		Airports, Travel, Weird News
Wu fires back at Bondi's demand to shed so-called 'sanctuary' policies, saying 'Boston will never back down'	Borders and Immigration	Boston Mayor Michelle Wu shot back at U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi's demands to expand the city's policies to work with immigration enforcement in a letter Tuesday, condemning what she called the Trump administration's "false and continuous attacks on American cities and millions of our residents."	https://thn.lnky.us/820-wired-23	https://www.wired.com/story/michelle-wu-bondi-sanctuary-immigration/	2025-08-20		Michelle Wu, Bondi, Sanctuary, Immigration
An Ancient Penis Worm With Rings of Sharp Teeth Has Been Discovered in the Grand Canyon	Weird World	ABOUT 500 MILLION years ago, the Grand Canyon was a great sea, and among the creatures it harbored was a newly discovered type of penis worm, armed with many rings of teeth.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-yahoo-47	https://www.yahoo.com/science/ancient-penis-worm-discovered-grand-canyon-123456789.html	2025-08-20		Weird, Paleontology, Grand Canyon, Discovery
Brennan: I hope Secret Service swept Trump limo for 'microchip' after Putin ride	Political Cesspool	Former CIA Director John Brennan raised the possibility in a Saturday interview that Russian President Vladimir Putin could have planted a chip in the presidential limousine when he joined President Trump for a ride to their summit on Friday.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-yahoo-58	https://www.yahoo.com/news/brennan-i-hope-secret-service-swept-trump-limo-for-microchip-after-putin-ride-123456789.html	2025-08-20		Trump, Putin, Brennan, Security
		The incident is one of several arrests of delivery drivers recorded by eyewitnesses across the Washington area that have gone viral since the Trump administration took over law enforcement in the nation's capital last week.					
		The videos, scattered across social media and shared among D.C. delivery driver chat groups, are having a chilling effect on the drivers themselves. Some of them have chosen to stop making deliveries in the city.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-yahoo-50	https://www.yahoo.com/news/delivery-drivers-washington-area-123456789.html	2025-08-20		ICE, Immigration, DC, Delivery Drivers
Detentions of D.C. delivery drivers leave immigrant communities on edge	Borders and Immigration	Krist Noem, the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, will be among the first Cabinet officials to be "hailed up" to Congress to face hearings, according to House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-yahoo-42	https://www.yahoo.com/news/krist-noem-congress-hearings-123456789.html	2025-08-20		Krist Noem, Elections, Democrats, Midterms
If Democrats succeed in midterms, they're coming for Kristi Noem	Politics / Elections	A 6-year-old student and her family were deported just before the start of the new school year in New York, a case sparking uproar across the state - including from the governor and officials in the nation's largest public school system.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-yahoo-51	https://www.yahoo.com/news/6-year-old-student-deported-new-york-123456789.html	2025-08-20		ICE, Deportation, Children, New York
Deportation of 6-year-old student sparks uproar in New York over ICE tactics	Borders and Immigration	The second-grade New York City public school student, went with her mother and older brother on Aug. 12 to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement check-in at a federal building in lower Manhattan when agents detained them, a family lawyer told USA TODAY. New York City officials confirmed the student and her mother, who were living in Queens, were deported the morning of Aug. 15.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-yahoo-49	https://www.yahoo.com/news/deportation-6-year-old-student-sparks-uproar-new-york-123456789.html	2025-08-20		Supreme Court, Hillary Clinton, Gay Marriage, Roe v. Wade
Hillary Clinton: Supreme Court 'will do to gay marriage what they did to abortion'	Civil Rights / Liberties	2016 Democratic presidential nominee and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton says she believes the Supreme Court is poised to overturn its landmark ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges, which effectively legalized same-sex marriage nationwide, and that unmarried same-sex couples "ought to consider" trying the knot.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-yahoo-43	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hillary-clinton-supreme-court-gay-marriage-123456789.html	2025-08-20		Supreme Court, Hillary Clinton, Gay Marriage, Roe v. Wade
RFK Jr. attacks pediatricians' group over vaccine recommendations	Health / Medicine	Hours after the American Academy of Pediatrics, the professional society for doctors who care for children, issued Covid-19 vaccine guidance contradicting that of the health secretary, Kennedy accused the group of engaging in a "pay-to-play scheme to promote commercial antibodies of AAP's Big Pharma benefactors" in a post on social media platform X.	https://thn.lnky.us/820-yahoo-40	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-attacks-pediatricians-group-over-vaccine-recommendations-123456789.html	2025-08-20		RFK Jr., Vaccines, Pediatrics, Health
Top Oversight Democrat: DOJ plan to release Epstein files in 'batches' a 'cover-up'	Political Cesspool	House Oversight and Government Reform Committee ranking member Robert Garcia (D-Calif.) said the plan for the Department of Justice to respond in "batches" to the committee's subpoena for files relating to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein amounts to a "cover-up."	https://thn.lnky.us/820-yahoo-43	https://www.yahoo.com/news/top-oversight-democrat-doj-plan-to-release-epstein-files-in-batches-a-cover-up-123456789.html	2025-08-20		Epstein, DOJ, Cover-up, Politics
Trump weaponization czar urged New York Attorney General James to resign over mortgage probe	Political Cesspool	President Donald Trump's weaponization czar sent a letter urging New York Attorney General Letitia James to resign from office "as an act of good faith" four days after starting his mortgage fraud investigation of her. Then he showed up outside her house.					Trump, Weaponization, Letitia James, Politics
		At least 600 employees of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are receiving permanent termination notices in the wake of a recent court decision that protected some CDC employees from layoffs but not others.					
CDC employees getting final termination notices, union says	Health / Labor	But "due to a staggering lack of transparency from HHS," the union hasn't received formal notices of who is being laid off, the federation said in a statement on Wednesday.	https://thn.lnky.us/8322-cdc-layoffs-82756959524d74df994453360a2	https://apnews.com/article/cdc-layoffs-health-labor-123456789	Aug 21, 2025		CDC, Layoffs, Health, Labor
		These anti-empy arguments gained traction in the early months of President Donald Trump's second term, with his flurry of executive orders that critics denounced as lacking empathy. As foreign aid stopped and more deportations began, Trump's then-advisor Elton Musk told podcaster Joe Rogan: "The fundamental weakness of Western civilization is empathy."					
Conservative Christians argue empathy can be a sin	Religion / Weird World	Even Vice President JD Vance, a Catholic convert, framed the idea in his own religious terms, invoking the concept of ordo amoris, or order of love. Within concentric circles of importance, he argued the love family comes first and the wider world last — an interpretation that then-Pope Francis rejected.	https://thn.lnky.us/8318-conservative-christians-4in-of	https://apnews.com/article/conservative-christians-empathy-123456789	Aug 21, 2025		Christianity, Empathy, Religion, Weird World
		Giraffes are a majestic sight in Africa with their long necks and distinctive spots. Now it turns out there are four different giraffe species on the continent, according to a new scientific analysis released Thursday.					
There are actually four giraffe species in Africa, scientists say	Weird world	Researchers previously considered all giraffes across Africa to belong to a single species. New data and genetic studies have led a task force of the International Union for Conservation of Nature to split the tallest mammal on land into four groups — Northern giraffes, reticulated giraffes, Masai giraffes and Southern giraffes.	https://thn.lnky.us/8321-giraffe-species-africa-a80r7516f93d456122d6c4	https://apnews.com/article/giraffe-species-africa-123456789	Aug 21, 2025		Giraffes, Science, Nature, Africa
US Attorney's new policy on charges for carrying rifles and shotguns in DC	Courts / ACAB	Federal prosecutors in the nation's capital will no longer bring felony charges against people for possessing rifles or shotguns in the District of Columbia, according to a new policy adopted by the leader of the nation's largest U.S. attorney's office.	https://thn.lnky.us/8303-judicial-branch-offer-shotguns	https://apnews.com/article/us-attorney-policy-shotguns-123456789	Aug 21, 2025		DOJ, DC, Firearms, Policy
A Polish village is turning a traditional craft into a fashion trend	Weird world	Now, 53 years later, she is part of a new generation of women using those skills to make Koniaów famous far beyond Poland's borders. Their uniquely crocheted lingerie, beautiful wedding dresses, skirts, blouses and even traditional tablecloths are enjoying a surge of popularity and elevated prices for the skilled work.	https://thn.lnky.us/8319-poland-koniaow-lace-tradition	https://apnews.com/article/poland-lace-fashion-tradition-123456789	Aug 21, 2025		Poland, Lace, Fashion, Tradition
More Texas Democrats protest monitoring ahead of redistricting vote	Elections / Redistricting	Dallas-area Rep. Linda Cooper said she drove three hours home from Austin with an officer following her. When she went grocery shopping, he went down every aisle with her, pretending to shop, she said. As she spoke to The Associated Press by phone, two unmarked cars with officers inside were parked outside her home.	https://thn.lnky.us/8320-redistricting-texas-nicole-coller	https://apnews.com/article/texas-redistricting-democrats-protest-123456789	Aug 21, 2025		Texas, Redistricting, Democrats, Protest
Humans intervened every 9 minutes in AAA test of driver assists - Ars Technica	Technology / Transportation	On average, such systems buy the driver less than 10 minutes of peace in a traffic jam. AAA found that "notable events" were recorded by the data capture systems every 3.2 miles, or 5.1 minutes, on average. And 65 percent of those notable events required the driver to intervene.	https://thn.lnky.us/8277-humans-intervened-every-9	https://arstechnic.com/autos/news/2025/08/20/aaa-test-driver-assists/	Aug 21, 2025		AAA, Cars, Automation, Driver Assist
Pete Hegseth is requiring so much security it's taking officers off of criminal investigations	Political Cesspool / ACAB	Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's security requirements are so extensive that it is placing a strain on the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Division, according to a report. The Washington Post reports that the CID, which is responsible for protecting top Pentagon officials as well as serving as the Army's law enforcement arm, has been forced to draft agents who would otherwise be investigating criminal offenses concerning members of the Armed Forces to help watch over Hegseth's family and their properties in D.C., Minnesota and Tennessee.	https://thn.lnky.us/8202-pete-hegseth-req-10r-much	https://ica.news/y/8202-pete-hegseth-req-10r-much	Aug 21, 2025		Pete Hegseth, Security, ACAB
		"I've never seen this many security teams for one guy," one official told the newspaper. "Nobody has."					
		The answer, according to sources close to Ghislaine, lies with the other domineering, scandal-plagued man in her life, Maxwell's late father. These sources suggest shamed media baron Robert Maxwell's 11-gotten millions were laundered by Epstein and filtered through to his favorite daughter. (He even named his super yacht the Lady Ghislaine.)					
The Monsters Behind Ghislaine Maxwell's Missing Millions	Corruption / Epstein	Overweight and overleveraged, Maxwell Sr. fell off the side of his yacht in the Canary Islands in 1991 and drowned. It was never known for sure whether it was suicide, an accident, or murder, but his business affairs quickly unraveled, and it emerged that he had robbed the pension fund of the Minor newspaper group he owned in the UK to the tune of \$460 million. According to a British document, Ghislaine was on board the yacht when her father died and immediately ordered the crew to throw all paperwork linking him to Epstein.	https://thn.lnky.us/8262-monsters-behind-ghislaine-maxwell	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/monsters-behind-ghislaine-maxwell-123456789.html	Aug 21, 2025		Ghislaine Maxwell, Epstein, Corruption, Finance
ChatGPT: A.I. is making your writing worse—but not in the way you think.	Technology / Media	This is a threat that would've appalled me a year ago. As a professional writer, I have long prided myself on impeccable grammar, judiciously wielded punctuation, and (at times indulgent) verbosity. But in the age of A.I. paranoia—when the comment sections of social media posts and online articles are filled with accusations decrying the dehumanizing war of ChatGPT—suddenly, writing that appears too polished, too bedecked with literary devices, not to mention a dubious affinity for the word delve, now arouses suspicion.	https://thn.lnky.us/8234-chatgpt-artificial-intelligence-shaming	https://nltale.com/2025/08/20/chatgpt-artificial-intelligence-shaming/	Aug 21, 2025		ChatGPT, Writing, AI, State

		We're mortality rates, and these facts stem from an analysis we did of death rates in 22 countries from 1980 through 2023 (the last year with reliable data). When we set out to do this research, we expected to find a story about the COVID-19 pandemic. America's pandemic experience was much worse than that of our peers, with three U.S. deaths for every two in peer countries. Nonetheless, Americans in particular were hit harder than nonelderly populations in other rich countries. This disadvantage only grew as vaccinations became available but were adopted by Americans at lower rates.				
		But our research also uncovered one population for whom the pandemic does look like a longer-term turning point for the worse. And that population is a worrisome one: Americans early in their adulthood, those aged 25 to 44—that is, millennials, as well as some older members of Gen Z.				
		The result of all this? By 2023, American early adults' chance of dying was 70 percent higher than it would have been had the lifesaving trends of the early 2000s continued. And this leaves them 2.6 times as likely to die as early adults in other rich countries. Amid declining economic prospects and future optimism among younger American adults, perhaps no statistic more starkly captures the disadvantage of entering adulthood in the U.S. today.				
		But the fact that death rates have remained high across so many kinds of deaths, from car collisions to fatalities from circulatory diseases and diabetes, hints at more encompassing and systemic problems.				
		People who are 25 to 44 have experienced major turning points in this country's history. The oldest of them were Reagan babies who launched their careers in the shadow of the Great Recession, and the youngest entered adulthood during a worldwide pandemic.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3306-millennials-gen-z-death	https://state.com/v	Aug 21, 2025	Millennials, Death We're exhausted.
		But now, pictures circulating online have captured these worried-faced creatures with fleshy bubbles across their body, making them look like they could be the story's villain.				
		Deer are not the only backyard beasts to recently spoil residents.				
"Mutant Deer" Spotted With Eerie Flesh Bubbles Increases Fear Of An Animal Outbreak In The US	Weird World / Health	The so-called "Frankenstein rabbits" and "zombie squirrels" have also been spotted with similar wary glances, consequently leaving residents alarmed by their appearance.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3307-mutant-deer-spotted-eerie	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Deer, Outbreak / We're tired of constantly living thro
Scientists Goofed and Accidentally Created a New Kind of Fish	Science / Weird World	A new kind of fish is here—but it was never supposed to exist. Scientists created the "stardustfish," a hybrid between a Russian sturgeon (Acipenser guldendandae) and an American paddlefish, entirely by accident.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3304-scientists-goofed-accidentally-created	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Science, Fish, At We're the first generation to have f
Epstein files: Grand jury transcripts won't be unsealed, federal court rules	Corruption / Epstein	A federal judge denied the Trump administration's request to unseal Jeffrey Epstein grand jury transcripts and exhibits from a case in New York state.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3222-epstein-grand-jury-transcripts	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 20, 2025	Epstein, Courts, "We've become these self improv
Hurricane Erin's waves lash NC: 40M under coastal flood alerts on East Coast	Climate / Disasters	Hurricane Erin was bringing tropical storm conditions at or near portions of North Carolina's coast on Wednesday night — as the "large" storm's outer bands brushed the U.C. Outer Banks, forcing officials to close a section of highway.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3219-hurricane-erin-nc-coast	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 20, 2025	Hurricane Erin, East Coast, Disasters
MAGA erupts after Israeli official charged in child sex ring flees U.S.	Political Censorship / International	MAGA is pushing the Trump administration to explain why an Israeli official who was arrested in an undercover child sex sting in Nevada was allowed to leave the U.S. after posting bail.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3225-israel-maga-child-sex	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 20, 2025	MAGA, Israel, Sex Crimes, Scandal
Volcano off Oregon coast could erupt "any day now," scientists say	Climate / Disasters	Volcanologists are closely monitoring an underwater volcano off the Oregon coast that seems poised to erupt this year.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3223-oregon-underwater-volcano-axial	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 20, 2025	Volcano, Oregon, Disasters
Trump housing regulator accuses Fed governor Cook of mortgage fraud	Political Censorship	Researchers have been monitoring the recent activity of the Axial Seamount, a volcano located about 4,500 feet under water in the northeastern Pacific Ocean, because there are indications that it may erupt in 2025.				
AI investment led to zero returns for 95% of companies in MIT study	Economy / Technology	In June, there were more than 2,000 earthquakes near the volcano on one day, the researchers said, which is a sign that an eruption may occur. However, that number dipped closer to 100 soon after, they said.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3223-oregon-underwater-volcano-axial	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 20, 2025	Volcano, Oregon, Disasters
Anthropic, Energy Department roll out new tool to identify nuclear risks in chatbots	Technology / AI	Federal housing finance regulator Bill Puft accused Federal Reserve governor Lisa Cook of mortgage fraud and referred her for criminal prosecution.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3221-trump-pufts-cook-fraud	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 20, 2025	Trump, Fed, Mortgage, Cook
CDC shooting fuels health workers against RFK Jr.	Health / ACAB	Wall Street's biggest fear was validated by a recent MIT study indicating that 95% of organizations set zero return on their AI investment.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3217-ai-wall-street-big	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	AI, Economy, MIT
Climate change will cost Gulf Coast tens of billions by 2050	Climate / Disasters	Anthropic and the U.S. government's nuclear experts have developed a new tool that can spot the difference between a scientist asking Claude about nuclear reactors and a spy probing it for secrets about the U.S. nuclear arsenal.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3216-anthropic-nuclear-classifier-conversations	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	AI, Anthropic, Nuclear, DOE
Jobs market is weak, so employees are "hugging" current positions	Economy	After eight months of upheaval, layoffs and grant terminations, more than 750 Health and Human Services employees went public on Wednesday in a letter to Kennedy and members of Congress that accused Kennedy of contributing to harassment and violence against government employees.				
Trump administration imposes fresh sanctions on ICC officials	Foreign Policy	Kennedy has driven the narrative that the vast bureaucracy he oversees has been captive to the industries it regulates. He's called the CDC a "cesspool of corruption" and questioned whether vaccines for measles and other viruses are safe.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3214-cdc-shooting-robert-f	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	CDC, RFK Jr., Health, Violence
Unlikely enforces share Trump's "weaponization" crusade	Political Censorship	Workers are starting to push back. They're publicly demanding that Kennedy stop spreading inaccurate and misleading claims about the shots, disease transmission and public health institutions, and that he respond by Sept. 2.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3214-cdc-shooting-robert-f	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	CDC, RFK Jr., Health, Violence
Texas House passes Trump-backed restricting bill	Elections / Gerrymandering	The U.S. Gulf Coast is facing billions of dollars in yearly property damage by 2050 due to extreme weather, fed to climate change, per a new analysis.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3218-climate-change-extreme-weather	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Climate, Gulf Coast, Economy, Disasters
U.S. and EU spell out tariffs for autos, pharmaceuticals, and more	Economy / Trade	That's more than double the projected \$15 billion when ignoring climate change.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3218-climate-change-extreme-weather	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Climate, Gulf Coast, Economy, Disasters
DOJ Tried to Access Patients' Private Information	Health / Political Censorship	The job market is in bad shape. The past three months saw the weakest job creation in the U.S., outside of the pandemic, since 2010 in the wake of the global financial crisis.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3213-jobs-market-hiring-ai	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Jobs, Economy, AI
The animal species that can kill after they're dead	Weird world	The Trump administration announced fresh sanctions on International Criminal Court officials on Wednesday and accused the ICC of being a "national security threat" and "instrument for lawfare" against the U.S. and Israel.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3220-trump-icc-sanctions-israel	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Trump, ICC, Israel, Sanctions
Scientists invent 'superfood' they hope will save honeybees and boost global food security	Science / Climate	A housing regulator, a prosecutor rejected by the Senate and a former Democrat have emerged as the unlikely faces of President Trump's "weaponization" crusade.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3211-trump-weaponization-revenge-doj	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Trump, Weaponization, DOJ, Gabbard
Here's why NASA wants your photos of hurricane damage	Science / Climate / Technology	In a sea of Trump loyalists, these three officials — Bill Puft, Ed Martin and Tuls Gabbard — stand out for how aggressively they've shattered norms in pursuit of the president's enemies.				
California resident tests positive for plague after camping near Lake Tahoe	Health / Weird World	A new study from India confirms that deadly snake species, including Indian monocolic cobras and kraits, can still inject venom hours after death.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3327-snake-venom-death-india	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Animals, Science, Death, Weird World
Texas House passes Trump-backed map that could give Republicans five more seats in midterms	Elections / Redistricting	The Justice Department has demanded that a Philadelphia hospital hand over a broad swath of information related to gender affirming care for minors, including individual patient names, dates of birth and Social Security numbers, according to a copy of a subpoena that became public in a court filing Monday.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3290-us-eu-trade-agreement	https://www.cnn.com	Aug 21, 2025	US, EU, Trade, Tariffs
How to speak Trump: World leaders are bringing gifts and stroking president's ego to get access — and their way	Political Censorship / Diplomacy	A new study from India confirms that deadly snake species, including Indian monocolic cobras and kraits, can still inject venom hours after death.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3277-snake-venom-death-india	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Animals, Science, Death, Weird World
For some, fall Covid shots may come with copays — or no coverage at all	Health / Politics	The scientists in Oxford genetically engineered a strain of yeast called Yarrowia lipolytica to produce vital nutrients called sterols that are absent in the artificial protein substitutes that beekeepers use.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3260-scientists-superfood-honeybees-climate	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Bees, Food Security, Superfood, Science
Japanese American groups blast use of FBI files, former internment camp site, as ICE detention center	Borders / Immigration / History	After a three-month trial, the scientists found the colonies fed with the sterol-enriched yeast had reared up to 15 times more larvae to the viable pupal stage, compared with colonies fed controlled diets, and reared brood for significantly longer.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3323-nasa-hurricane-weather-damage	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	NASA, Hurricanes, Crowdsourcing, Climate
Texas can't require the Ten Commandments in every public school classroom, judge says	Courts / Education	This innovative initiative will utilize photographs submitted by the public, both before and after a disaster, to track ground conditions in affected areas.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3263-plague-south-lake-tahoe	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Plague, California, Health, Weird World
Threats to local school officials have nearly tripled, research finds	Education / Threats	A California resident has tested positive for plague after camping in South Lake Tahoe — the latest in a string of positive cases in the weeks in U.S.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3325-texas-house-vote-map	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Texas, Redistricting, Elections, Trump
Some Florida farmers reduce crops as deportation fears drive workers away	Borders and Immigration / Economy	The Texas House of Representatives on Wednesday passed a new Trump-backed congressional map plan that would net the Republican party as many as five additional seats in next year's midterms, potentially solidifying GOP control of the U.S. Congress.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3324-trump-gifts-zelensky-europe	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Trump, Diplomacy, World Leaders, Gifts
Dependent on foreign sales, U.S. wheat farmers hoping longtime partners stick with them	Economy / Agriculture	Six months later, it appears the rest of Europe has learned a valuable lesson following on the prime minister's example when dealing with Trump: It helps to suck up.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3305-fall-covid-shots-may	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Covid, Vaccines, Insurance, Health
National Guard vehicle crashes into car in Washington, D.C.	ACAB	If you're in good health and plan to get a Covid shot this fall, you might end up with an unwelcome surprise: a bill.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3292-for-black-japanese-americans	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	ICE, Detention, Japanese Americans, Internment
		The Food and Drug Administration is expected to approve the next round of Covid shots soon, but only for a smaller, high-risk group — adults 65 and older and people with underlying health conditions. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is likely to follow suit, limiting its recommendation on who should get the shots to the same groups. (The CDC currently recommends Covid vaccination for everyone 65 and older.)	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3298-texas-cant-require-ten	https://www.abc.com/3	Aug 21, 2025	Texas, Education, Ten Commandments, Courts
		The change, experts say, could affect what insurers are willing to cover for everyone else who doesn't fall under a high-risk group.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
		Japanese American groups opposed the construction of a new immigrant detention center in Texas at a military base that was used during World War I to imprison people of Japanese descent.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
		A Texas judge said Wednesday in a temporary ruling against the state's new requirement, making it the third such state law to be blocked by a court.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
		But as COVID rates began to ebb, new flashpoints emerged. In the fall of 2021, Leonardo Chapman, an elementary school principal, took a local bar and grill that happened to be gay-owned. Some conservative media ran with the story. New threats poured in.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
		Leonard says she still receives threats when conservative media occasionally republishes the school field trip story.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
		As President Trump's federal takeover of law enforcement in the nation's capital enters its second week, three Republican-led states have committed to sending hundreds more National Guard troops to patrol the streets of Washington, D.C. to crackdown on crime.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
		But despite the president's claims regarding the prevalence of crime in these cities, Baltimore stands out as an outlier. So far this year, the city has seen 84 homicides — that's the fewest recorded homicides in over 50 years. In comparison, the first seven months of 2024 had 111 homicides.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
		The Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicle (MATV) — a military vehicle that weighs up to 15 tons and is meant to withstand explosive attacks — collided with a "civilian vehicle" shortly after 6 a.m. on Wednesday in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, D.C., according to Major Sgt. Erich B. Smith of the National Guard Bureau. The MATV was one of five D.C. National Guard vehicles.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
		President Trump's Immigration policies, including mass detentions and deportations, have dealt him a crippling blow, he says.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
		"The government is killing farming," he says. "This is going to end us."	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
		It's not just importers who are worried about higher prices from tariffs in the U.S. These days, businesses that rely on exports, like wheat growers, are growing increasingly nervous as well.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
		This was apparent following a recent trade delegation visit through the Pacific Northwest that included mid operators and grain buyers from four Southeast Asian countries: Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
		Such visits are routine, especially at harvest time. Washington state is the nation's top wheat exporting state — about 90% of the dryland wheat grown here is trucked or shipped by river barge to West Coast ports. These buyers are eager to visit farmers and see the crop up close because they buy so much of it. But nothing right now is routine.	https://rhn.kinyus.com/3244-school-board-members-threats	https://www.rpt.com	Jul 11, 2025	Schools, Threats, Pandemic, Research
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Republican governors send more National Guardsmen to D.C.	Political Ceasepol / ACAB	Military vehicles in front of public buildings and the idea of them constantly there with weapons, that is absolutely called intimidation. Manier, who served as acting vice chief of the National Guard Bureau, told Morning Edition, "I'm very concerned about the impact on both our recruiting, as well as, the perception of many of the people of color as they see the National Guardsmen from other states coming in to occupy Washington, D.C."	https://thn.lnry.us/8236-more-national-guard-deployed	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 20, 2025	Republicans, National Guard, Washington DC	
Israeli military to call up 60,000 reservists for Gaza war	International / War	Israel's military said Wednesday it will call up 60,000 reservists ahead of an expanded military operation in Gaza City. Many residents have chosen to stay despite the danger, fearing nowhere is safe in a territory facing shortages of food, water and other necessities.	https://thn.lnry.us/8235-israel-patriotism-reservists-war	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 20, 2025	Israel, Gaza, War, Reservists	
Trump vows to expand his review of U.S. museums. Can he do that?	Political Ceasepol	NPR asked the White House to clarify this issue. A White House official, who requested anonymity because they are not authorized to discuss the specifics of the plan, responded in a statement: "President Trump will explore all options and avenues to get the Wake out of the Smithsonian and hold them accountable. He will start with the Smithsonian and then go from there."	https://thn.lnry.us/8229-trump-museums-smithsonian-wake	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 20, 2025	Trump, Museums, Culture, Wake	
Try this if your doctor says 'yes' to a preventive test but insurance says 'no'	Health / Economy	advice	https://thn.lnry.us/8230-preventive-care-health-insurance	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	Healthcare, Insurance, Preventive Care	
Why stateless people fear Trump's immigration crackdown	Borders and immigration	Ambartoumian-Clough and her family never registered as citizens of Ukraine, the result of bureaucratic chaos and changing nationality laws at the time. Unbeknownst to them, the family was actually excluded from registering as citizens of Ukraine or Georgia (where her father was from) because they fled during the post-Soviet upheaval. Ambartoumian-Clough has spent nearly her entire life stateless — not legally recognized as a citizen of any country. Though she is married to a U.S. citizen and is now a lawful permanent U.S. resident, the 37-year-old is still considered stateless.	https://thn.lnry.us/8228-trump-stateless-citizenship-immigration	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	Trump, Immigration, Stateless, Borders	
Are 'COVID kindergartners' ready for school?	Health / Education	Sussman and Franklin are not alone in their anxiety. Eli is one of more than 3.6 million children born in 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic who are walking into elementary schools across the country this fall. They're children who came into a world full of masked adults dousing themselves in hand sanitizer. Many spent the first year of their lives either in isolation in lockdowns or with only a handful of trusted people in their bubbles. And the long-term impact on these "COVID kindergartners" remains unclear.	https://thn.lnry.us/8227-are-covid-kindergartners-ready	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	COVID, Education, Children	
African Union backs campaign to replace map that skews Africa	International / Society	The African Union has joined a campaign calling for the widely-used Mercator map, which makes Africa appear smaller than it is, to be replaced with a map that more accurately reflects the continent's relative size. AU Commission Deputy Chairperson Selma Malika Haddadi told Reuters when the size of Africa is misrepresented on maps, the world's perception of the continent is also distorted, including in media, education and policy.	https://thn.lnry.us/8234-mercator-map-africa	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	Africa, Maps, Society, AU	
Brazilian police say Bolsonaro planned to flee to Argentina	International / Corruption	Brazil's federal police said messages found on the telephone of former President Jair Bolsonaro showed he once wanted to flee to Argentina and request political asylum, according to documents seen Wednesday by The Associated Press.	https://thn.lnry.us/8233-brazil-bolsonaro-argentina-coup	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	Bolsonaro, Brazil, Argentina, Coup	
These brain implants speak your mind — even when you don't want to	Health / Technology	Surgically implanted devices that allow paralyzed people to speak can also eavesdrop on their inner monologue.	https://thn.lnry.us/8240-brain-computer-implant-speak	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 20, 2025	Brain Implants, Technology, Privacy, Health	
Ticks are migrating, but scant surveillance may leave doctors in the dark when it comes to treating patients	Health / Climate	It's rare that patients connect a tick bite to those symptoms and even more rare that they capture and keep the tick that bit them. Sorting out whether someone might have a tick-borne illness can be complicated.	https://thn.lnry.us/8242-ticks-are-migrating-but	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 20, 2025	Ticks, Climate, Health, Surveillance	
After the CDC shooting, federal workers demand more protections from RFK Jr.	Health / ACAB	Because the prevalence of a particular disease can vary in mammal populations, ticks in one part of the state could be more or less likely to get you sick. That's also important information for medical providers, says Cozart.	https://thn.lnry.us/8241-after-shooting-cdc-workers	https://www.rpr.c	August 20, 2025	CDC, RFK Jr., Federal Workers, Violence	
Stephen Miller Pledges Even More 'Resources' for D.C. Crackdown - The New York Times	Political Ceasepol / ACAB	A letter signed by hundreds of current and former HHS employees, addressed to Kennedy and members of Congress, says Kennedy is "complicit in dismantling America's public health infrastructure and endangering the nation's health" by questioning the integrity of the CDC's workforce, making false claims that COVID vaccines are not safe or effective, changing vaccine policy based on ideology rather than science, and contributing to "harassment and violence experienced by the CDC staff."	https://thn.lnry.us/8209-stephen-miller-dc-crime	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 20, 2025	Stephen Miller, Trump, Crime, Crackdown	
Russia is quietly churning out fake content posing as US news - POLITICO	International / Media	President Trump's deputy chief of staff, Stephen Miller, said on Wednesday that the administration planned to add "thousands more resources" to its crackdown on crime underway in Washington.	https://thn.lnry.us/8235-russia-us-news-media	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 17, 2025	Russia, Disinformation, Media, Propaganda	
Texas' Tarrant County Cuts Over 100 Polling Sites, Reduces Early Voting Locations — ProPublica	Elections / Political Ceasepol	Inside the Shake Shack, Mr. Miller declared that the jeering would directly result in the administration's throwing more resources at lowering crime rates that Mr. Trump has called "totally out of control" but that have actually fallen sharply the past two years.	https://thn.lnry.us/8237-tarrant-county-texas-polling	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	Texas, Elections, Voting Rights, Gerrymandering	
FBI warns of Russian hacks targeting US critical infrastructure	Cybersecurity / International	According to misinformation tracker NewsGuard, the campaign — which has been tracked by Microsoft's Threat Analysis Center as Storm-1679 since at least 2022 — takes advantage of high-profile events to pump out fabricated content from various publications, including ABC News, BBC and most recently POLITICO.	https://thn.lnry.us/8239-fbi-warns-russian-hacks	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 20, 2025	Russia, Cybersecurity, FBI, Infrastructure	
A viral TikTok showing sharks and an alligator swimming in the same South Carolina creek has left viewers stunned at the meeting of two predators.	Weird World / Nature	This year, the group has focused on flooding the internet with fake content surrounding the German SNAP elections and the upcoming Moldovan parliamentary vote. The campaign also sought to plant false narratives around the war in Ukraine ahead of President Donald Trump's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday.	https://thn.lnry.us/8328-shark-alligator-tiktok-head	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	Sharks, Alligator, Weird World, Nature	
AI is a Mass Delusion Event - The Atlantic	Technology / Media	The interview triggered a feeling that has become exceedingly familiar over the past three years. It is the sinking feeling of a societal race toward a future that feels bloodless, hastily conceived, and shroudingly accepted. Are we really doing this? Who thought this was a good idea? In this sense, the Accesa interview is just a product of what feels like a collective delusion. This strange brew of shock, confusion, and ambivalence, I've realized, is the defining emotion of the generative AI era. Three years into the hype, it seems that one of AI's enduring cultural impacts is to make people feel like they're losing it.	https://thn.lnry.us/8284-ai-mass-delusion-event	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	AI, The Atlantic, Technology, Delusion	
It's Hurricane Season. Do You Know Where Your FEMA Director Is?	Climate / Political Ceasepol	It was a heartwarming natural disaster and, with a death toll that now stands at 138, one of the country's deadliest of the last quarter century. Yet somehow the subject has more or less disappeared from the national conversation, even though it should be raising alarm bells about the multiple governmental failures that made the tragedy worse—and about what those failures say when it comes to our readiness for the next natural disaster.	https://thn.lnry.us/8296-fema-federal-emergency-management	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	FEMA, Hurricanes, Disasters, Trump	
Trump-fueled gas boom has Gulf coast communities on edge: 'We will keep fighting'	Climate / Fossil Fuels	But neither contradicted any of the reporting about the government's slow response. And while it's impossible to know just how much difference the delays in federal action ultimately made, it's also impossible not to see those delays as part of a larger pattern of management—or, rather, mismanagement—since Trump took over.	https://thn.lnry.us/8315-natural-gas-terminals-texas	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 20, 2025	Trump, Natural Gas, Gulf Coast, Climate	
A coal-fired plant in Michigan was to close. But Trump forced it to keep running	Climate / Fossil Fuels	And the Trump administration may be doing more than holding back mitigation funds. North Carolina has been waiting on more than \$100 million in funds to help rebuild after Hurricane Helene, according to an early August investigative article in the Washington Post. And that seems to be part of a pattern of approvals for fund requests tending to be slower, according to Sarah Labowitz, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for Peace.	https://thn.lnry.us/8312-jh-campbell-coal-power	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	Trump, Coal, Fossil Fuels, Climate	
Corporal punishment carries 'multiple risks' to children's health, says WHO	Health / Global	The World Health Organization has declared corporal punishment a global public health concern that causes serious harm to children's physical and mental wellbeing, and can lead to criminal behaviour.	https://thn.lnry.us/8273-corporal-punishment-carries-multiple	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	WHO, Children, Corporal Punishment, Global Health	
JD Vance boomed during hamburger handout to national guard troops in DC	Political Ceasepol / Weird World	A new report found that across 49 low- and middle-income countries, children exposed to corporal punishment — defined as "any punishment in which physical force is used and intended to cause some degree of pain or discomfort, however light" — were 24% less likely to be developmentally on track than children who were not.	https://thn.lnry.us/8300-jd-vance-boasted-washington	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 20, 2025	JD Vance, National Guard, DC, Political Stunt	
'Deeply concerning': reading for fun in the US has fallen by 40%, new study says	Society / Culture	His sentiments were echoed by Miller, who belittled those who had gathered in protest as "crazy commutes." "We're going to ignore these stupid white hippies that all need to go home and take a nap because they're all over 60 years old, and we're going to get back to the business of protecting the American people and the cities of Washington DC," he "he"	https://thn.lnry.us/8317-reading-for-pleasure-study	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 20, 2025	Reading, Study, Society, Culture	
CEO-to-worker pay gap surges to 632 to 1 at US's lowest-paying large firms, study shows	Economy / Inequality	The number of Americans who read for pleasure has fallen by 40%, according to a new study. Researchers at the University of Florida and University College London have found that between 2003 and 2023, daily reading for reasons other than work and study fell by about 3% each year.	https://thn.lnry.us/8310-ceo-worker-salaries	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	CEO Pay, Inequality, Workers, Economy	
The umpire who picked a side: John Roberts and the death of rule of law in America	Courts / Supreme Court	Between 2019 to 2024, CEO pay at these companies increased by 34.7%, unadjusted for inflation, compared with a 16.3% increase in these firms' average median worker pay during the same period — short of inflation, which came to 22.6% over the same period.	https://thn.lnry.us/8313-justice-john-roberts-supreme	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 21, 2025	Supreme Court, John Roberts, Law, Courts	
Russia says it must be part of international talks on Ukraine's security	International / War	"Thank you again, thank you again," Trump said, taking Roberts's hand into both his own and shaking it vigorously. Then, as he began to step away, the president tapped Roberts on the arm in a gesture of buddy-buddy intimacy, and said: "Won't forget."	https://thn.lnry.us/8301-russia-international-talks-ukraine	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 20, 2025	Russia, Ukraine, Security Talks, War	
Texas threatens to sue organizations and doctor for increasing abortion pill access	Courts / Abortion	In the past 10 weeks America has witnessed an extraordinary outpouring of decisions from its highest court that should make Trump very happy indeed. The six rightwing justices who control the court — three of them given their lifetime seats by Trump himself — have effectively greenlighted the president's explosive and law-busting agenda.	https://thn.lnry.us/8316-texas-abortion-pill	https://www.rpr.c	Aug 20, 2025	Texas, Abortion, Pills, Courts	

North Korea has secret military base that may pose threat to east Asia and US, new report says	International / War	North Korea has built a secret military base near its border with China which may house Pyongyang's newest long-range ballistic missiles, according to new research.	https://thn.tiny.us/8309-north-korea-secret-military	https://www.fox.com	Aug 21, 2025	North Korea, Military Base, War, Threat
10 States That Face the Harshest SNAP Cuts Under Trump's New Bill	Economy / Politics	Georgia Delaware New Jersey Mississippi Indiana Michigan Oklahoma Massachusetts	https://thn.tiny.us/8266-10-states-face-harshes	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	SNAP, Trump, Economy, Food Assistance
California schools protect students from ICE agents	Border and Immigration / Education	"As our students return to school, we are calling on every community partner to help ensure that classrooms remain places of learning and belonging," Carvalho said in a statement. "Children have been through enough -- from the pandemic to natural disasters. They should not have to carry the added weight of fear when walking through their school gates."	https://thn.tiny.us/8267-california-schools-protect-students	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	California, Schools, Immigration, ICE
Department of Defense recruiting civilian volunteers for Trump admin's immigration crackdown operations	Border and Immigration / Military	The Department of Defense is offering its civilian employees an opportunity to volunteer with Homeland Security, working directly with ICE and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents on the front lines of the Trump administration's immigration crackdown.	https://thn.tiny.us/8269-department-defense-recruiting-civilian	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	Trump, Immigration, Pentagon, Civil Rights
Federal judge denies Trump admin request to unseal Epstein grand jury materials	Corruption / Epstein	A federal judge on Wednesday rejected the Trump administration's bid to unseal grand jury materials used to charge disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein with sex trafficking, instead saying the government is the "logical party" to make any sweeping disclosures.	https://thn.tiny.us/8269-federal-judge-denies-trump	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	Trump, Epstein, Courts, Transparency
Gavin Newsom rises in 2028 presidential primary poll amid aggressive Trump tactics	Elections 2028	Newsom, long thought to be a frontrunner for the Democratic nomination in the next election, has a 13 percent favorability compared to other potential candidates -- a 3 percent jump from last month, according to Echelon Insights.	https://thn.tiny.us/8248-gavin-newsom-rises-2028	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	Newsom, Elections 2028, Democrats, Trump
A Governor Celebrated Free School Lunches And MAGA Absolutely LOST IT In Her Comment Section	Political Censorship / Education	Recently, New York Governor Kathy Hochul celebrated the state's new universal free meals program that will go into effect this school year and ensure that public schools have free breakfast and lunch for all students.	https://thn.tiny.us/8264-governor-celebrated-free-school	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	MAGA, Education, Free Lunch, Scandal
Kim Jong Un calls for rapid 'upgrade' to nuclear arsenal amid claims the US is trying to 'provoke war'	International / War	Kim called the military exercises an "obvious expression of their will to provoke war," dubbed North Korea state media. The U.S. and South Korea began their annual military drills, according to U.S. defense officials, and hinted in all of its very ugly forms.	https://thn.tiny.us/8270-kim-jong-un-calls	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	North Korea, Kim Jong Un, Nuclear, War
Laura Coates Uses Trump's Own Words to Shatter 'Woke' Smithsonian Claims: 'Couldn't Have Said It Better Myself, Mr. President' Video	Political Censorship / Media	"This museum is a beautiful tribute to so many American heroes. It's amazing to see," Trump said at the time. "We did a pretty comprehensive tour, but not comprehensive enough. So, [Smithsonian Secretary] Lorne [Bunch III] I'll be back. I told you that. Because I could stay here for a lot longer, believe me. It's really incredible. This tour was a meaningful reminder of why we have to fight to protect this place, and protect in all of its very ugly forms."	https://thn.tiny.us/8275-laura-coates-uses-trump	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	Trump, Laura Coates, Smithsonian, Media
Military officers shifted to prosecute local D.C. crimes amid Trump takeover	Political Censorship / ACAB	As members of the National Guard deploy to the nation's capital as part of the Trump administration's takeover of policing in Washington, members of the military are also set to take on prosecuting serious homicide civilian crimes.	https://thn.tiny.us/8246-military-officers-shifted-prosecute	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	Trump, Military, Washington DC, Civil Rights
Opinion - Where's JD Vance? VP takes eighth vacation in seven months	Political Censorship	He latest trip? A summer holiday in the Cotswolds, the region of England nicknamed "the Hamptons of the UK." Vance rented a sprawling manor that goes for about \$10,000 a week. Between his motorcades dogging tiny country roads and the protests that followed him across the pond, it's safe to say his family getaway got more press than privacy.	https://thn.tiny.us/8267-opinion-where-jd-vance	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	JD Vance, Vice President, Opinion, Scandal
Russia Immediately Dumps Cold Water on Trump's Ukraine Wins	Foreign Policy / War	But this isn't an isolated incident. This is a vacation No.8 this year. "But I think if he's going too far to say that Putin has agreed to a meeting with Zelenskyy," Rogin added. "In fact, the Kremlin put out a statement right after this meeting and they said, 'No, we'll have meetings at a high level,' but they didn't say with Putin and Zelenskyy."	https://thn.tiny.us/8263-russia-immediately-dumps-cold	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	Russia, Trump, Ukraine, War
Russia won't commit to Putin-Zelenskyy meeting	Foreign Policy / War	Russia is refusing to commit to a meeting between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Russian President Vladimir Putin, which President Trump has encouraged as a next step toward ending the stalemate between the two countries.	https://thn.tiny.us/8256-russia-won-t-commit	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	Russia, Ukraine, Zelenskyy, War
Trump Absurdly Blames Obama for 'Giving' Ukrainian Land to Russia	Political Censorship	"Crimea is the apple of Ukraine. It is so beautiful. And Obama gave it away. ... He demanded they let go. Russia took it like candy from a baby. It was really Obama's, that was pure and simple Obama's fault, what a terrible thing," Trump added.	https://thn.tiny.us/8249-trump-absurdly-blames-obama	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 21, 2025	Trump, Obama, Ukraine, Russia
Fed Chair Powell to give major speech as Trump urges interest rate cuts	Economy	For months, President Donald Trump has urged the Fed to lower interest rates in an effort to boost economic performance and reduce interest payments on government debt. So far, the Fed has resisted, opting to hold interest rates steady as policymakers observe the effects of tariffs.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-fed-chair-powell-86	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Federal Reserve, Powell, Trump
Famine determined in parts of Gaza, 500,000 experiencing 'catastrophic' hunger: Report	Global Conflict	The report also found that more than half a million people in the Gaza Strip are facing Phase 5 conditions, which are characterized as catastrophic levels of food insecurity. About 1.07 million people, 54% of the population, are facing Phase 4 conditions, characterized as emergency levels of food insecurity.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-famine-determined-90	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Gaza, Famine, Hunger
Satellite images show tent camps emptied as IDF expands Gaza City operation	Global Conflict	Recent satellite images taken over and around Gaza City point to preparations for the expanded military operation there and show signs that people sheltering there have already been displaced.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-satellite-images-93	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Gaza, Israel, Conflict
It's alarming: Education Department revokes guidance on English learning services	Education	The U.S. Education Department has rescinded critical guidance to schools regarding how they provide English language learning services for roughly 5 million students in U.S. schools.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-education-department-92	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Education, English Learners, Policy
America's last living ace pilot from World War II dies at age 103	History	The Education Department on Tuesday rescinded a 2015 Dan Cogan College letter on its website, which served as a guide for school districts that are serving English learners to ensure they're providing adequate resources to their students under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-last-living-91	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	WWII, History, Veterans
Georgia gunman may have tried to enter CDC campus two days before attack	Health / Violence	A World War II veteran from Arkansas is America's last surviving "ace" pilot because he shot down five enemy planes has died at age 103.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-georgia-gunman-100	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	CDC, Shooting, Georgia
Don't fret: the air guitar world champion is about to be crowned in Finland	Weird World	The Georgia man who shot at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention buildings on Aug. 8 apparently died before the campus two days earlier but was turned away by security, according to an internal CDC email.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-the-ace-101	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Air Guitar, Finland, Competition
International Paper to close 2 Georgia mills, cut 1,100 jobs	Economy	Contestants are judged on the performance of two songs in two separate rounds, each lasting 60 seconds. Passion is a must, but much of the rest is up to the contenders. Props and costumes are allowed, but backup bands and real instruments are off-limits.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-international-paper-74	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Georgia, Jobs, Economy
Court throws out massive Trump civil fraud penalty	Courts	International Paper Co. said Thursday that it would close two Georgia paper mills, including one that has been a cornerstone of Savannah's economy for 80 years.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-court-throws-99	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, Fraud, Courts
Drone attack destroys 16 trucks carrying UN food in Sudan	Global Conflict	The company, based in Memphis, Tennessee, said it would stop making cardboard in Savannah and Roeborn by the end of September. The company will lay off about 800 employees in Savannah and about 300 employees in Riceboro, according to company statements and filings with state regulators.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-drone-attack-84	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Sudan, UN, Conflict
OpenAI CEO Sam Altman is Very Worried 'There Are People Who Actually Feel Like They Had a Relationship with ChatGPT'	Technology / AI	A New York appeals court on Thursday threw out President Donald Trump's massive financial penalty while narrowly upholding a judge's finding that he engaged in fraud by exaggerating his wealth for decades. The ruling spurs Trump from a potential half-billion-dollar fine but bans him and his two eldest sons from serving in corporate leadership for a few years.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-openai-ceo-93	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	AI, OpenAI, Sam Altman
Trump and Melania's Scammy Meme Coins Have Lost Almost All Value	Political Censorship	A drone attack on a U.N. convoy set fire to all 16 trucks carrying desperately needed food to Sudan's famine-hit North Darfur region and destroyed all the vehicles, the United Nations said Thursday.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-trump-and-87	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, Melania, Meme Coins
The Jobs AI is Replacing the Fastest	Technology / AI	OpenAI's CEO Dan Altman has acknowledged the deep operational corrections some users have framed with ChatGPT, shedding light on one of the more unexpected consequences of artificial intelligence (AI) adoption. Speaking to The Verge after last week's rollout of GPT-5 -- which included a controversial change in the default model for ChatGPT -- Altman revealed that a small subset of people feel a distinctly personal bond with the AI assistant, maybe even too personal.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-the-jobs-75	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	AI, Jobs, Automation
D.C. Families Describe Culture of Fear Amid Trump Takeover	Constitutional Crisis	Across the nation's capital, parents are setting up group chats on WhatsApp and Signal to coordinate carpool and walking groups. Some are pressing the city to relax attendance requirements, out of concern that some families might feel they have to keep their kids at home. "We've got people volunteering to carpool other people's kids to school because the parents are afraid to try to get their kid to school on their own," says Catherine Morgan, a D.C. resident whose child starts third grade on Monday.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-families-describe-70	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, DC, Takeover
CDC director tours shooting damage as 600 employees face layoffs	Health / Violence	Of the roughly 100 bullet holes, about 80 struck six CDC buildings. Williams added that the buildings use blast-resistant glass, which was federally recommended after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. Only four to five bullet fragments made it inside.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-cdc-director-80	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, CDC, Shooting, Layoffs
Alina Habba "unlawfully appointed" New Jersey AG, federal judge rules	Political Censorship	During the walkthrough, reporters saw massive cracks running through windows stretching across the building, glass shards scattered across floors and repairs already completed at the guard shack.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-alina-habba-12	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, Alina Habba, Courts
California's Newsom signs redistricting measures in response to Texas bill	Politics / States	A federal judge on Thursday ruled that Alina Habba has been acting without legal authority as acting U.S. attorney for New Jersey for almost two months.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-newsom-signs-7	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	California, Texas, Redistricting
Hurricane Erin: US East Coast faces flood, rip current threats	Climate / Disasters	Habba's actions since July 1 may be considered void, U.S. District Judge Matthew Brann wrote.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-hurricane-erin-5	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Hurricane Erin, Climate, Flooding
New visas for commercial truck drivers paused, Rubio says	Border and Immigration	"Because she is not currently qualified to exercise the functions and duties of the office in an acting capacity, she must be disqualified from participating in any ongoing cases," he wrote.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-new-visas-10	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Immigration, Visas, Trucking
White House, Rubio want better foreign-policy coordination after Argentina snafu with Noem	Foreign Policy	California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed two redistricting bills late last week on Thursday after the state's Democratic-controlled Legislature passed them earlier in the day.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-white-rubio-9	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Rubio, Argentina, Foreign Policy
Trump lays out his redistricting endgame: A 10-seat Republican majority	Politics / States	The legislation is in direct response to Texas' Republican-controlled House passing a new congressional map at the urging of President Trump, and the consequences of both could prove pivotal in the 2026 midterms and 2028 presidential election.	https://thn.tiny.us/Aug22-trump-lays-88	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, Redistricting, GOP

		The internet connected humanity — but an AI-driven shift to a machines-first network will force us to rewrite 30 years of habits, expectations and beliefs about how online life works. As AI agents improve and multiply, bots representing individuals will interact with bots representing companies, and human use of the open web will continue to decline. My bot will talk to your bot — but you and I will probably talk a lot less. These pricing systems can rapidly become complex "beyond human cognitive limits," as one study has already found.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-what-happens-1			
What happens when AI bots take over the internet from humans	Technology / AI	To cope with that, AI makers will respond by offering buyers their own AI-based tool to represent their interests in transactions with AI pricing bots. Then we will all sit back and watch as AIs representing both sellers and buyers have at it. The world of AI-generated, adversarial disinformation is growing rapidly — and it's already indistinguishable from run-of-the-mill social posts. Foreign disinformation has become a highly disruptive force in the U.S., with Russia and other foreign powers seeking to influence elections and inflame discord. Generative AI is now making it far more effective and harder for average users to detect. "We are seeing now an ability to both develop and deliver at an efficiency, at a speed, at a scale that we've never seen before," Gen. Paul Nakasone, former head of the NSA and now director of the Vandenberg Institute, told reporters at the DEF CON hacker conference earlier this month. Vice President J.D. Vance, Elon Musk and other MAGA voices horrified Europe's leaders by embracing Germany's AfD and other far-right parties early in the Trump administration.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-leaked-documents-4	https://www.axios.com	Aug 22, 2025	AI, Internet, Disinformation
Leaked documents showcase how AI is supercharging disinformation	Technology / AI	"We are seeing now an ability to both develop and deliver at an efficiency, at a speed, at a scale that we've never seen before," Gen. Paul Nakasone, former head of the NSA and now director of the Vandenberg Institute, told reporters at the DEF CON hacker conference earlier this month. Vice President J.D. Vance, Elon Musk and other MAGA voices horrified Europe's leaders by embracing Germany's AfD and other far-right parties early in the Trump administration.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-parties-lead-2	https://www.axios.com	Aug 22, 2025	AI, China, Disinformation
Far-right parties lead polls in Europe's four largest economies	Global Politics	The populist wave that formed in the wake of the 2015 migrant crisis has not created. It's surging — and spreading — across Europe, cheered on by a U.S. government eager to see MAGA go global. Driving the news? For the first time in modern history, far-right parties are leading opinion polls in Europe's four largest economies.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-capitalism-pubs-3	https://www.axios.com	Aug 22, 2025	Europe, Far Right, Elections
Trump's pay-me capitalism puts squeeze on Apple, other corporations	Economy	In Trump's America, everything has a cost. Businesses wanted a pro-management, low-regulation, bigger-is-better administration. They, by and large, are getting that. The price? Adhering to Trump's priorities, paying whatever tariffs and cuts off the top he dictates, moving their operations where he wants them to, and toeing the line on his social priorities. Trump himself has leaned into this frame, repeatedly likening the U.S. to a department store, and describing himself as the store manager, setting the prices to do business there. The Trump administration said Thursday it's scrutinizing the records of all U.S. visa holders for potential violations that could result in deportations — from overstays to "terrorist activity."	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-trump-administration-8	https://www.axios.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, Economy, Corporations
Trump administration vets all US visa holders for deportation violations	Borders and Immigration	"The State Department revokes visas any time there are indications of a potential ineligibility, which included things like any indicators of overstay, criminal activity, threats to public safety, engaging in any form of terrorist activity, or providing support to a terrorist organization," a spokesperson said in a statement first shared with AP and emailed to Axios.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-democrat-doggett-11	https://www.axios.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, Immigration, Deportation
Democrat Doggett to retire if Texas redistricting map stands	Politics / States	Longtime Austin Democrat congressman Lloyd Doggett said Thursday that he won't seek reelection if a new congressional map is not overturned by courts. Doggett's move prevents a potentially nasty Democratic primary following a Republican redistricting effort, allowing U.S. Rep. Greg Casar (D-Austin), a rising progressive, to remain in office. President Trump is once again demanding that Colorado officials "free" former Mesa County clerk Tina Peters from prison, this time adding a threat to "take harsh measures" if she is not let go.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-trump-threatens-13	https://www.axios.com	Aug 22, 2025	Texas, Redistricting, Elections
Trump threatens "harsh measures" against Colorado if Tina Peters is not freed from prison	Political Cesspool	Last October, a Colorado judge sentenced Peters to 8 ½ years and six months in jail after a jury found her guilty on seven of 10 counts related to her role in tampering with county voting equipment after the 2020 election.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-judge-halts-6	https://www.axios.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, Tina Peters, Colorado
Judge halts Alligator Alcatraz expansion over environmental risks	Borders and Immigration	A federal judge in a ruling Thursday night prohibited state and federal officials from bringing new detainees to Alligator Alcatraz, the hastily built immigration detention site in the Everglades. The ruling also demanded the state begin dismantling elements of the facility — including temporary fencing, lighting fixtures and generators, among other equipment — within 60 days. The case is just one example of how the food we eat can interact with medications in unpredictable ways. There is a rich body of medical literature detailing bizarre — and sometimes worrying — occasions when foods have combined with drugs to produce unusual side-effects. While most of this exists as anecdotal reports of individual or small clusters of cases, there there is also now a growing body of research detailing the several ways that foods, drinks and herbs can interact with pharmaceuticals inside the human body. Grapefruit, for example, has long been known to boost the power of a wide range of drugs, increase the risk of side effects or even make normal doses toxic. "Fibre-heavy foods, on the other hand, can make some drugs work less effectively."	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-the-bounce-39	https://www.axios.com	Aug 22, 2025	Immigration, Detention Centers, Environment
The bizarre ways food messes with the medicines we take	Weird world	But it is almost impossible for them to test everything. And human metabolism is complicated, says Jelena Milesevic, a research associate at the Center of Research Excellence in Nutrition and Metabolism in Belgrade, Serbia. "It's like a little factory and you have a lot of inputs and a lot of outputs," she says. Workers worldwide need better protection from extreme heat as climate change causes more frequent heatwaves — that's the conclusion of a new report from the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization. ... In parts of Europe, temperatures of 40C (104F) and more are now not unusual. In Africa or the Middle East, they can rise to 50C. Average surface temperatures in the Mediterranean in July were the warmest on record at 26.8C, according to Mercator. This week the UK's Met Office said this summer was on track to be one of the warmest since records began in 1884. Heatwaves do not just damage health, the WHO warns, they also affect output. The new report shows that for every one degree temperature rise above 20C, productivity falls by 2%.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-what-warns-78	https://www.bbc.com	Aug 22, 2025	Food, Medicine, Health
WHO warns of risks of extreme heat in the workplace	Climate / Health	President Trump ignited Thursday that Missouri will vote the next state to redraw its congressional lines to benefit the Republican Party ahead of the 2026 midterm elections.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-missouri-sponsors-82	https://www.fox.com	Aug 22, 2025	WHO, Heat, Workplace Safety
Missouri appears likely to redraw congressional map during Trump's redistricting push	Politics / States	For the study, researchers collected a total of 10,493 nasal swabs from 1,156 people in the United States, both children and adults. Nasal swabs were collected every two weeks and then tested for 21 respiratory pathogens, including for COVID-19 via a PCR test. Researchers found that people who had a rhinovirus infection in the past 30 days (rhinovirus is the virus that most often causes the common cold) were 48% less likely to develop a COVID-19 infection.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-the-common-76	https://www.fox.com	Aug 22, 2025	Missouri, Redistricting, Trump
The Common Cold Could Offer Temporary Protection Against COVID	Health / COVID		https://www.nytimes.com		Aug 22, 2025	COVID, Health, Immunity
Zombie spiders are invading homes all over the world	Weird World	Spiders infected with a fungus that turns them into "zombies" are now being discovered worldwide, with sightings reported in North America, Europe, and New Zealand.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-zombie-spiders-106	https://www.fox.com	Aug 22, 2025	Spiders, Fungus, Weird World
Trump touts perceived wins while praising 'healthy, attractive people' on DC federal patrol photo op	Political Cesspool	President Donald Trump has touted his perceived wins while praising "healthy, attractive people" during a photo op ahead of his expected patrol with D.C. police and federal forces.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-trump-joins-102	https://www.fox.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, DC, Patrol
Trump to sign order directing DOJ to criminally charge flag burning despite being protected speech	Constitutional Crisis	Donald Trump is expected to sign an executive order directing the Justice Department to re-examine the feasibility of issuing criminal charges against Americans or others on U.S. soil who engage in flag-burning.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-trump-to-103	https://www.fox.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, Flag Burning, DOJ
Trump touts perceived wins while praising 'healthy, attractive people' on DC federal patrol photo op	Political Cesspool	As the Trump administration loosens enforcement by the Federal Trade Commission, Department of Justice, and Food and Drug Administration of unproven health claims, Jones and his allies in the "medical freedom" movement are pushing to permanently roll back the health regulatory state. For decades, the FTC has required companies to back any medical claims about their products with substantial evidence, while taking actions against hundreds of "bogus health cures," said Jessica Rich, the FTC's director of consumer protection from 2013 to 2017.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-the-fdc-96	https://www.fox.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, Flag Burning, DOJ
The FTC requires products to prove health claims. A lawsuit could upend that protection.	Health	If successful, the lawsuit by Jones' company "would be a complete game changer," said Mary Engle, associate director of the FTC's advertising practices division from 2001 to 2020.	https://www.rnc.com		Aug 22, 2025	FTC, Health Claims, Lawsuit
Six died in accident at Colorado dairy	Labor / Workplace	The FTC — and FDA — don't have sufficient staffing to rigorously police health claims, but Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s allies in the alternative medicine world have suggested that the agencies already go too far.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-six-died-73	https://www.rnc.com	Aug 22, 2025	Colorado, Workplace Safety, Labor
FBI raids former national security adviser John Bolton's home in a probe to find classified records	Political Cesspool	The FBI raided former national security adviser John Bolton's home in Bethesda, Maryland, on Friday as part of a "national security investigation in search of classified records," a source familiar with the matter confirmed to NBC News.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-fbi-raids-84	https://www.rnc.com	Aug 22, 2025	FBI, John Bolton, Classified
Supreme Court allows NIH to stop making nearly \$800M in research grants for non	Courts	The Supreme Court on Thursday overturned by a 5-4 decision a lower court order, deciding at least temporarily that the National Institutes of Health does not need to continue paying out approximately \$783 million in research grants to projects that the NIH has since stopped funding. Still, the Trump administration's tariffs on virtually all imports loom large for all retailers who are seeing the cost of goods rise. Previously, when President Trump was threatening tariffs up to 145% on Chinese imports, Walmart drew his ire by saying that would lead to higher prices. On Thursday, Walmart CEO Doug McMillon said his company's costs keep climbing. "We've continued to see our costs increase each week, which we expect will continue into the third and fourth quarters," he said on an earnings call.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-supreme-court-18	https://www.rnc.com	Aug 22, 2025	SCOTUS, NIH, Grants
Walmart says tariff costs are rising 'each week'	Economy	Br Griffith's stepdaughter had introduced her to a federal program called Upward Bound. It places high school students in college dorms during the summer, where they can take classes and participate workshops on preparing for the SAT and financial literacy. During the school year, students get tutoring and work on what are called "individual success plans." It's part of a group of federal programs, known as TRIO, aimed at helping low-income and first-generation students earn a college degree, often becoming the first in their families to do so.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-trump-warns-23	https://www.rnc.com	Aug 22, 2025	Walmart, Tariffs, Economy
Trump wants to cut funds to college programs for poor students	Education	A White House budget proposal would eliminate spending on TRIO. The document says "access to college is not the obstacle it was for students of limited means," and it puts the onus on colleges to recruit and support students.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-doj-official-17	https://www.rnc.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, Education, Low Income
DOJ official compared Jan. 6 prosecutions to the Holocaust	Political Cesspool	A lawyer who represented violent rioters charged in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol and compared their prosecutions to the Nazi genocide has been hired by the Department of Justice, where he is now working with the Trump administration's "Weaponization Working Group." The Trump administration has indicated it may withhold tens of millions of dollars in election security funding if states don't comply with its voting policy goals. About \$28 million — or 3% of the overall Homeland Security Grant Program — is devoted to election security and now at risk, though some officials and experts worry that the new requirements could also endanger hundreds of millions of dollars in other grants for law enforcement.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-what-trump-21	https://www.rnc.com	Aug 22, 2025	DOJ, Jan 6, Holocaust
What Trump and Bondi have said about Epstein files this year	Political Cesspool	The House Oversight Committee is expecting to get hundreds of documents on Friday related to the Justice Department's investigation into the Jeffrey Epstein case. The release will mark the first wave of files to be sent to the committee in response to a congressional subpoena issued earlier this month calling on the DOJ to provide records from its probe of the convicted sex-offender and his longtime associate Chastaine Maxwell. After mortgage rates shot up three years ago, the housing market slowed. And the newest numbers from the National Association of Realtors (NAR) show only a glint of improvement. Sales of existing homes rose 2% in July, compared to a month earlier.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-first-wave-15	https://www.rnc.com	Aug 22, 2025	Epstein, Trump, Bondi
First wave of Epstein files is being sent to Congress, says Oversight Committee chair	Political Cesspool	After mortgage rates shot up three years ago, the housing market slowed. And the newest numbers from the National Association of Realtors (NAR) show only a glint of improvement. Sales of existing homes rose 2% in July, compared to a month earlier.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-after-a-18	https://www.rnc.com	Aug 22, 2025	Epstein, Congress, Oversight
After a few chilly years, the real estate market is looking a little warmer	Economy	The Trump administration is preparing to lower the recruitment standards for F.B.I. agents, eliciting alarm from many agents who worry that the move will undermine the agency's primary mission of conducting complex investigations and tracking threats to national security. Instead of spending about 18 weeks training at the academy in Quantico, Va., the group of agents, tentatively scheduled to start in October, will receive eight weeks, according to the people. And the agents will no longer need to fulfil a longstanding requisite for joining the bureau: a bachelor's degree.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-plans-to-73	https://www.rnc.com	Aug 22, 2025	Housing, Economy, Real Estate
F.B.I. Plans to Lower Recruiting Standards, Alarming Agents	Politics / Security	Around the country, President Donald Trump is circumventing the Senate to install top federal prosecutors, using loopholes to keep loyalists in place. In U.S. attorney's offices in Los Angeles, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico and update New York, the administration has effectively sidestepped or overridden both the Senate confirmation and judicial appointment processes for selecting U.S. attorneys. When Trump's nominees can't get confirmed by the Senate, as required by federal law, the administration installs them on a temporary basis as "interim" U.S. attorneys, who are legally allowed to serve for 120 days. And when district judges have then rejected Trump's choices by exercising a 160-year-old power allowing them to appoint someone to the office after an interim U.S. attorney's term ends, the administration has in a few cases taken an extraordinary step: voiding the judges' decision and reinstalling Trump's desired prosecutor as an "acting" U.S. attorney, who can serve for an additional 210 days beyond the initial 120-day interim period.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-trump-business-68	https://www.nytimes.com	Aug 22, 2025	FBI, Recruitment, Trump
Trump bypasses the Senate — and the courts — to install loyal US attorneys	Constitutional Crisis	Chris Aguilar, 16, is accused of fatally stabbing Michael Montoya II, 16, inside their classroom at Mayville High School in Phoenix earlier this week. The Arizona Republic reported.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-shooting-in-104	https://www.the-n.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, US Attorneys, Courts
Stabbing in an Arizona high school classroom leaves one student dead and another facing murder charges	Crime				Aug 22, 2025	Arizona, Crime, Schools

COVID Revisionism Has Gone Too Far	Health / COVID	The books make some valuable points. Some pandemic restrictions remained in place for far too long, especially after vaccines became available, and public health experts did make several costly mistakes. Their mass support for the George Floyd protests, at a moment when they were otherwise warning against any public gatherings, was particularly damaging to their credibility. But the broader revisionist narrative—that the people in charge imposed sweeping restrictions that they knew were pointless—is a dangerous overcorrection. The political right already believes that America's pandemic response was illegitimate and is using that as a pretext for waging war on the country's public health apparatus. If the center and left succumb to the nihilism that runs through both of these books, no one will remain to defend sensible public-health measures the next time a pandemic comes around. The past few years have been terrifying for Soares and Hendrycks, who both lead organizations dedicated to preventing AI from wiping out humanity. Along with other AI doomers, they have repeatedly warned, with rather dramatic flourish, that bots could one day go rogue—with apocalyptic consequences. But in 2025, the doomers are tilling closer and closer to a sort of fustian. "We've run out of time" to implement sufficient technological safeguards, Soares said—the industry is simply moving too fast. All that's left to do is raise the alarm. In April, several apocalypse-minded researchers published "AI 2027," a lengthy and detailed hypothetical scenario for how AI models could become all-powerful by 2027 and, from there, extinguish humanity. "We're two years away from something we could lose control over," Max Tegmark, an MIT professor and the president of the Future of Life Institute, told me, and AI companies "still have no plan" to stop it from happening. His institute recently gave every frontier AI lab a "D" or "F" grade for their preparations for preventing the most existential threats posed by AI.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-covid-revisionism-64	https://www.thefix.com	August 22, 2025	COVID, Revisionism, History
The AI Doomers Are Getting Doomed	Technology / AI	Just over a year ago, the alley we are walking down was a dreary, litter-strewn dumping ground. Now, thanks to the pollinator pathways project, it is filled with nectar-rich plants and bee hotels. Colorful murals line the walls. A neighbour and her son passing by stop to tell Benetey they watered the plants yesterday. The local people who helped to transform the pathways continue to maintain them too.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-the-ai-71	https://www.thefix.com	Aug 22, 2025	AI, Doomers, Technology
'Bee buffets': the pollinator pathways turning drab alleys into insect havens	Weird world	A Russian state-backed messenger application called Max, a rival to WhatsApp that critics say could be used to track users, must be pre-installed on all mobile phones and tablets bought in the country starting next month, the Russian government said on Thursday.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-russia-orders-98	https://www.thefix.com	Aug 22, 2025	Bees, Environment, Pollinators
Russia orders state-backed Max messenger app to be pre-installed on new phones	Global Politics / Tech	Vance did not mention that only the first \$25,000 of tips will be tax free and will require itemization to claim, something few service workers do because the standard deduction usually provides a larger benefit. Eliminating overtime taxes also applies to the first \$12,500 of a tier's overtime income, phasing out at \$150,000 of income. The increase in the child tax credit is \$200 a child under 17 to \$2,200, which will now be indexed to inflation.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-usa-vance-98	https://www.thefix.com	August 22, 2025	Russia, Technology, Surveillance
JD Vance previews candidates' defense of Trump's bill for midterms in Georgia	Politics / States	The US defense secretary, Pete Hegseth, has repeatedly endorsed the Reformation Red Pill podcast, and has appeared on four episodes. But the former pastor who hosts the show, and who attends Hegseth's theocratic church, has voiced a range of extreme positions in recent months on issues including ICE raids, capital punishment, the racial "great replacement" theory, adultery and neo-Nazism.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-at-pete-72	https://www.thefix.com	Aug 22, 2025	JD Vance, Georgia, Midterms
Ex-pastor at Pete Hegseth's church calls for public executions and says Bible backs ICE raids	Far Right / Extremism	Joshua Haymes is a member of the CREC-aligned Pilgrim Hill Reformed Fellowship (PHRF), and his podcasts advocate for the CREC's moral and theological positions. As the Guardian previously reported, he once served as a pastoral intern at the church. Online he has claimed that Brevinism is a greater threat to the US than neo-Nazism, and that the Bible is "pro-ice raids". On X, he has also advocated for capital punishment for adultery and abortion, and appeared to call for the drowning of LGBTQ+ Pride marchers.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-removals-of-83	https://www.thefix.com	Aug 22, 2025	Pete Hegseth, Far Right, ICE
Remnants of 2,000-year-old sunken city lifted out of the sea off Alexandria	World / History	Egypt has unveiled parts of a sunken city submerged beneath waters off the coast of Alexandria, including buildings, artefacts and an ancient dock that date back more than 2,000 years.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-he-bought-32	https://www.thefix.com	Aug 22, 2025	Egypt, Archaeology, History
He bought the world's oldest passenger ship — and spent \$18 million turning it into a hotel	Weird World	Now, after more than a century at sea, the ship has come to rest — on dry land — in Bintan, a tropical Indonesian island known for its exclusive beach resorts. Singaporean businessman Eric Saw, the historic vessel's latest owner (or current "steward," as he prefers to be known), has spent the last 15 years and around 22 million Singapore dollars (\$18 million) of his own money transforming it into a luxury hotel.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-new-development-60	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Weird World, Ship, Hotel
New development areas expected in Atlantic following Hurricane Erin	Climate / Disasters	AccuWeather meteorologists are tracking a high-risk area in the Atlantic basin and a tropical rainstorm that will continue to become the next named tropical storm and hurricane, Fernand.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-erin-musk-39	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Hurricane Erin, Atlantic, Storms
Elon Musk is already giving up on plans to start his own party - instead looks to back Vance in 2028	Fuck That Guy	Elon Musk is already giving up on plans to launch his own political party to challenge the Republicans and Democrats and is instead considering backing Vice President JD Vance in 2028, according to a report.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-families-wish-41	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Elon Musk, JD Vance, Politics
Families with citizen children deported by ICE sue Trump administration	Borders and Immigration	Two Louisiana mothers who were deported to Honduras along with their citizen children in April have now sued the Trump administration, arguing that their removals lacked due process in violation of federal law.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-few-tysons-55	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, Immigration, Deportation
Fire burns for 12 hours on US Navy warship off Okinawa	Military	The fire aboard the USS New Orleans, an amphibious transport dock ship with a crew of more than 360 sailors and capable of carrying 800 troops, began about 4 p.m. local time on Wednesday and was extinguished early Thursday morning, according to the statement.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-gavin-newsom-59	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Navy, Okinawa, Fire
Gavin Newsom is reportedly tortling Fox News stars by mimicking Trump online — right down to the nicknames	Politics / States	Video and photos shared to social media show the mass panic that ensued Thursday, Aug 21, as students were preparing for the start of fall classes. Waves of students were running for their lives, some posted about how they had barricaded themselves wherever they were when the text came in, and others simply posted about how scared they were.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-why-shocking-52	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Gavin Newsom, Fox News, Politics
Hoaxes and panic: What happened at Villanova is top of the iceberg	Domestic Extremism	At many places across America, such hoaxes have been plaguing the nation for years, including at schools, grocery stores, office buildings and airports — anywhere large groups of people gather. Also known as swatting, they're defined as false reports of serious crimes intended to spark a heavy law enforcement response.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-ice-chief-68	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Hoaxes, Villanova, Panic
ICE chief threatens to 'flood' Boston with agents after mayor won't abandon sanctuary policy	Borders and Immigration	The head of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has threatened to "flood" Boston with immigration agents following Mayor Michelle Wu's refusal to drop the city's sanctuary policies.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-immigration-to-24	https://www.yahoo.com	August 22, 2025	ICE, Boston, Immigration
Immigration to U.S. declines for first time in 50 years amid Trump crackdown, study shows	Borders and Immigration	For the first time in more than half a century, immigrants leaving the U.S. outnumber those arriving, a trend that may mark the beginning of Trump's historic mass deportation efforts are having the intended effect.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-ukrainian-man-63	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Immigration, Trump, Demographics
Ukrainian man arrested in Italy over Nord Stream pipeline attacks	Global Conflict	A Ukrainian man was arrested at a holiday bungalow in Italy on suspicion of coordinating attacks on three Nord Stream gas pipelines in 2022, officials said on Thursday, a breakthrough in an episode that sharpened tensions between Russia and the West.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-sapinore-secret-62	https://www.yahoo.com	August 22, 2025	Ukraine, Italy, Nord Stream
Karoline Lips' Leavitt's Secret MAGA Training Video Uncovered	Political Cesspool	While she doesn't talk about it these days, the 27-year-old press secretary once played a starring role in a training video created by the Heritage Foundation, the conservative think tank responsible for the nation's Project 2025 playbook. The 30-minute guide, titled "The Art of Professionalism," was produced before Trump returned to the Oval Office and features Leavitt providing tips on everything from competence ("you have to be resourceful," she says), to "knowledge" ("reading the news of the day"), and "confidence" ("just be prepared").	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-why-shocking-52	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	MAGA, Training, Karoline Leavitt
Opinion: Why Shrinking Trump May Become the Wicked President of Oz	Opinion	Wounded by election loss to Joe Biden in 2020, a vengeful Donald Trump returned to the White House in January, hell-bent on imposing his will. The 47th president is in many ways a darker version of AS.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-pentagon-attacks-62	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Opinion, Trump, Oz
Pentagon attacks Washington Post over report on Hegseth's security cuts	Military	Trump is taking Washington as his own, politically and now physically, with nearly 2,000 troops patrolling the streets. His White House acolytes behave with the brass certainty of the brainwashed. ICE is everywhere, masked and mean.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-republicans-safety-37	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Pentagon, Hegseth, Washington Post
Republicans subtly plead with Trump: Please don't cave to Putin	Foreign Policy	But as the administration leaves at least the theoretical possibility of a peace deal — however unlikely that might actually be — something else has crept into many of these GOP comments: A not-so-subtle fear that Trump might get too much.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-rfk-caveed-49	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, GOP, Putin
RFK Jr. vowed to find environmental causes of autism, then ended research trying to do just that	Political Cesspool	Numerous Republicans and Trump media allies have in recent days layered their almost perfunctory praise of Trump with notes of caution about what happens next. They've often gently nudged him to be more skeptical of and hard-edged toward Putin than he's been in public.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-salvadoran-man-35	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	RFK Jr., Autism, Research
Salvadoran man arrested while trying to self-deport from California. His punishment? Deportation	Borders and Immigration	A Salvadoran man with a criminal record decided to heed the advice of the Trump administration and self-deport, his attorney said. But as he walked to board a flight at San Francisco International Airport bound for San Salvador, he was arrested by federal agents.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-staffers-are-58	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Immigration, Deportation, California
Staffers are already fleeing the Trump administration for cushy lobbying jobs before the end of year one	Political Cesspool	Less than a year into the second Trump administration, a number of key staff members are heading for the exits while looking to pad their bottom lines here by trading their government paychecks for the well-padded bank accounts of K Street lobbyists.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-the-origins-50	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, Lobbying, Staff Exodus
The Super-Weird Origins of the Right's Hatred of the Smithsonian	Culture Wars	Burton's comments on Prime Time With Alex Stein were delivered with laughter, but his attendance at a Nephilim conference was not exactly funny. It came only weeks before the Trump administration sent a letter to the secretary of the Smithsonian demanding a full review to ensure all curatorial processes conform to the president's vision of history.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-supreme-court-27	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	Smithsonian, Culture Wars, Right Wing
Supreme Court lets Trump administration cut \$783 million of research funding in anti-DEI push	Courts	The Trump administration can slash hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of research funding in its push to cut federal diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, the Supreme Court decided Thursday.	https://tiny.tiny.us/Aug22-new-deputy-61	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	SCOTUS, Trump, DEI, Research
Trump's new co-FBI deputy director once tried to subpoena abortion patients' records	Political Cesspool	Andrew Bailey, the newly appointed "co-deputy director" of the FBI, demanded records about minors seeking abortions while he served as Missouri's attorney general, but a judge temporarily blocked the subpoena.	https://www.yahoo.com	https://www.yahoo.com	Aug 22, 2025	FBI, Abortion, Trump

		Bond's right about one thing: The mission isn't "slowing down." It's not moving anywhere at all. Law enforcement is taking guys off the street at around the same rate it was last year, even with the increased show of force from the federal government. "DC police records show they recovered 2,895 firearms in 2024—works out to an average of about 8 per day & ~100 over two weeks," wrote Courthouse News's Benjamin S. Weiss. "Federal gun seizures on track to be more or less the same in roughly that same period, per AG."	https://thn.in/yu/Aug22-tump-pam-56			
Trump A.G. Pam Bondi Is Boasting About ... What Exactly?	Political/Cespool	This kind of blatant posturing has become commonplace in the past few weeks. The federal government wants so badly for us to believe that its influx of police has made the nation's capital much safer, when in fact, it's been a lot more show than substance. Mercurio, no one was injured, and we now know that it was a cruel hoax -- there was no active shooter, no injuries and no evidence of firearms present on campus, Villanova President Rev. Peter D'Onofrio issued a statement to the school community. "While that is a blessing and a relief, I know today's events have shaken our entire community."	https://thn.in/yu/Aug22-villanova-university-31	https://www.yahoo	Aug 22, 2025	Pam Bondi, Trump, Courts
Villanova University says active shooter report was a 'cruel hoax'	Domestic/Extremism	The Trump administration has closed 'The People's House' to the people while it builds the president's \$200 million Mar-a-Lago-style ballroom. The administration canceled all White House tours scheduled for September and is not accepting requests for any future dates, as first reported in the Daily Beast's must-read newsletter 'The Swamp.'	https://thn.in/yu/Aug22-white-house-36	https://www.yahoo	Aug 22, 2025	Villanova, Hoax, Panic
White House Snubs American Tourists to Build Trump's Dream Ballroom	Political/Cespool	But barring a government shutdown or a terrorist attack, a hiatus lasting for months or even years is basically unheard of, the Post reported.	https://thn.in/yu/Aug22-tump-delivers-26	https://www.yahoo	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, White House, Tourism
Trump delivers burgers and pizza to D.C. National Guard. The latest on his federal takeover, 10 days in.	Constitutional/Crisis	The upshot is that so far, reports suggest that federal authorities have focused more on detaining immigrants and clearing homeless encampments than on fighting violent crime. Checkpoints are becoming increasingly common.	https://thn.in/yu/Aug22-texas-republicans-33	https://www.yahoo	Aug 22, 2025	Trump, DC, National Guard
Texas Republicans passed their redistricting map. Now they're taking aim at the tactic Democrats used to delay it.	Politics / States	Shortly after the Texas House of Representatives finally approved its redistricting plan following weeks of delays, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott proposed legislation that would strictly limit the kinds of walkouts that Democrats used to hold up the bill in the future.	https://thn.in/yu/Aug22-texas-republicans-33	https://www.yahoo	Aug 22, 2025	Texas, Redistricting, Elections
		A day after an assailant killed two children and wounded 18 other children and adults at a Catholic church in Minnesota, the FBI said the attack was motivated by "hate-filled ideology." But online materials presumed to belong to the shooter paint a more complex picture, say several extremism analysts. Instead, they say the emerging profile appears to align with a growing trend of school shootings committed by young people who harbor a misanthropic view of the world, who revere perpetrators of mass violence and who seek notoriety within communities that share that obsession.	https://thn.in/yu/Aug22-texas-republicans-33	https://www.yahoo	Aug 22, 2025	Texas, Redistricting, Elections
In Minneapolis shooting, an increasingly familiar pattern of violent extremism	Domestic/Extremism	"I think the most important thing is what the shooter wrote on the side of that handgun: 'There is no message,'" said Cody Zischak, a senior manager at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue. "There's an inherently conspiratorial inclination."	https://www.rptx.com	Sept. 2, 2025		Extremism, Gun Violence, Minneapolis
Bessent: Everything on table for housing affordability fixes	Economics/Housing	Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Monday that President Trump may grant some exclusions on tariffs for home construction supplies, potentially offering relief to homebuilders.	https://www.axios.com	Sept. 2, 2025		Housing, Tariffs, Economic Policy
		On Friday night, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled that most of Trump's so-called reciprocal tariffs on global trading partners are illegal. That upheld an earlier ruling by the Court of International Trade, which found that the tariffs' legal basis under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) wasn't valid, saying that the administration's argument for the tariffs didn't constitute an emergency.	https://www.axios.com	Sept. 2, 2025		Housing, Tariffs, Economic Policy
		"Both the Trafficking Tariffs and the Reciprocal Tariffs are unbounded in scope, amount, and duration," the majority wrote. "These tariffs apply to nearly all articles imported into the United States (and, in the case of the Reciprocal Tariffs, apply to almost all countries), impose high rates which are ever-changing and exceed those set out in the [U.S. tariff system], and are not limited in duration."				
		On Fox News's Sunday Morning Futures, Navarro called the appeals court's ruling "weaponized partisan injustice" and said the dissenting opinion in favor of the tariffs should give the White House a strong argument before the Supreme Court.				
Trump's trade adviser says tariffs aren't permanent after appeals court strikes down reciprocal duties	Economy/Trade	The judges who sided with the administration said IEEPA allows "broad emergency authority in this foreign affairs realm, which unsurprisingly extends beyond authorities available under non-emergency laws."	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-tump-4	https://finance.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	Tariffs, Trade Policy, Trump
CNN Data Guru Says Voters 'Splitting Out' Trump's Tariffs	Economy/Trade	Ennen noted that in November 2024, 52 percent of voters supported tariffs, with 48 percent opposed. But now, "opposition is through the roof." "Three-fifths of Americans oppose the new tariffs compared to just 40 percent who favor it," he said. "Americans have gotten a taste of the tariffs, and what is on their tongues, they do not like."	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-cnn-data	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	CNN, Tariffs, Voters, Economy
Shoppers met with canceled orders, delays as de minimis exemption ends	Economy/Trade	For nearly a century, the de minimis rule allowed merchandise worth \$800 or less to bypass import tax. But it expired at 12:01 a.m. Friday, meaning such shipments are now subject to an additional 10 to 50 percent levy that coincides with the tariff rate of the country of origin, or a flat rate of \$50 to \$200, depending on which option the merchant chooses.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-shoppers-met	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	Trade, Economy, Shipping
Colleges should go 'medieval' on students to beat AI cheating, NYU official says	Education/Tech	"Now that most meretric effort led to writing is optional, we need new ways to require the work necessary for learning," Shivy explained. "That means moving away from take-home assignments and essays and toward in-class blue book essays, oral examinations, required office hours and peer assessments that coincide with the tariff rate of the country of origin, or a flat rate of \$50 to \$200, depending on which option the merchant chooses."	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-colleges-should	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	Education, AI, Cheating
Don't worry about the job market on Earth, Gen Z: Sam Altman, Jeff Bezos, and Elon Musk say you'll be working in space soon	Future/Tech	As entry-level jobs disappear into thin air for Gen Z, the secret to finding an AI-proof job may lie in space. Billionaires Sam Altman, Elon Musk, and Jeff Bezos are at bullish that mainstream space travel is on its way—and college graduates could be headed to Mars within the next decade. But not everyone agrees. Microsoft cofounder Bill Gates says money is better spent solving the myriad of problems on Earth.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-don't	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	Space, Jobs, Tech Billionaires
Modi joins hands with Xi and Putin in message to Trump	Global Politics	Facing tariffs and insults from President Trump, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a far friendlier interaction on Monday with his Russian and Chinese counterparts during his first visit to China in seven years. Successive U.S. presidents have aggressively courted India as a counterweight to China. Trump is actively trying to drive a wedge between India and Russia while seeking to gradually peel Russia away from China. So the image of all three leaders literally holding hands is, at the very least, a symbolic blow.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-modi-joins	https://www.axios.com	Sept. 2, 2025	Diplomacy, Tariffs, U.S.—India-China-Russia
Trump administration cut funding to shooting prevention programs in Minnesota weeks before school shooting	Gun Violence/Policy	A month before the fatal Minneapolis church shooting, the Trump administration cut \$18.5 million in funding from a Homeland Security program aimed at identifying and preventing potential mass shooters.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-tump-administration-2	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	Gun Violence, Minnesota, Trump
U.S. states with the earliest and latest bedtimes	Health	The average bedtime for American adults is 11:37p.m. and the average duration of sleep is less than 7 hours, Apple Watch data shows.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-u-s	https://www.axios.com	Sept. 2, 2025	Health, Sleep, Data
Trump tries to have it both ways on COVID vaccines	Health Policy	President Trump on Monday questioned whether the COVID shots developed during his first term are safe and effective after his health secretary, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., limited who can get them. "Trump praised the shots as a 'miracle' during his first administration, but now Republicans oppose COVID vaccinations by a wide margin." Now, Kennedy is canceling grants to develop more mRNA vaccines, which are also being explored for treating the flu, HIV, and cancer.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-tump-tries	https://www.axios.com	Sept. 2, 2025	COVID, Vaccines, Trump
The Covid revenge policy	Health Policy	He fired all 17 members of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Covid-19 immunization subgroup, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and replaced them with vaccine skeptics. He removed Covid-19 vaccines from the list of shots recommended for healthy pregnant women and children, which means insurance companies will likely no longer pay for them. The Daily Beast reports that the Trump administration is planning to pull the vaccine from shelves "within months," citing a close associate of Kennedy's.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-covid-revenge	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	COVID, Trump, Policy
Trump's bill a 'death warrant' say parents of sick rural kids whose treatment is tied up in Medicaid red tape	Health Policy	Other families with sick children dependent on Medicaid, and who live hours away from the specialized hospitals where their kids get treatment, also told The Independent they seriously fear for the future. Hospital infrastructure in rural areas is limited, so children with complex medical needs are forced to travel to big cities for treatment, often at great expense. The cuts in Trump's bill will create additional financial strain on already struggling rural healthcare facilities, creating a ripple effect when it comes to children's health, advocates warn. "Any cuts to that program are going to trickle down and impact children, whether that's pediatric practices who depend on Medicaid to be able to stay open or children's hospitals," Lisa Costello, a West Virginia pediatrician who chairs the federal policy committee for the American Association of Pediatrics, said. "Cuts to the Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid could eventually affect care for all children," Rachel Pearson, a pediatrician and assistant professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, wrote in the New Yorker in July.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-tump-4-2	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	Trump, Medicaid, Health Policy, Children
As drug deaths hit a 5-year low, Trump continues to cite fentanyl as major threat	Health/Drugs	Drug deaths in the U.S. have plunged dramatically and steadily since the summer of 2023, according to the latest preliminary data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Figures released this month by CDC show fatal overdoses falling to 77,848 in the 12-month period ending in March of this year. That's the lowest tally of provisional predicted deaths from fentanyl and other street drugs since at least March 2020. Despite the prolonged decline in overdose deaths, dating back to the middle of the Biden administration, President Donald Trump has continued to base a range of controversial policies — from trade tariffs to tougher criminal penalties — on his claim that fentanyl poses a growing threat to Americans.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-as-drug	https://www.rptx.com	Sept. 2, 2025	Drugs, Fentanyl, Trump
Scenes from Afghanistan in wake of deadly 6.8-magnitude earthquake	Humanitarian/Crisis	Photos	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-scenes-from	https://www.axios.com	Sept. 2, 2025	Disaster Relief, Earthquake, Afghanistan
Tiny African nation detaining five deported US migrants asked Trump team for \$500 million: report	Immigration/Foreign Policy	A small African nation currently imprisoning five immigrants deported from the United States reportedly asked the Trump administration for half a billion dollars to detain them.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-tiny-african	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	Immigration, Foreign Policy, Trump
Scared and angry: Here's why workers unionized at Yosemite, Sequoia national parks	Labor	This summer the scales tipped. More than 97% of employees at Yosemite and Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks who cast ballots voted to unionize, with results certified last week. More than 600 staffers — including interpretive park rangers, biologists, firefighters and fee collectors — are now represented by the National Federation of Federal Employees. "Happy Labor Day" sounds especially off-key this year because the National Labor Relations Board is on the ropes. The NLRB is the government agency that adjudicates private-sector disputes between labor and management. It oversees union elections and punishes labor law violations (excepting wage theft, which is policed by the Labor Department). Sustaining organized labor even at its severely depressed current level would be impossible without a functioning NLRB. But last week, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the NLRB's 90-year-old structure unconstitutional, pushing future elections of labor law very much into doubt. Well, they aren't coming for your liquor cabinet exactly, but MAGA is America's new prohibitionists. Prohibitionism was the largest and most successful reactionary culture war in American politics. It triumphed not via extra-legal and constitutionally dubious mechanisms like loyalty oaths, executive decrees and blacklists, but through populist politics that stirred moral panic, mobilizing large swaths of Americans to invert their relationship to political authority.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-scared-angry	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	Labor, National Parks, Unions
Happy Labor Day. Donald Trump and Elon Musk Are Screwing Workers.	Labor/Opinion	Today's MAGA movement seeks an inversion in national self-understanding akin to that proffered by Prohibition, offering a vision of American democracy in which the moral cleanliness of culture — not democratic pluralism or self-realization — is our central commitment. Your drink may be safe, but MAGA mirrors the Prohibitionist distaste for liberal democracy.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-happy-labor	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	Labor, Trump, Musk, Opinion
Opinion - MAGA: America's new prohibitionists	Opinion/Politics	Mostly, however, Alford's events were civil, if tense. Some questioners focused on local issues, such as how Donald Trump's tariffs have affected Missouri farmers. Several attendees asked Alford about Trump's deployment of federal agents and the National Guard in Washington, D.C. in the city of Lebanon, a combat veteran named Josh asked whether Alford was prepared to stop the president from sending troops into Missouri. In St. Robert, a high-school government teacher asked Alford "what's so conservative" about losing troops on the U.S. capital. (Alford's response was to suggest that cities should be grateful for the extra help. When Kansas City co-hosts the men's World Cup in 2026, would Missourians not hope to see the National Guard helping out?) As President Donald Trump continues to order federal troops, investigations, and other sweeping acts of retribution, there is one man you can expect to be at the other end of the faceoff: Abbe Lowell.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-opinion-maga	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	Opinion, MAGA, Prohibition
Only One Republican Is Holding This Many Town Halls	Politics	"I have basically challenged the overreach of federal agencies in every administration since Ronald Reagan's. Didn't matter whether it's a Democratic or Republican administration. If the government overreaches, then [the] lawyer's job is to put the government in the right place," Lowell said on MSNBC earlier this month.	https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-only-one	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	Republicans, Town Halls, Politics
Meet the man defending Trump's political adversaries	Politics/Justice		https://thn.in/yu/SEP02-meet-man	https://www.yahoo	Sept. 2, 2025	Law, Trump, Political Opposition

		"I'm not a dictator. I don't like a dictator," the president said.				
		None of these things are typical for a democratic leader. So... is Trump a dictator?				
		"Yes, of course," said Kim Lane Scheppete, a professor of sociology at Princeton University who spent years researching autocracies including Hungary and Russia. Scheppete said she had been wavering on using the term "dictatorship" until recently, but said, "It was hesitating before, it's this mobilization of the national guard and the indication that he plans to overtake resistance by force that now means we're in it."				
		"If you think of dictators as, you know, tanks in the streets and large numbers of military people saluting the leader, and big posters of the leader going up on national buildings, all that stuff does remind everybody of Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Russia and all of Mussolini's Italy," she said.				
Donald Trump says he is not a dictator. Isn't he?	Politics/Opinio n	Herce Orban, Erdogan and the like attempting to avoid those scenes. But it doesn't seem to bother Trump.	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/SEP02-donald-trump	https://www.yaho	Sept. 2, 2025	Trump, Dictator, Opinion
Trump says he'd consider reopening 'insane asylums' to help clean up some of the nation's biggest cities. More than 830 new Texas laws take effect Sept. 1. Here's what's changing	Politics/Policy	President Donald Trump has said he would be open to bringing back "insane asylums" to imprison people with "serious mental illness".	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/SEP02-trump-says-2	https://www.yaho	Sept. 2, 2025	Trump, Mental Health, Urban Policy
Scope: List of jobs covered by Trump's "no tax on tips" (See if you qualify)	State Politics	In an interview with the Daily Caller published on Monday, the president said that forcing more people into long-term psychiatric institutions would help make America's streets safer, although he admitted it would be "relatively expensive".	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/SEP02-more-than	https://www.hous	Sept. 2, 2025	Texas, Legislation, State Policy
	Tax Policy	The Treasury Department has given Axios a first look at the list of 68 jobs that qualify for a new tax deduction under the "no tax on tips" pledge in President Trump's "big, beautiful bill."	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/SEP02-no-tax-on-tips	https://www.hous	Sept. 2, 2025	Tax Cuts, Labor, Trump Bill
		All models have been documented trying to human users, trying to blackmail them, calling the police and telling teens to take their own lives or kill their parents.				
How AI can kill you	Technology/Sa fety	"I'm not sure it's solvable, and to the degree that it is, it's extremely difficult," says Anthony Aguirre, co-founder of the Future of Life Institute, a nonprofit focused on managing risks from transformative tech. "The problem is very fundamental. It's not something that there's gonna be a quick fix to."	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/SEP02-how-ai	https://www.ajco	Sept. 2, 2025	AI, Safety, Mental Health
		Giuliani has in recent years faced a series of legal and financial issues that include filing for bankruptcy in 2023.				
Trump says he'll honor Giuliani with Presidential Medal of Freedom	U.S. Politics	He was criminally charged in Georgia and Arizona in connection with allegations that he tried to help overturn the 2020 election results. He denies any wrongdoing and has pleaded not guilty in both cases.	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/SEP02-trump-says	https://www.ajco	Sept. 2, 2025	Honors, Giuliani, Trump
		Giuliani was later disbarred in Washington, D.C. and NYC and was sued by two Georgia election workers in a defamation case that was settled in January.				
Trump administration demands state voter data, including partial Social Security numbers	Voting Rights	The Trump administration has stepped up efforts to obtain personal information about tens of millions of voters across the country, including seeking sensitive data such as partial Social Security numbers.	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/SEP02-trump-administrati	https://www.yaho	Sept. 2, 2025	Voting, Privacy, Trump Administration
		The push, overseen by the Department of Justice, comes as President Donald Trump asserts a large federal role in elections ahead of next year's midterms, which are set to determine which party controls Congress during his last two years in the White House.	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/SEP02-trump-administrati	https://www.yaho	Sept. 2, 2025	Voting, Privacy, Trump Administration
		President Donald Trump on Monday downplayed the severity of domestic violence crimes, saying that were it not for "things that take place in the home they call crime," the administration's deployment of National Guard troops in Washington, D.C., would have resulted in a bigger statistical reduction in crime.	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/SEP02-domestic-vi			
"Trump downplays domestic violence"	Political Cesspool	"They said, 'Crime's down 87 percent.' I said, 'no, no, no... it's more than 87 percent, virtually nothing. And much lesser things, things that take place in the home they call crime. You know, they do something they can do find something. If a man has a little fight with the wife, they say this was a crime. So he can't claim 100 percent but we are. We are a safe city," Trump said.	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/SEP02-domestic-vi	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/SEP02-domestic-vi	2025-09-11	trump, domestic20250911politics52
"9-year-old prodigy from Montgomery County studying neuroscience at Ursinus College - fabc Philadelphia"	Weird World	At just 9 years old, Aiden Wilkins is already a high school sophomore and taking a neuroscience class at Ursinus College.	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/20250911education02	https://fabc.com	2025-09-11	childprodigy, neu20250911education037
		A government attorney said at a hearing Wednesday that the administration has "no immediate plans" to deport additional unaccompanied minors, following the near deportation of 76 Guatemalan minors over Labor Day weekend.	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/20250911immigration01			
"DOJ lawyer says there are 'no immediate plans' to deport additional unaccompanied minors - ABC News"	Borders & Immigration	Asked about a Guatemalan government report that contradicted the administration's claim that the parents of the minors had requested their children be returned, Welch said that "parental request" is not a requirement for removal.	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/20250911immigration01	https://abcnews.c	2025-09-11	immigration, depi20250911immigration01
		A lightning-sparked wildfire in California's Sierra National Forest burned Tuesday through a grove of giant sequoias and set some of the ancient towering trees on fire.	https://thn.fhn.fhn.us/20250911wildfire02			
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"Brett Kavanaugh's Shadow Docket Attack on Your Civil Liberties"	Courts / Civil Rights	Justice Brett Kavanaugh claimed last week that the Supreme Court has good reasons for not explaining itself when deciding pivotal matters on the shadow docket. Those decisions, which are made on shortened timelines and without full briefing or argument, do not reflect the court's considered judgment at its apex.	https://tbn.tiny.us/20250911courts29	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-11	Kavanaugh, scot20250911courts29
"On the brink of a devastating canal collapse, a GOP district waits for Trump's help"	Infrastructure / Environment	But the most alarming part of Burton's job with the Yakima Tieton Irrigation District - and the reason even taking Sundays off makes him anxious - is that the canal is coming apart at the seams. A year ago, the Relief Fire burned through 45,600 acres in this area, including nearly all of the canal's 12-mile route. Trees and boulders fell into the water and banged their way downhill, gouging holes in the lining. Flames warped the beams. Since then, he and his colleagues have documented more than 2,000 leaks spurting and gurgling from the concrete.	https://tbn.tiny.us/20250911infrastructure22	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-11	canal, infrastru20250911infrastructure22
"Exporting Brazilian coffee beans to US via third countries not an option, industry says"	Economy / Trade	Now the crisis in rural, Republican-leaning eastern Washington is posing a stark test of federal government support for critical infrastructure in the era of funding clawbacks and staffing cuts driven by the U.S. DOE's Service. The Yakima Tieton Irrigation District is hoping to replace the canal at a cost of \$240 million, far more than the small district can afford, with its 21 employees and \$6 million operating budget. The irrigation district has sought hundreds of millions in grants and loans from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, but the Trump administration has yet to commit to help fund the project despite appropriations from the state and bipartisan urging from its congressional delegation.	https://tbn.tiny.us/20250911coffee35	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-11	brasil, coffee, ira20250911coffee35
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"Farmers' loyalty to Trump is about to be tested"	Economy / Agriculture	Though some finished products are exported from other countries to the United States, sending raw beans via third countries would be "very easy for the American government to spot," Ferreira said.	https://tbn.tiny.us/20250911farmers18	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-11	Farmers, trump, a20250911farmers18
What Florida ending vaccine mandates could mean for rest of US	Health / Policy	Farmers across the country are looking at record yields during their fall harvest. They may have nowhere to sell them. As a result of President Donald Trump's trade war with China, crop farmers have had to seek a significant export market, driving down the price of U.S. crops like soybeans and corn, even as Trump's tariffs drive up the cost of farm equipment and fertilizer.	https://tbn.tiny.us/20250911health29	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-11	Florida, Vaccine20250911health29
Florida may soon allow open carry of guns after court strikes down ban	Gun Policy	He added that removing the mandate makes it easier for children who have barriers to access -- such as lack of insurance or living in a rural area -- to miss vaccines. "If you have parents who have barriers to getting those vaccines ... and then all of a sudden, they're told you don't need to get them, sometimes the pathway of least resistance is not getting your kid vaccinated," Patel said.	https://tbn.tiny.us/20250911guns33	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-11	Florida, Guns, Q20250911guns33
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200 arrested in France as protesters clash with police while Macron installs a new PM	World / Politics	Protesters blocked roads, set fires and were met with volleys of police tear gas on Wednesday in Paris and elsewhere in France, seeking to heap pressure on President Emmanuel Macron by attempting to give his new prime minister a baptism of fire. The interior minister announced nearly 200 arrests in the first hours of the planned day of nationwide demonstrations.	https://tbn.tiny.us/20250910france12	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-11	RFKjr, Whitehou20250911politics34
200 arrested in France as protesters clash with police while Macron installs a new PM	World / Politics	Although failing short of its self-declared intention to "Block Everything," the protest movement that started online over the summer caused widespread hot spots of disruption, defying an exceptional deployment of 80,000 police who broke up barricades and swiftly made arrests.	https://tbn.tiny.us/20250910georgia24	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-10	france, protests,20250910france12
South Korean Companies Halt Georgia Investments After ICE Raid	Economy / Immigration	[Head of the Korean American Service and Education Consortium in New York] Kim Gap-sung, who dispatched staff to Savannah to provide interpretation and other support for the detained HLGAs workers, said, "This raid has caused major disruptions to new factory construction across Georgia. I understand some Korean companies have decided to preemptively suspend construction in case of further incidents."	https://tbn.tiny.us/20250910georgia24	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-10	france, protests,20250910france12
How the Hyundai raid could upend Trump's dream of more U.S. factories	Economy / Trade	Georgia is considered a hub for Korean investment in the United States. More than 110 Korean companies, including Hyundai Motor Group in Savannah, SK On in Commerce, and Hanwha Qcells in Dalton, have set up operations. In a state where Korean firms contribute significantly to local communities, a large, coordinated immigration crackdown by the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the FBI, and the Drug Enforcement Administration has left many Koreans feeling betrayed.	https://tbn.tiny.us/20250910hyundai22	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-10	georgia, south20250910georgia24
Gen Z is Forcing Us to Rethink the American Dream	Society / Culture	A local resident said, "Costco and downtown restaurants, once packed with Koreans before the weekend, are now empty. The resident added, 'Many people are avoiding going out at all, worried they could be harmed by unfair raids. Areas that had revived thanks to Korean corporate investment could take a direct hit.' But immigration and manufacturing experts say the episode lays bare how U.S. immigration rules hamper foreign companies from bringing in workers crucial to building modern manufacturing centers that President Donald Trump and his predecessors have pursued and that would ultimately employ tens of thousands of American workers.	https://tbn.tiny.us/20250910genz20	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-10	hyundai, trump, a20250910hyundai22
Gen Z is Forcing Us to Rethink the American Dream	Society / Culture	"Episodes like this are going to make many companies wary more cautious before investing here," said Giovanni Peri, a professor of economics at the University of California at Davis. "The goal of this administration's tariffs was luring exactly these kind of factories. And now we are closing the door to one of these companies, who fear they won't be able to bring in the right workers to set up their plants."	https://tbn.tiny.us/20250910genz20	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-10	genz, culture, am20250910genz20

		Men's wages went up last year, women's incomes didn't budge, per new data out Tuesday morning. The median woman working full time in 2024 earned 81% of what the median man earned — a drop of 2 percentage points from the year before and the second consecutive annual decline.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910daygap15			
Gender pay gap is getting wider, reversing progress	Economy / Inequality	"The pay gap is now back to where it was in 2017, when the burgeoning #MeToo movement drew wide attention to sex discrimination." "Deployment of the military within our country's borders to be used against its population is not only contrary to core American values, but can also be harmful to the reputation, integrity, and morale of the military itself." They wrote in the amicus briefing in the case between Trump and California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D). "This disapproval from fellow Americans can only exacerbate feelings of isolation and low morale for the military deployed," the Tuesday filing said. The retired generals urged the court system to hold the Trump administration accountable for its deployment of the military. "The federalization of the California National Guard and deployment of federal forces to Los Angeles against the will of state and local authorities should give any supporter of the military and military members pause," they wrote. "Due to strong legal and moral constraints, such actions have occurred rarely in the history of this country, and that must continue to remain the case." The fight for the future of the Democratic Party will take place in nearly every Senate primary this cycle, pitting party leaders against progressive icons. 2026 Dem-on-Dem battles will also provide an early look at the broader showdown the party will have in its 2028 presidential primary.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910daygap15	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	gender_pay_gap_20250910paygap15
Retired generals warn of dire consequences of Trump politicizing military	Military / Politics	"The federalization of the California National Guard and deployment of federal forces to Los Angeles against the will of state and local authorities should give any supporter of the military and military members pause," they wrote. "Due to strong legal and moral constraints, such actions have occurred rarely in the history of this country, and that must continue to remain the case." The fight for the future of the Democratic Party will take place in nearly every Senate primary this cycle, pitting party leaders against progressive icons. 2026 Dem-on-Dem battles will also provide an early look at the broader showdown the party will have in its 2028 presidential primary.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910military14	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	military_trump_gi20250910military14
Senate Democrats locked in 2026 proxy war	Politics / Elections	The Trump administration launched an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) crackdown on Chicago Monday, which the city's mayor, Brandon Johnson, said he'd "received no notice" of. The launch of "Operation Midway Blitz" follows weeks of threats from President Trump to tackle crime in Chicago and other Democratic-run cities by expanding ICE's presence and possibly deploying National Guard troops as part of his agenda against undocumented immigrants despite opposition from Democratic leaders. "I think the slower job creation implies income growth was also on a softer footing even prior to the recent rise in policy uncertainty and economic slowdown we've seen since the spring," Nationwide's financial market economist Chen Khashin wrote in a note. The economy added 911,000 fewer jobs in the 12 months ending in March 2025 than first estimated, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said in preliminary revisions. The pressure is rising on Democrats to stiff President Trump and let the government shut down on Oct. 1. Plunging into a shutdown is risky for Democratic leaders, who rejected the option earlier this year. But a shutdown might be the only action that eases their deeply unaffiliated party base. Younger adults are facing the worst labor market shock in years, one far more acute than the rest of the population.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910elections13	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	senate_democrat20250910elections13
Trump's ICE targets Chicago amid objections from mayor, Illinois governor	Borders & Immigration	The Trump administration launched an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) crackdown on Chicago Monday, which the city's mayor, Brandon Johnson, said he'd "received no notice" of. The launch of "Operation Midway Blitz" follows weeks of threats from President Trump to tackle crime in Chicago and other Democratic-run cities by expanding ICE's presence and possibly deploying National Guard troops as part of his agenda against undocumented immigrants despite opposition from Democratic leaders. "I think the slower job creation implies income growth was also on a softer footing even prior to the recent rise in policy uncertainty and economic slowdown we've seen since the spring," Nationwide's financial market economist Chen Khashin wrote in a note. The economy added 911,000 fewer jobs in the 12 months ending in March 2025 than first estimated, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said in preliminary revisions. The pressure is rising on Democrats to stiff President Trump and let the government shut down on Oct. 1. Plunging into a shutdown is risky for Democratic leaders, who rejected the option earlier this year. But a shutdown might be the only action that eases their deeply unaffiliated party base. Younger adults are facing the worst labor market shock in years, one far more acute than the rest of the population.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910trump16	https://chgo.abc15.com	2025-09-10	trump_immigrant20250910immigration9
Job revisions reveal much slower growth than originally thought	Economy / Jobs	The pressure is rising on Democrats to stiff President Trump and let the government shut down on Oct. 1. Plunging into a shutdown is risky for Democratic leaders, who rejected the option earlier this year. But a shutdown might be the only action that eases their deeply unaffiliated party base. Younger adults are facing the worst labor market shock in years, one far more acute than the rest of the population.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910shutdownd07	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	jobs_economy_tr20250910jobs16
Democrats embrace government shutdowns in Trump 2.0	Politics / Government	What's holding back hiring is a mix of feeling, cyclical factors — economic uncertainty as a result of Trump's trade policies, for instance, or high interest rates. Other factors, like the uptake of AI eliminating entry-level positions, are likely structural. The result might be a difficult hiring environment for younger people for the foreseeable future.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910economy06	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	democrats_trum20250910shutdownd07
Young America faces an economic crisis	Economy / Labor	Poland's armed forces shot down Russian drones that "repeatedly" violated the NATO member's airspace as Putin's forces attacked Ukraine, per Polish military posts to X on Wednesday morning. The Polish military on X said the airspace violation was "an act of aggression that posed a real threat to the safety of our citizens."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910poland08	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	youth_economy_20250910economy06
Poland shoots down Russian drones: "Huge number" violated airspace, PM says	War / International	"This is an act of war, and we are grateful to NATO allies for their swift response to war criminal Putin's continued unprovoked aggression against free and productive nations," he said. Developed over the course of a year and a half, the exhibit is designed to be approachable enough for a child, while also offering a sophisticated, nuanced look at artificial intelligence. The exhibit includes explanations of how large language models and other AI technologies work, examples of AI art as well as a hands-on station to try out both Anthropic's Claude and OpenAI's ChatGPT. Yes, but "Adventures in AI" isn't a love letter to technology. The exhibit also highlights AI's downsides, including bias and environmental toll.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910ai10	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	poland_russia_d20250910poland08
San Francisco museum offers "Adventures in AI" exhibit	Technology / AI	One section invites visitors to open filing cabinets of empty folders labeled with data missing from AI models. Examples include "a national registry of data brokers," "crop species lost to industrial agriculture" and the number of undocumented workers toiling under dangerous conditions. Former CDC director Susan Monarez will testify before the Senate next week in her first public appearance since the Trump administration fired her. Monarez and former CDC chief medical officer Debra Houry, who was among those to resign last month, will testify on Sept. 17 "about the recent high-profile departures from the agency," per a Tuesday statement from the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. Turbo-charged robotic sperm could be the future of treating infertility, according to scientists. By coating the fast-moving sperm cells with magnetic particles, the researchers said they can be tracked and stored for the first time — and one day allow them to deliver life-saving medicine to areas of the female reproductive system that are hard to access. More than 60 containers toppled off a cargo ship Tuesday morning in the Port of Long Beach, lurching overboard and flooding in the water. About 67 containers were in the water, the U.S. Coast Guard said on the social platform X. Some of the containers appeared to have fallen on the STAK 2, an anti-pollution vessel attached to the side of the Mississippi that captures emissions. When empty, a container can weigh between two to four metric tons (2.2 to 4.4 tons) depending on the size.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910ai10	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	ai_technology_sf20250910ai10
Fired CDC chief who clashed with Kennedy to testify in Senate	Health / Government	Monarez and former CDC chief medical officer Debra Houry, who was among those to resign last month, will testify on Sept. 17 "about the recent high-profile departures from the agency," per a Tuesday statement from the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. Turbo-charged robotic sperm could be the future of treating infertility, according to scientists. By coating the fast-moving sperm cells with magnetic particles, the researchers said they can be tracked and stored for the first time — and one day allow them to deliver life-saving medicine to areas of the female reproductive system that are hard to access. More than 60 containers toppled off a cargo ship Tuesday morning in the Port of Long Beach, lurching overboard and flooding in the water. About 67 containers were in the water, the U.S. Coast Guard said on the social platform X. Some of the containers appeared to have fallen on the STAK 2, an anti-pollution vessel attached to the side of the Mississippi that captures emissions. When empty, a container can weigh between two to four metric tons (2.2 to 4.4 tons) depending on the size.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910cdc12	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	cdc_kennedy_sei20250910cdc12
Turbo-charged robotic sperm are future of infertility treatments, scientists say	Science / Health	Monarez and former CDC chief medical officer Debra Houry, who was among those to resign last month, will testify on Sept. 17 "about the recent high-profile departures from the agency," per a Tuesday statement from the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. Turbo-charged robotic sperm could be the future of treating infertility, according to scientists. By coating the fast-moving sperm cells with magnetic particles, the researchers said they can be tracked and stored for the first time — and one day allow them to deliver life-saving medicine to areas of the female reproductive system that are hard to access. More than 60 containers toppled off a cargo ship Tuesday morning in the Port of Long Beach, lurching overboard and flooding in the water. About 67 containers were in the water, the U.S. Coast Guard said on the social platform X. Some of the containers appeared to have fallen on the STAK 2, an anti-pollution vessel attached to the side of the Mississippi that captures emissions. When empty, a container can weigh between two to four metric tons (2.2 to 4.4 tons) depending on the size.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910sperm14	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	science_fertility_20250910sperm14
More than 60 containers litter sea after falling off ship in Long Beach port	Environment / Shipping	More than 60 containers toppled off a cargo ship Tuesday morning in the Port of Long Beach, lurching overboard and flooding in the water. About 67 containers were in the water, the U.S. Coast Guard said on the social platform X. Some of the containers appeared to have fallen on the STAK 2, an anti-pollution vessel attached to the side of the Mississippi that captures emissions. When empty, a container can weigh between two to four metric tons (2.2 to 4.4 tons) depending on the size.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910longbeach13	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	long_beach_ship20250910longbeach13
MAGA darling lawyer who took Biden to Supreme Court now calls Trump 'way worse'	Politics / Legal	A prominent First Amendment attorney who went to bat for right-wing figures against Joe Biden's administration is now preparing to take on what she calls "the most censorious free-speech violators of my lifetime" under Donald Trump. Jethi Younes, who previously represented Trump allies who opposed Biden-era COVID-19 mitigation efforts, told The Washington Post that the Trump administration's targeting of Palestinian student activists and immigrants' social media accounts is "way worse than anything Biden did."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910maga16	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	maga_trump_bid20250910maga16
Trump dines out in DC to celebrate crime crackdown — and gets called 'the Hitler of our time'	Politics / Public Reaction	President Donald Trump stepped out for dinner in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday evening — only to be confronted by protesters calling him "the Hitler of our time." Records show court officials were aware of David Cramer's penchant for filing fraudulent documents for years before state prison officials blamed a forged court order for Cramer's accidental release. The Maricopa County Clerk of the Superior Court, Maricopa County Superior Court, Arizona Attorney General and state prison system are currently investigating how Cramer was able to file documents purportedly showing a judge signed off on his release from prison 20 years before he was scheduled to get out.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910trump19	https://www.abc15.com	2025-09-10	trump_dc_dinner20250910trump19
AZ inmate filed fake documents for years before officials say he used them to get out of prison	Weird world	There have been more than 400 school shootings since Columbine in 1999, according to an analysis by The Washington Post. The latest was last month, when a former student opened fire at a Catholic school in Minneapolis. Two students were killed and at least 18 other people were wounded. In the wake of those shootings, an industry has emerged to try to protect schools — and business is booming. According to the market research firm Omnia, the school security industry is now worth as much as \$4 billion, and it's projected to keep growing. Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency signed an agreement Tuesday in Cairo to pave the way for resuming cooperation, including on ways of relinquishing inspections of Iran's nuclear facilities. No further details were provided about the agreement, but Grossi said at a joint news conference after the signing that it was technical in nature and highlighted the "indispensable" inspection work that needs to resume in Iran under the treaty of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. New test scores from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation's Report Card, show eighth-graders' science scores have fallen 4 points since 2019 and 12th-graders' math and reading scores have fallen 3 points in the same time period. This is the first NAEP score release since the Trump administration began making cuts to the U.S. Education Department. Those cuts, included laying off more than half the workers at the Institute of Education Sciences, IES, the arm of the department charged with measuring student achievement and overseeing and processing the data that comes from the tests students take. A federal judge in Washington D.C. temporarily blocked President Trump from firing Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook late Tuesday night.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910arizona23	https://www.kjzz.com	2025-09-10	arizona_inmate_20250910prison23
The school shooting industry is worth billions — and it keeps growing	Guns / Public Safety	There have been more than 400 school shootings since Columbine in 1999, according to an analysis by The Washington Post. The latest was last month, when a former student opened fire at a Catholic school in Minneapolis. Two students were killed and at least 18 other people were wounded. In the wake of those shootings, an industry has emerged to try to protect schools — and business is booming. According to the market research firm Omnia, the school security industry is now worth as much as \$4 billion, and it's projected to keep growing. Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency signed an agreement Tuesday in Cairo to pave the way for resuming cooperation, including on ways of relinquishing inspections of Iran's nuclear facilities. No further details were provided about the agreement, but Grossi said at a joint news conference after the signing that it was technical in nature and highlighted the "indispensable" inspection work that needs to resume in Iran under the treaty of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. New test scores from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation's Report Card, show eighth-graders' science scores have fallen 4 points since 2019 and 12th-graders' math and reading scores have fallen 3 points in the same time period. This is the first NAEP score release since the Trump administration began making cuts to the U.S. Education Department. Those cuts, included laying off more than half the workers at the Institute of Education Sciences, IES, the arm of the department charged with measuring student achievement and overseeing and processing the data that comes from the tests students take. A federal judge in Washington D.C. temporarily blocked President Trump from firing Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook late Tuesday night.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910schooling24	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-10	guns_school_sho20250910schooling24
Iran, IAEA sign agreement seeking path to restart cooperation	World / Nuclear	No further details were provided about the agreement, but Grossi said at a joint news conference after the signing that it was technical in nature and highlighted the "indispensable" inspection work that needs to resume in Iran under the treaty of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. New test scores from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation's Report Card, show eighth-graders' science scores have fallen 4 points since 2019 and 12th-graders' math and reading scores have fallen 3 points in the same time period. This is the first NAEP score release since the Trump administration began making cuts to the U.S. Education Department. Those cuts, included laying off more than half the workers at the Institute of Education Sciences, IES, the arm of the department charged with measuring student achievement and overseeing and processing the data that comes from the tests students take. A federal judge in Washington D.C. temporarily blocked President Trump from firing Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook late Tuesday night.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910iran30	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-10	iran_iaea_nuclea20250910iran30
Nation's Report Card: Science, math and reading scores are down	Education	This is the first NAEP score release since the Trump administration began making cuts to the U.S. Education Department. Those cuts, included laying off more than half the workers at the Institute of Education Sciences, IES, the arm of the department charged with measuring student achievement and overseeing and processing the data that comes from the tests students take. A federal judge in Washington D.C. temporarily blocked President Trump from firing Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook late Tuesday night.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910education28	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-10	education_test_sci20250910education28
Federal judge blocks Trump from firing Fed Governor Lisa Cook, for now	Economy / Federal Reserve	Federal District Judge Jia Cobb granted Cook a preliminary injunction, finding that the president's effort to remove Cook likely violated the Federal Reserve Act. Under that law, designed to insulate the central bank from political interference, Fed governors can only be removed "for cause." Judge Cobb found that in order to warrant firing, the cause would likely be limited to bad conduct while in office. For Ethiopia the unveiling of the 74-billion cubic meter dam, which has been 14 years in the making and cost \$5 billion, was the culmination of a dream and proved the East African nation the winner in a bitter diplomatic battle over its construction. The 475-foot high, 1.2 mile-long dam will more than double Ethiopia's electricity capacity to 5,000 megawatts. Almost half of Ethiopia's 130 million people lack access to electricity and even the capital Addis Ababa experiences regular blackouts. Neighboring Egypt, however, views it as nothing less than a disaster. The dam is situated on the Blue Nile, a tributary of the Nile, at Ethiopia's border with another neighbor — Sudan. Egypt worries the dam could restrict the flow of water into the desert country, leading to shortages as it depends on the Nile for 97 percent of its water.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910fedtrf19	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-10	trump_federal_res20250910fed19
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France's Macron names Sébastien Lecornu as new prime minister	World / Politics	French President Emmanuel Macron appointed his defense minister, Sébastien Lecornu, as the country's new prime minister after former Prime Minister François Bayrou submitted his resignation Tuesday morning. A Michigan judge has dismissed criminal charges against 16 people who signed false certificates saying Donald Trump won the state's electoral votes in 2020. Trump lost the state and the presidency to Joe Biden. It's the latest loss in prosecutors' efforts to hold accountable people associated with Trump's attempt to overturn his election loss. The Supreme Court said on Tuesday that it will examine whether President Trump acted lawfully when he used emergency powers to apply sweeping tariffs to a broad range of countries, a centerpiece of his economic agenda. Trump used IEEPA powers for tariffs on individual countries first announced in April in a Rose Garden event where he held up large tables detailing the tariff rates he would impose on different countries' goods. Since then, Trump has also announced these tariffs via letters posted on social media. Many of the tariffs went into effect last month. But the case does not affect Trump's sector-specific tariffs on products like steel and aluminum. Those tariffs are often called "Section 232 tariffs" after the section of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 used to authorize them.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910france26	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-10	france_macron_20250910france26
Michigan judge tosses charges against 'fake electors'	Politics / Legal	A Michigan judge has dismissed criminal charges against 16 people who signed false certificates saying Donald Trump won the state's electoral votes in 2020. Trump lost the state and the presidency to Joe Biden. It's the latest loss in prosecutors' efforts to hold accountable people associated with Trump's attempt to overturn his election loss. The Supreme Court said on Tuesday that it will examine whether President Trump acted lawfully when he used emergency powers to apply sweeping tariffs to a broad range of countries, a centerpiece of his economic agenda. Trump used IEEPA powers for tariffs on individual countries first announced in April in a Rose Garden event where he held up large tables detailing the tariff rates he would impose on different countries' goods. Since then, Trump has also announced these tariffs via letters posted on social media. Many of the tariffs went into effect last month. But the case does not affect Trump's sector-specific tariffs on products like steel and aluminum. Those tariffs are often called "Section 232 tariffs" after the section of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 used to authorize them.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910elections22	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-10	michigan_fake_el20250910elections22
Supreme Court will weigh in on Trump's tariffs. Here's what to know about the case	Economy / Tariffs	Trump used IEEPA powers for tariffs on individual countries first announced in April in a Rose Garden event where he held up large tables detailing the tariff rates he would impose on different countries' goods. Since then, Trump has also announced these tariffs via letters posted on social media. Many of the tariffs went into effect last month. But the case does not affect Trump's sector-specific tariffs on products like steel and aluminum. Those tariffs are often called "Section 232 tariffs" after the section of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 used to authorize them.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910tariffs25	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-10	supreme_court_t20250910tariffs25
Trump's SAVE system checks citizenship of millions of voters	Elections / Voting Rights	Tens of millions of voters have had their citizenship status and other information checked using a revamped tool offered by the Trump administration, even as many states — led by both Democrats and Republicans — are refusing or hesitating to use it because of outstanding questions about the system. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) says election officials have used the tool to check the information of more than 33 million voters — a striking portion of the American public, considering little information has been made public about the tool's accuracy or data security.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910save18	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-10	trump_elections_20250910save18

Trump's control of D.C. police set to end	Politics / Government	On Aug. 11, Trump declared a "crime emergency" in the District of Columbia, using his authority under the 1973 Home Rule Act to activate the D.C. National Guard and take control of the district's Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). But the Home Rule Act limits that power, which is meant to be used for emergencies. He can do so for only 30 days, at which point the House and the Senate would need to authorize an extension. Congress has so far not indicated that it plans to do so. The response to this development — of Wall Street buying Main Street, or at least some of its out-de-said — has been bipartisan, populist and patriotic condemnation. Both JD Vance and Kamala Harris called for bans on these corporate landlords. Since houses tend to rise in value over time, homeownership has been a primary way that middle-class families build wealth. But now private equity was outbidding aspiring homeowners, making it more expensive to buy a home and pocketing the appreciation in home values. But during the Great Recession — just before the decline of new starts in Ert's chart — the U.S. had a glut of single-family homes in foreclosure. Many were auctioned off en masse, including by the federal government, which organized auctions for investors like Blackstone and even provided a \$1 billion loan guarantee to encourage Blackstone to buy. In 2012, many government officials had welcomed firms like Blackstone into the housing market because they worried about abandoned houses and saw rental conversions as a win. Today, though, institutional investors compete with middle-class families for starter homes. Is that why homeownership has gotten more expensive? So Chang assembled and analyzed data on neighborhoods before and after corporate landlords showed up, including demographic data on the residents. His biggest finding? Institutional investors were reducing segregation. When private equity rented out homes, the new tenants tended to be lower income than the prior owners and more likely to be young and nonwhite. Most of all, Chang found that the buy-to-rent strategy was hurting the middle class. Creating rentals added lower-income families and nudged rents down. But reducing the supply of homes available for sale also pushed home prices up, hurting families on the cusp of homeownership.	https://tiny.cc/20250910dc17 https://tiny.cc/20250910housing27	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	trump, dc, police, 20250910dc17
Here's what happens when private equity buys homes in your neighborhood	Economy / Housing	Some children's hospitals collectively stand to lose billions of dollars in revenue once Trump's wide-ranging tax and spending law is fully enacted, according to the Children's Hospital Association. Kids account for nearly half of enrollees in Medicaid, the state and federally financed health insurance for low-income and disabled people, and the related Children's Health Insurance Program. Meyer, though, warned that unless some cuts are reversed, Phoenix Children's would lose about \$172 million a year in payments that supplement the health system's regular Medicaid revenue, for treating low-income children covered by the insurance. Medicaid typically pays lower rates for care than commercial insurance or Medicare, the federal program for people age 65 and older. In announcing the report, Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. called chronic disease in kids "an existential crisis for our country" and said the report's 128 recommendations are "historic and unprecedented."	https://tiny.cc/20250910medic-aad1	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	housing, private, 20250910housing27
Children's hospitals brace for Medicaid cuts in Trump's budget	Health / Policy	The Make America Healthy Again Commission, led by Kennedy, identified four potential drivers behind rising rates of chronic disease among children, including poor diet, chemical exposure, lack of physical activity and chronic stress, as well as "overmedicalization" — which the commission describes as "a concerning trend of overprescribing medications to children." "How can we 'Make America Healthy Again' unless we renew our commitment to ensuring access to food for children," and other Americans, asks Eric Mitchell, President of the Alliance to End Hunger, in a statement. "While Administration officials regularly tout the importance of nutrition," they worked with Congress to pass a plan that will push millions of people of federal food assistance, known as SNAP, he says.	https://tiny.cc/20250910medic-aad1	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	medicaid, childre, 20250910medicad31
RFK Jr.'s MAHA report proposes over 100 ideas for children's health	Health / Policy	A Florida man pretending to be a nurse was arrested at a job interview, as authorities say he had used fake credentials to apply to at least 10 different nursing positions. Joseph Thomas Kinney, 55, was arrested Monday for impersonating a registered nurse and using someone else's nursing license and personal information to apply to jobs, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office said.	https://tiny.cc/20250910house15	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	rfk jr, children, 20250910rfk20
Florida man arrested at job interview after allegedly impersonating a nurse to apply for work at at least 10 clinics	Crime / Fraud	A friend of Michael Brown who witnessed the Missouri teenager's fatal shooting by a police officer more than a decade ago has been shot dead, police say.	https://tiny.cc/20250910michaebrown17	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	florida, crime, imps, 20250910nurse15
Friend of Michael Brown who witnessed his killing by police is shot dead	Crime / Policy	Geoeengineering, which includes blocking sunlight with airborne particles and thickening ice with pumped seawater, has become a giddy divide among scientists. Its proponents argue that, with cuts in carbon emissions going far too slowly, exploring options for "emergency brakes" would be valuable. However, a new analysis argues that schemes proposed for polar regions are so flawed that no amount of research could resolve them and that they treat only the symptoms and not the causes of the climate emergency.	https://tiny.cc/20250910geo06	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	michael brown, p, 20250910michaeltbrown17
Underwater curtains and reflective beads are 'unrealistic and dangerous polar geoeengineering ideas'	Environment / Climate	The agency authorized Covid vaccines for people 65 and older, who are known to be more at risk from serious illnesses from Covid infections, but younger people will only be eligible if they have an underlying medical condition that makes them particularly vulnerable. But cost is only part of the concern. As he prepares to enter community college after a year of service with the Washington Conservation Corps, he worries about being surrounded by classmates who are now less likely to be vaccinated. Roger, an emergency room physician from Alaska, said that healthcare decisions "should be based on scientific evidence, and not based on pseudoscientific ideology." He says that he still witnesses many people die or become permanently disabled from Covid, and he's afraid that those numbers are about to soar.	https://tiny.cc/20250910geo06	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	geoengineering, 20250910geo06
As Covid surges in the US, Americans can't get vaccinated: 'terrified I might kill somebody'	Health / COVID-19	It took Trump's presser Maggie Haberman to cut to the chase: If Trump didn't sign the birthday card or other documents released by Jeffrey Epstein's estate, the reporter asked in a quiet yet insistent tone, what's the working theory as to why he's in there? The falling leaves Trump's pugrastic team in unfamiliar territory. When the 2003 birthday letter was released by congressional Democrats, White House deputy chief of staff Taylor Budowich posted various pictures on X of Trump's signature over the years and wrote: "It's not his signature" — convincing no one.	https://tiny.cc/20250910covid09	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	covid, vaccines, 120250910covid01
The president doth protest too much: Trump's denial on Epstein is backfiring	Politics / Scandal	At Tuesday's briefing, Leavitt offered a similar defence, which implies that a cunning time traveller must have slipped back 22 years to plant Trump's signature in the documents so they could try to blow up his future presidency. At least one of the Korean workers swept up in a massive immigration raid on a Hyundai Motor factory site in Georgia last week was living and working legally in the US, according to an internal federal government document obtained by the Guardian.	https://tiny.cc/20250910epstein08	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	trump, epstein, si, 20250910trump09
Leaked ICE document shows worker detained in Hyundai raid had valid visa	Immigration / Labor	The internal file describes "an actual crime", according to Charles Kuck, an immigration attorney based in Georgia — but with the crime allegedly being committed by the government, not the detained immigrant. Kuck, who is representing a number of people arrested during last week's raid, said it is illegal to detain a valid visa holder in this way.	https://tiny.cc/20250910epstein08	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	ice, hyundai, visa, 20250910hyundai10
Jeffrey Epstein's 60th birthday book — in pictures	Culture / Scandal	A Canadian beekeeper has described fending off thousands of "robber bees" as they raided her shop in a brazen attempt to steal honey. "Fall beekeeping is very intense — trying to help bees hunker down against other bees and wasps and keep the food stores that they've worked so hard for," said McDonald, who has previously seen raids on his outdoor hives — but never on the store. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Dan Caine visited Puerto Rico on Monday, as the Pentagon looks to intensify military operations against drug cartels based in Latin American countries. The unannounced visit was disclosed in a social media post by Puerto Rico Gov. Jennifer González-Colón (R). It follows last week's deadly military strike against a vessel in the Caribbean Sea that President Donald Trump said was smuggling narcotics from Venezuela and bound for the United States. "Seven 'narco-terrorists' were killed in the operation, the president has said.	https://tiny.cc/20250910epstein08	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	epstein, scandal, 20250910epstein08
Canadian spiky store owner foils honey heist by marauding swarm of 'robber bees'	Weird World	"Monroe's departure from the CDC highlights a dilemma that any successor will face: Under Kennedy, no serious scientist can hold the job," Bloomberg's editorial board wrote. "The risk this vacuum of expertise could pose to Americans' health and safety is significant."	https://tiny.cc/20250910military04	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	canada, bees, wt, 20250910bees07
Hegseth visits Puerto Rico as Pentagon eyes island for military usage	Military / National Security	Federal employees tasked with responding to natural disasters and providing assistance to Americans in dire straits haven't all been using government resources as intended. As part of an investigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staff have been found to be using government resources to engage in sexually explicit behavior. U.S. Department of Homeland Security investigators identified employees working at a FEMA command center who they say were sending sexually explicit images via text, or sending, to foreign nationals and uploading the images using government devices. Florida's surgeon general said Sunday that he had not weighed the cost — in terms of infections, hospitalizations or deaths — of ending vaccine mandates in his state. But scientists who have done those calculations say those costs may be high. Infectious disease forecasters at Stanford University who recently looked at the effects of falling vaccination rates across the country found that in Florida alone, a 15% decline in vaccinations against measles over 25 years would lead to 1.1 million measles cases.	https://tiny.cc/20250910military04	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	military, puerto ri, 20250910military04
Bloomberg blasts RFK Jr.: 'No serious scientist can hold CDC job' under Kennedy	Health / Politics	The state is particularly vulnerable because of its large population and brisk tourism industry, according to lead study author Dr. Mathew Kiang, Disney World in Orlando has often been the site of measles cases imported from other countries, for example. Republican Sen. Ted Budd blasted FEMA for "snowed" funds to his state to recover from Hurricane Helene and said that he plans to use his leverage in the chamber to stall Department of Homeland Security nominees until the issue is addressed.	https://tiny.cc/20250910bloomberg11	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	rfk jr, bloomberg, 20250910bloomberg11
FEMA employees fired for using government systems to engage in sexually explicit behavior	Government / Misconduct	Florida's surgeon general said Sunday that he had not weighed the cost — in terms of infections, hospitalizations or deaths — of ending vaccine mandates in his state. But scientists who have done those calculations say those costs may be high. Infectious disease forecasters at Stanford University who recently looked at the effects of falling vaccination rates across the country found that in Florida alone, a 15% decline in vaccinations against measles over 25 years would lead to 1.1 million measles cases.	https://tiny.cc/20250910fema05	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	fema, misconduct, 20250910fema05
Florida's surgeon general said he didn't calculate the costs of ending vaccine mandates in the state. But scientists have.	Health / State Policy	The state is particularly vulnerable because of its large population and brisk tourism industry, according to lead study author Dr. Mathew Kiang, Disney World in Orlando has often been the site of measles cases imported from other countries, for example. Republican Sen. Ted Budd blasted FEMA for "snowed" funds to his state to recover from Hurricane Helene and said that he plans to use his leverage in the chamber to stall Department of Homeland Security nominees until the issue is addressed.	https://tiny.cc/20250910hurricane16	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	hurricane, climat, 20250910hurricane21
GOP senator rails on Trump's DHS over slow pace of hurricane relief and vows to stall nominees	Politics / Disaster Response	Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz signed an executive order Sept. 8 to safeguard vaccine accessibility nearly two weeks after the Food and Drug Administration approved the latest round of COVID-19 vaccines. June is when the six-month long season begins, but the true bulk of hurricane activity occurs from mid-August through September and into the first half of October. Right in the middle is September 10, the statistical high point of the season. The National Hurricane Center expects the Atlantic to remain quiet for at least the next week. If that happens, it would be the farthest into September the Atlantic has gone without a named storm forming since 1992, according to the National Weather Service in New Orleans. Borne was the first September storm that year, forming on September 18.	https://tiny.cc/20250910hurricane21	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	hurricane, climat, 20250910hurricane21
Gov. Tim Walz to maintain COVID-19 vaccine access in Minnesota despite new FDA guidelines	Health / State Policy	Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers used to have to fill out paperwork before they arrested someone. Now, they in force of President Donald Trump's mass deportation agenda, that requirement has been scrapped. Anger and frustration rippled through Southern California's immigrant rights community on Monday, after the U.S. Supreme Court lifted restrictions on roving patrols and racial profiling during immigration stops. "Trump's hand-picked Supreme Court majority just became the Grand Marshal for a parade of racial terror in Los Angeles," Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a statement. "This isn't about enforcing immigration laws — it's about targeting Latinos and anyone who doesn't look or sound like Stephen Miller's idea of an American, including U.S. citizens and children, to deliberately harm California's families and small businesses," he added, referring to the White House deputy chief of staff for policy who has been instrumental in shaping Trump's hard-line immigration policies.	https://tiny.cc/20250910ice18	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	ice, trump, dhs, 20250910hurricane16
Why Atlantic hurricane season has gone silent	Environment / Climate	President Donald Trump's bid to fire the Lisa Cook, a member of the Federal Reserve board, is likely legal and she should not be immediately reinstated, a federal judge ruled Tuesday. White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt unleashed an angry, nonsensical tirade Tuesday claiming that she'd never said the Jeffrey Epstein files were a "hoax." Actually, she'd said it less than 24 hours before. "I did not say the documents are a hoax," Leavitt snapped. "I said the entire narrative surrounding Jeffrey Epstein right now that is absorbing many of the liberal cable channels on television is a hoax, that is being perpetuated by opportunistic Democrats—" she ranted.	https://tiny.cc/20250910ice18	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	epstein, trump, si, 20250910epstein03
ICE Scraps Paperwork Rules So Masked Agents Can Arrest People Faster	Immigration / Enforcement	President Donald Trump's bid to fire the Lisa Cook, a member of the Federal Reserve board, is likely legal and she should not be immediately reinstated, a federal judge ruled Tuesday. White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt unleashed an angry, nonsensical tirade Tuesday claiming that she'd never said the Jeffrey Epstein files were a "hoax." Actually, she'd said it less than 24 hours before. "I did not say the documents are a hoax," Leavitt snapped. "I said the entire narrative surrounding Jeffrey Epstein right now that is absorbing many of the liberal cable channels on television is a hoax, that is being perpetuated by opportunistic Democrats—" she ranted.	https://tiny.cc/20250910ice18	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	epstein, trump, si, 20250910epstein03
Immigrants in Southern California go on high alert after Supreme Court ruling	Immigration / Public Safety	President Donald Trump's bid to fire the Lisa Cook, a member of the Federal Reserve board, is likely legal and she should not be immediately reinstated, a federal judge ruled Tuesday. White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt unleashed an angry, nonsensical tirade Tuesday claiming that she'd never said the Jeffrey Epstein files were a "hoax." Actually, she'd said it less than 24 hours before. "I did not say the documents are a hoax," Leavitt snapped. "I said the entire narrative surrounding Jeffrey Epstein right now that is absorbing many of the liberal cable channels on television is a hoax, that is being perpetuated by opportunistic Democrats—" she ranted.	https://tiny.cc/20250910ice18	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	epstein, trump, si, 20250910epstein03
Judge blocks Trump's bid to fire Lisa Cook from Federal Reserve board	Economy / Federal Reserve	President Donald Trump's bid to fire the Lisa Cook, a member of the Federal Reserve board, is likely legal and she should not be immediately reinstated, a federal judge ruled Tuesday. White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt unleashed an angry, nonsensical tirade Tuesday claiming that she'd never said the Jeffrey Epstein files were a "hoax." Actually, she'd said it less than 24 hours before. "I did not say the documents are a hoax," Leavitt snapped. "I said the entire narrative surrounding Jeffrey Epstein right now that is absorbing many of the liberal cable channels on television is a hoax, that is being perpetuated by opportunistic Democrats—" she ranted.	https://tiny.cc/20250910ice18	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	epstein, trump, si, 20250910epstein03
Leavitt Says Epstein Files Aren't Fake—Just the Ones About Trump	Politics / Scandal	President Donald Trump's bid to fire the Lisa Cook, a member of the Federal Reserve board, is likely legal and she should not be immediately reinstated, a federal judge ruled Tuesday. White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt unleashed an angry, nonsensical tirade Tuesday claiming that she'd never said the Jeffrey Epstein files were a "hoax." Actually, she'd said it less than 24 hours before. "I did not say the documents are a hoax," Leavitt snapped. "I said the entire narrative surrounding Jeffrey Epstein right now that is absorbing many of the liberal cable channels on television is a hoax, that is being perpetuated by opportunistic Democrats—" she ranted.	https://tiny.cc/20250910ice18	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-10	epstein, trump, si, 20250910epstein03

Meet the woman claiming to be tipster behind Hyundai factory raid that sparked international fallout	Economy / Labor	A woman who claims she tipped off federal immigration authorities to workers at a Hyundai plant in Georgia, sparking an international row, is a MAGA apologist and congressional hopeful. Tor Brunan, a former U.S. Marine, who has accepted the online moniker of "MAGA Karen," is running for District 12 Congress in the Peach State.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910hyunda19	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hyundai-whistleblower-20250910hyunda19	2025-09-10	hyunda, whistle20250910hyunda19
New Mexico will be the first state to make child care free	State Policy / Childcare	In an unprecedented move, New Mexico is making child care free. Beginning in November, it will be the first state in the nation to provide child care to all residents regardless of income. Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham announced this week.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910childcare01	https://www.yahoo.com/news/new-mexico-child-care-20250910childcare01	2025-09-10	newmexico, child20250910childcare01
Newsom escalates clash with Trump in State of the State, declares California under siege	Politics / State	Gov. Gavin Newsom used his written State of the State address Tuesday to cast California as a bulwark against a menacing Trump administration he accused of dismantling public services, flouting the rule of law and using extortion to bully businesses and universities.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910newsom08	https://www.yahoo.com/news/newsom-trump-20250910newsom08	2025-09-10	newsom, trump, 20250910newsom08
He's a nut': Hill Republicans sour on Trump housing official Bill Pulte	Politics / Government	Republicans on Capitol Hill are privately expressing growing discontent with a top Trump administration housing official who has thrust himself to the center of the president's campaign against the Federal Reserve.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910pulte02	https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-trump-20250910pulte02	2025-09-10	republicans, trump20250910pulte02
Police arrested a 13-year-old in Washington state who had 'everything ready to go' for a mass shooting	Crime / Public Safety	"I think he's a nut," one House Republican said of Pulte. (Like others in the story, the lawmaker was greeted anonymously to speak candidly about sensitive dynamics within the Trump administration.)	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910shooting05	https://www.yahoo.com/news/washington-mass-shooting-20250910shooting05	2025-09-10	washington, mass20250910shooting05
RFK Jr.'s latest 'Make America Healthy Again' report calls for more scrutiny of vaccines and autism	Health / Policy	The 20-page report, overseen by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., echoes many of the talking points Kennedy and those in his wide-ranging and politically diverse "MAHA" movement have united around. The document promises to put an end to childhood diseases and to make children healthier, but does not lay out regulatory changes to ensure an overhaul of Americans' health.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910rfk03	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jr-vaccines-20250910rfk03	2025-09-10	rfk jr, vaccines, a20250910rfk03
Supreme Court's Fourth Amendment order highlights the shadow docket problem	Supreme Court / Legal	Among the report's recommendations is a call for more rigorous government investigations into vaccine injuries, a move that could stir more uproar as lawmakers raise alarm over how the health secretary's anti-vaccine policies have thrown the nation's public health agency into weeks of tumult.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910supremecourt15	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-20250910supremecourt15	2025-09-10	supreme court, 20250910supremecourt15
Supreme Court lifts restrictions on LA immigration stops set after agents swept up US citizens	Immigration / Supreme Court	"It lacks details on how the Administration plans to address those issues and omits key drivers that harm children's health, including gun violence and environmental hazards," Kressy said of the report. "We also cannot ignore the fact that this report is being published in the context of other recent harmful actions by the Administration and Congress that undermine many of the report's recommendations."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910supremecourt06	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-20250910supremecourt06	2025-09-10	supreme court, 20250910supremecourt06
How Weed Surveillance Drones Destroyed the Lives of These Californians	Drugs / Surveillance	The court's 6-3 decision followed a pattern of at least temporarily allowing some of the Republican administration's harshest policies, while leaving room for the possibility of a different outcome after the legal case plays out fully. The net effect, meanwhile, has Trump pushing ahead in many of the areas he considers most critical.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910weed02	https://www.yahoo.com/news/weed-drones-20250910weed02	2025-09-10	weed, drones, ca20250910weed02
Trump shares video highlighting discredited theory linking vaccines to autism	Political Censorship	Justice Brett Kavanaugh made a case last week for ditching the "shadow docket" label to describe Supreme Court actions. It was an unconvincing case when he made it, and it became even less convincing just a few days later, when he was the only justice Monday to explain his decision to grant the Trump administration relief in a Fourth Amendment case.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910trump05	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-misinform-20250910trump05	2025-09-10	trump, misinformation20250910trump05
Two brothers have the same genetic disorder. Their insurance only covered life-altering treatment for one of them	Health / Insurance	The majority did not explain its reasoning, as is typical on the court's emergency docket. But Justice Brett Kavanaugh said the lower-court judge had gone too far in restricting how Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents can carry out brief stops for questioning. "The prospect of such after-the-fact judicial second-guessing and contempt proceedings will inevitably chill lawful immigration enforcement efforts," he wrote in a concurrence.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250910insurance14	https://www.yahoo.com/news/health-insurance-20250910insurance14	2025-09-10	health, insurance20250910insurance14
US supreme court 'effectively legalized racial profiling,' immigration experts warn	Supreme Court / Civil Rights	Drone photos of the property spurred the county to allege a series of building code violations. These citations drew Meyer into a doctored six-year fight to save his property, as Sonoma's covert cannabis surveillance operation warped into an attack on less affluent residents. For dozens if not hundreds of people, a crackdown on unlicensed cannabis crops has led to six-figure fines, forfeitures, and evictions. The result has been tears and devastation—even for folks, such as Meyer, who did not grow cannabis at all.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909phonerevel020	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-20250909phonerevel020	2025-09-10	supreme court, 20250909phonerevel020
"Apple to unveil new iPhone lineup"	Business & Economy	President Donald Trump on Monday posted a video to his social media account promoting the discredited theory that vaccines cause autism. The decades-old video, in part, features David Geier, who Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. tapped this spring to investigate links between vaccines and autism, alongside his father, Dr. Mark Geier, whose medical license was suspended following claims he endangered children with autism. The anti-vaccine activists have published numerous studies on the topic and discuss some of their lies in the video, which circulated around the internet Monday after Trump shared it.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/apple-iphone-20250909phonerevel020	2025-09-09	apple, iPhone, 20250909phonerevel020
"How Silicon Valley enabled China's digital police state"	Tech & Privacy	In March, Noah received pioneering gene therapy to improve his mobility and quality of life through Allison's health insurance plan. But when Hunter's application was submitted in late May, authorization for exactly the same treatment was denied. "The reason on our denial letters is that it's not medically necessary," the mom-of-three said from her home in Winnetka, just outside Chicago. "It was very blindsiding. They didn't even deny my other son, it was approved the first go. So I was very taken aback."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909congoattack18	https://www.yahoo.com/news/china-surveillance-20250909chinaipolcaste17	2025-09-09	china, surveillance20250909chinaipolcaste17
"At least 60 people were killed in an overnight rebel attack in eastern Congo"	Conflict & War	Immigration advocates warned that the supreme court has "effectively legalized racial profiling," granting federal agents the power to stop people in Los Angeles simply for speaking Spanish or appearing Latino — and opening the door, they say, to a broader unraveling of civil rights protections nationwide.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909congoattack18	https://www.yahoo.com/news/congo-rebel-20250909congoattack18	2025-09-09	congo, Rebel At20250909congoattack18
"In Port of Los Angeles, Eco Wave Power taps ocean for clean energy"	Environment & Climate	The new iPhones will be the first to be released since President Donald Trump returned to the White House and unleashed a barrage of tariffs, in what his administration says is an attempt to bring overseas manufacturing back to the U.S. — a crusade that Apple CEO Tim Cook into the hot seat.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909ecowavepower24	https://www.yahoo.com/news/los-angeles-wa-20250909ecowavepower24	2025-09-09	los angeles, wa20250909ecowavepower24
"Legislators topple France's government in confidence vote crisis"	World Politics	Critically, American surveillance technologies allowed a brutal mass detention campaign in the far west region of Xinjiang — targeting, tracking and grading virtually the entire native Uyghur population to forcibly assimilate and subdue them.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909francevote19	https://www.yahoo.com/news/france-parliament-20250909francevote19	2025-09-09	france, Parliament20250909francevote19
"Most think personal choices drive poverty: AP-NORC poll"	Economy & Inequality	Rebels in eastern Congo affiliated with the Islamic State group killed at least 60 people in an attack overnight, an official said.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909povertytop25	https://www.yahoo.com/news/poverty-poll-20250909povertytop25	2025-09-09	poverty, Poll, Hoi20250909povertytop25
"Activists and day laborers use radios and whistles to avoid immigration agents at Home Depot"	Borders & Immigration	At a Home Depot parking lot, a man patrols on a bicycle for federal immigration agents, toting a megaphone on his hip so he can blast a warning to day laborers waiting to land a landscaping or construction job.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909pakistanfloods22	https://www.yahoo.com/news/immigration-ice-20250909immigrationavoidance15	2025-09-09	immigration, ICE20250909immigrationavoidance15
"Rescuers and military evacuate 100,000 from flooded Pakistan city"	Climate / Disasters	Their work is cut out for them. Agents have raided the lot outside the 108,000 square-foot Home Depot store in the Van Nuys neighborhood of Los Angeles at least five times this summer, rounding up some immigrants and sending others running in search of safety.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909rainwaterharvest23	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pakistan-floods-20250909pakistanfloods22	2025-09-09	pakistan, Floods,20250909pakistanfloods22
"How rainwater harvesting can benefit the US Southwest and beyond"	Environment & Climate	Rescuers backed by the military evacuated nearly 100,000 people overnight from a central Pakistani city, some of whom described enduring scorching heat in tents and open areas after floodwaters submerged their homes and swept away farmland.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909hyundaworkers18	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rainwater, South20250909rainwaterharvest23	2025-09-09	rainwater, South20250909rainwaterharvest23
"Lawyer says South Korean engineers and installers were doing authorized work at Hyundai"	Courts & Justice	In the U.S. Southwest and beyond, home gardeners and landscapers are increasingly using collected rainwater to nourish their rose bushes and cactus gardens amid worsening drought and rising temperatures fueled by global warming.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909immigrationtopstap21	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hyundai, South #20250909hyundaworkers18	2025-09-09	hyundai, South #20250909hyundaworkers18
"Supreme Court lifts restrictions on LA immigration stops"	Politics / Justice	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909securityclearance26	https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-20250909immigrationtopstap21	2025-09-09	supreme court, 20250909immigrationtopstap21
"Democrats seek information on Trump administration's security clearance revocations"	Politics / Censorship	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chasebank07	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-security-20250909securityclearance26	2025-09-09	trump, Security 20250909securityclearance26
"Hotel workers share 11 'polite' habits from guests which they secretly hate - you're probably guilty of no. 2"	Weird World	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909genzdream02	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"How Chase bank executives aided Epstein and funneled his money - despite staff concerns about the pedophile"	Society & Culture	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"Donald Trump's Incredible Shrinking Economy"	Economy & Inequality	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"Supreme Court allows immigration agents to resume 'roving patrols' in L.A., siding with Trump"	Courts / Immigration	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"Trump Slaps His Name on Infrastructure Projects Funded by Biden"	Political Censorship	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"Gen Z is Forcing Us to Rethink the American Dream"	Society & Culture	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"Chinese cyber spies impersonated key U.S. lawmakers"	Tech / Cybersecurity	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"Top Trump critics Swalwell, Crockett and Moskowitz named to Jan. 6 panel"	Politics / Jan. 6	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"Jobs report: Trump tariffs, policy uncertainty create mixed signals"	Economy / Jobs	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"Supreme Court lifts LA ICE raids limits in Trump immigration policy win"	Courts / Immigration	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"MAGA claims Trump signature in Epstein birthday book is fake"	Political Censorship	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"Trump's alleged drawing in Epstein birthday book released by Democrats"	Political Censorship	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"SSI: Trump admin looking to cut certain disability benefits"	Government / Social Programs	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"Trump appeals foreign aid freeze to Supreme Court"	Courts / Foreign Policy	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"As Ebola outbreak kills 16 people in Congo, WHO official says Trump's aid cuts 'will definitely have an impact'"	Health & Medicine	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"France's government collapses"	Global / Europe	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07
"Immigration crackdowns in Illinois, Massachusetts begin"	Borders / Immigration	started, then took a mental health day	https://thn.tiny.us/20250909chinaipolcaste17	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chase-bank-20250909chasebank07	2025-09-09	chase bank, Epi20250909chasebank07

"The fate of children who don't get vaccinated"	Health / Vaccines	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/health11	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Vaccines, Childr, 20250909/health11
"Do You See the Same Colors That I Do?"	Science & Technology	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/colorperception03	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Science, Vision, 120250909/colorperception03
"Peru accused of violating human rights after government rejects reserve for uncontacted people"	Human Rights	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/peru/humanrights05	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Peru, Human Rig, 20250909/peru/humanrights05
"Between Moon Tides: hacking nature to save the saltmarsh sparrow documentary"	Environment & Climate	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/moon/humanrights05	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Environment, Bn, 20250909/saltmarshsparrow10
"Amazon fires 150 unionized third-party drivers, Teamsters says"	Labor & Unions	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/amazonunion08	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Amazon, Labor, 120250909/amazonunion08
"Meta hid harms to children from VR products, whistleblowers allege"	Tech & Privacy	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/metachildren08	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Meta, VR, Childr, 20250909/metachildren08
"Only Murders in the Building review – does this show just need to die now?"	Arts & Media	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/onlymurders04	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Television, Reviw, 20250909/onlymurders04
"Fervent admirer: how Johnson courted Saudi officials for private gain"	Political / Ceaspool	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/bojohnsaudia02	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Boris Johnson, S, 20250909/bojohnsaudia02
"He crossed 26 miles in a kayak made from mushrooms – and lived to tell the tale"	Weird World	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/mushroomkayak12	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Weird World, Mu, 20250909/mushroomkayak12
"As Covid surges in the US, Americans can't get vaccinated: 'terrified I might kill somebody'"	Health & Medicine	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/covidcanget01	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Covid, Vaccines, 20250909/covidcanget01
"Survivor's Island: coyotes seen paddling across deep San Francisco Bay waters"	Weird World	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/coyoteswim13	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Weird World, Co, 20250909/coyoteswim13
"House committee releases image of apparent Trump birthday note and entire Epstein album"	Political / Ceaspool	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/trumpalbum01	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Epstein, 120250909/trumpalbum01
"Court rejects Trump's attempt to overturn E Jean Carroll's \$83m verdict"	Courts & Justice	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/courtverdict09	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, E Jean C, 20250909/courtverdict09
"The climate solution both the right and the left can get behind"	Environment & Climate	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/climatesolution11	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Climate, Solar, B, 20250909/climatesolution11
"Doorbell prankster that tormented residents of German apartments turns out to be a slug"	Weird World	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/slugdoorbell14	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Climate, Solar, B, 20250909/climatesolution11
"Trump says he is ready to impose new sanctions on Russia. What might happen now?"	Foreign Policy	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/ussanctions03	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Weird World, Ge, 20250909/slugdoorbell14
"Nepal's prime minister resigns after social media ban sparks deadly protests"	World Politics	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/nepalresign07	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Russia, S, 20250909/ussanctions03
"Hegseth visits Puerto Rico as Pentagon eyes island for military usage"	Military & Defense	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/hegsethpuerto04	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Nepal, Protests, 120250909/nepalresign07
"S takeaways from the new Epstein documents"	Political / Ceaspool	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/epsteindocs02	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Puerto Rico, Pen, 20250909/hegsethpuerto04
"What Americans think about socialism and capitalism, according to a new Gallup poll"	Elections & Campaigns	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/galluppoll02	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Epstein, Scandal, 20250909/epsteindocs02
"Arizona Republicans seek to expel lawmaker who reposted for real information"	Political / Ceaspool	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/arizonaexpel14	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Poll, Socialism, C, 20250909/galluppoll02
"It's going to get ugly: L.A. immigrants fear the worst as Supreme Court allows raids to resume"	Borders & Immigration	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/laraidsresume01	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Arizona, Republ, C, 20250909/arizonaexpel14
"Chief Justice lets Trump remove member of Federal Trade Commission for now"	Courts / Government	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/courts17	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Immigration, Sup, 20250909/laraidsresume01
"These are the conditions that make you eligible for an updated Covid-19 vaccine"	Health / Vaccines	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/covidvaccine01	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, FTC, Chi, 20250909/courts17
"DHS announces 'Midway Blitz' ICE operation in Chicago"	Borders / Immigration	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/dhsborder19	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	COVID-19, Vacc, 20250909/covidvaccine01
"Florida surgeon general says he didn't study whether ending vaccine mandate would increase diseases"	Health / Policy	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/flsurgeon22	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	DHS, ICE, Immig, 20250909/dhsborder19
"Florida surgeon general says he didn't need to study impact of ending vaccine mandate"	Health / Policy	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/flsurgeon25	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Florida, Surgeon, 20250909/flsurgeon22
"Friend of Michael Brown who helped spark 'hands up, don't shoot' chant dies after being shot in Ferguson"	Crime & Policing	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/brownsfriend04	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Florida, Surgeon, 20250909/flsurgeon22
"The 'godfather of AI' says it will create 'massive' unemployment, make the rich richer, and rob people of their dignity"	Tech / AI	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/godfatherai10	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Florida, Surgeon, 20250909/flsurgeon22
"Indiscriminate ICE raids in L.A. can resume: What rights do you have?"	Borders & Immigration	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/icerights10	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Florida, Surgeon, 20250909/flsurgeon22
"JD Vance's Old Epstein Plot Comes Back to Bite Him"	Political / Ceaspool	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/vanceepstein13	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Immigration, ICE, 20250909/icerights10
"The Job Market is Hell"	Economy / Jobs	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/economy09	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	JD Vance, Epstei, 20250909/vanceepstein13
"Just Got My First Tariff Bill! People Are Sharing How The 'Trump Tax' Is Showing Up in Their Lives"	Economy & Inequality	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/trumptariff08	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Jobs, Economy, 120250909/economy09
"Noem says roundup of Koreans at Hyundai plant in Georgia won't deter investment in the US"	Labor & Unions	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/noemhyundai09	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Tariffs, E, 20250909/trumptariff08
"Lettia James will 'step in to defend' New York doctor accused of mailing abortion pills to Texas"	Courts & Justice	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/lettiames22	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Kristi Noem, Hyu, 20250909/noemhyundai09
"Nancy Mace explains why she broke down meeting Epstein victims — but then backed Trump's 'hoax' claims hours later"	Political / Ceaspool	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/maceepstein15	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Lettia James, Ab, 20250909/lettiames22
"Nearly 500 workers were taken in a raid at Hyundai's battery plant. In a quiet Georgia town, the silence is deafening"	Borders / Immigration	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/borders31	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Nancy Mace, Epi, 20250909/maceepstein15
"Never seen anything like it — what Trump's favorite phrase says about his presidency"	Political / Ceaspool	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/trumpphrase21	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Hyundai, Immigr, 20250909/borders31
"One of the world's most sacred places is being turned into a luxury mega-resort"	Global / Environment	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/global18	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Presiden, 20250909/trumpphrase21
"Donald Trump's Rose Garden Debut Is Going Viral For All Of The Wrong Reasons"	Political / Ceaspool	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/politicalceaspool03	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Sacred Site, Res, 20250909/global18
"RFK Jr. Wants to 'Prevent Catastrophe' With Non-Existent System"	Political / Ceaspool	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/rfkastroph06	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Rose Gar, 20250909/politicalceaspool03
"The 'serious red flag' for a potential school shooter? An obsession with other mass shooters"	Crime & Policing	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/schoolshooting09	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	RFK Jr., Politics, 20250909/rfkastroph06
"Supreme Court Embraces Racial Profiling By ICE in LA"	Borders & Immigration	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/supremecourt18	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	School Shooting, 20250909/schoolshooting09
"Supreme Court grants Trump administration's emergency request for 'roving patrols'"	Courts / Immigration	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/courts09	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Supreme Court, 120250909/supremecourt18
"Supreme Court upholds 'roving patrols' for immigration stops in Los Angeles"	Courts / Immigration	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/courts13	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Supreme Court, 120250909/supremecourt18
"Texas lawmakers finally approve plan for new standardized testing for public school students"	Education / Policy	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/texaseducation27	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Texas, Standard, 20250909/texaseducation27
"Trump Appointee's Job in Jeopardy Over X-Rated Cowboy Story He Wrote"	Political / Ceaspool	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/politicalceaspool24	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Appointee, 20250909/politicalceaspool24
"Trump Republican tries to have it both ways — and plays the price"	Politics / GOP Divide	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/politics26	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Republic, 20250909/politics26
"Trump shares video highlighting discredited theory linking vaccines to autism"	Health / Disinformation	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/trumpvaccine11	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Vaccines, 20250909/politics26
"Trump Suggests Domestic Violence Isn't Really A Crime And Critics Pounce"	Political / Ceaspool	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/trumpcrime11	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Vaccines, 20250909/politics26
"Trump trade and immigration agendas collide in Hyundai raid"	Labor & Unions	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/trumptrade03	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Domestic, 20250909/trumpvaccine11
"Voters Wanted Cheaper Groceries — Americans Are Slamming Trump's 'Rose Garden Club' Dinner Party"	Economy & Inequality	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/voterscheaper09	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Hyundai, 20250909/hyundai03
"Why some Republicans are newly worried about RFK Jr."	Politics / GOP Divide	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/politics14	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Economy, 20250909/voterscheaper09
"Amid Vaccine Controversy, Pfizer Says New Covid Shots Are Effective"	Health & Medicine	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/pfizernewshots05	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	RFK Jr., Republ, 20250909/politics14
"Screwworms, a flesh-eating parasite, have U.S. officials and ranchers bracing for infestation following 1st reported human case last month"	Health / Disease	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/screwworms15	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Pfizer, Covid, Vie, 20250909/pfizernewshots05
"Mean guy: Trump rips into Biden at Bible Museum for going after anti-abortion activists and violent Jan. 6 rioters"	Politics / Trump	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/politics30	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Screwworms, Pa, 20250909/health15
"Why getting vaccinated protects more than just you"	Health / Vaccines	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250909/health17	https://www.rptv.com	2025-09-09	Trump, Biden, Bi, 20250909/politics30
"Kriti Noem joins 'Five Eyes' ministers at border security meeting in London"	Global / Security	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/global15	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/global15	2025-09-08	Vaccines, Health, 20250908/health17
"Fact-checking RFK Jr.'s testimony during Thursday's hearing"	Politics / Fact Check	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/politics16	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/politics16	2025-09-08	Kriti Noem, Five, 20250908/global15
"President Donald Trump said Friday he didn't know 'anything' about what the New York Times reported was a classified 2019 SEAL Team 6 mission in North Korea in which unarmed North Korean civilians were killed during an aborted operation."	Politics / Fact Check	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/politics06	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/politics06	2025-09-08	RFK Jr., Fact Ch, 20250908/politics16
"Trump says he doesn't know 'anything' about reported violent, failed SEAL Team 6 mission in North Korea"	Military / Foreign Policy	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/military06	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/military06	2025-09-08	Trump, SEAL Te, 20250908/military06
"Trump signs executive order creating 'state sponsor of wrongful detention' designation"	Government / Policy	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/government08	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/government08	2025-09-08	Trump, Executive, 20250908/government08
"How Florida's planned coral 'baby boom' will help fortify its coastal reef system"	Climate / Environment	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/climate18	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/climate18	2025-09-08	Florida, Coral Re, 20250908/climate18
"RFK Jr. Lets Slip His Trump Flattery Was All for Show"	Political / Ceaspool	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/politics08	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/politics08	2025-09-08	RFK Jr., Trump, 120250908/politics08
"Health Secretary RFK Jr. to link Autism and Tylenol use in pregnancy sending company's stock price spiraling"	Health / Policy	started, then took a mental health day	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/health28	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908/health28	2025-09-08	RFK Jr., Autism, 120250908/health28

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"Hyundai has for decades poured billions into America's South. Then ICE rattled its biggest US project yet."	Economy / Labor	South Korea's leaders are now scrambling to contain the fallout both at home and in the United States.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908economy35	https://finance.ya	2025-09-08	Hyundai, Econom	20250908economy35
"Trump's Attendance At U.S. Open Men's Final On Sunday Takes Center Court As Organizers Demand Broadcasters Not Air Boos & Protests - Yahoo Sports"	Political Cesspool	A memo sent to the likes of ESPN and Sky Sports this afternoon from the United States Tennis Association asks "all broadcasters to refrain from showcasing any disruptions or reactions in response to the President's attendance in any capacity."	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908politicalceessp04	https://sports.ya	2025-09-08	Trump, US Open	20250908politicalceessp04
		A Trump administration plan to remove thousands of agriculture employees from Washington, D.C., is raising concerns among economists, who fear that such a move could erode expertise in a workforce reluctant to relocate. The plan — a cost-saving strategy that would consolidate U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) operations and bring workers closer to their customers — would move 2,800 out of 4,600 D.C.-based employees to five regional hubs.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908government20	https://thehill.co	2025-09-08	USDA, Trump, G	20250908government20
"USDA move sparks concerns over expertise and resignations"	Government / USDA	Declaring a national emergency allows the President to bypass Congress to take a range of actions limited to the 137 emergency powers defined by law, as well as an additional 13 statutory powers if Congress declares a national emergency. During his second term, Trump has so far declared nine national emergencies, mostly touching on immigration and trade, as well as a 10th "crime emergency" in Washington, D.C. Trump has used his emergency powers to impose sweeping tariffs on much of the world, as well as to give the military oversight over immigration enforcement.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908economy12				
		Congress can terminate a national emergency by passing legislation, although the President can veto the resolution unless it reaches a supermajority. Otherwise, a national emergency can technically go on forever, so long as it is reaffirmed every year.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908economy12				
		The U.S. housing crisis has been developing over the last two decades, driven by a persistent housing supply shortage and accelerated by the 2008 financial crisis, after which home construction never recovered. Some estimates suggest that the U.S. is short around 4 million homes, while housing deficits are worst in Greater New York and Los Angeles.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908economy12	https://time.com/	2025-09-08	Trump, Housing,	20250908economy12
"What Trump Declaring a National Housing Emergency Would Mean"	Economy / Housing	Last Tuesday, Rep. Tom Massie of Kentucky introduced a measure that would force the full House to vote on a bill requiring the Department of Justice to release all it knows related to disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein and those who have accused him of sexual abuse. A day later, Epstein's alleged victims stood on the steps of the Capitol to draw more attention to Massie's discharge petition. It worked. The rally was the talk of Washington, as women after women spoke graphically about where their interactions with Epstein led, upping the ante on the House to move.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908politicalceessp06	https://time.com/	2025-09-08	Epstein, Congres	20250908courts19
		Trump administration officials are perplexed, as many people are, by House Speaker Mike Johnson's claims that Donald Trump was an FBI informant in the case against Jeffrey Epstein, who died by suicide in 2019 while awaiting trial on charges he sexually abused and trafficked scores of underage girls. The president and Epstein had a well-documented friendship.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908politicalceessp06				
		Johnson then added the head-scratching claim that Trump "was an FBI informant to try to take this stuff down."	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908politicalceessp06				
		According to five Trump administration officials and others close to the president, Johnson's "informant" claim on Thursday sparked widespread confusion within the ranks of Trump's government, with several senior officials blindsided or just completely perplexed by what the Trump-aligned House speaker could have possibly meant.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908politicalceessp06	https://uk.news.v	2025-09-08	Mike Johnson, T	20250908politicalceessp06
"What the Hell? House Speaker Confuses White House With Claim Trump Was an FBI Snitch"	Political Cesspool	Police in Czechia have arrested a man they allege has been driving a red racing car illegally on highways near Prague since 2019.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908weirdworld09	https://www.spc-	2025-09-08	Czechia, Ferrar	20250908weirdworld09
"Czech police arrest man for driving Ferrari-branded racing car on highway"	Weird World	President Trump said he's supportive of vaccines on Friday, breaking with Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908weirdworld04				
		"I think you have to be very careful when you say that some people don't have to be vaccinated," Trump said of Kennedy's vaccine mandates for children.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908weirdworld04				
"Trump breaks from RFK on vaccines: 'Pure and simple, they work'"	Health / Policy	They're just, pure and simple — they work," he added. "They're not controversial at all. And I think those vaccines should be used."	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908health04	https://www.abc	2025-09-08	Trump, RFK Jr.,	20250908health04
		President Trump on Saturday threatened to unleash "the Department of WAR" on Chicago in a Truth Social image evoking the film "Apocalypse Now."	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908politicalceessp10				
"Trump threatens Chicago with 'Department of WAR' ahead of planned crackdowns"	Political Cesspool	Language that seemingly threatens to wage war on an American city is a significant escalation from Trump who has already deployed the National Guard to support his immigration crackdowns in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908politicalceessp10	https://www.abc	2025-09-08	Trump, Chicago,	20250908politicalceessp10
		AI anxiety is real, behavioral scientist Lily Jampol told Axios. "A lot of it is tied up in uncertainty, because things are moving so quickly."	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908tech07				
		Workers also say they're worried that their organizations will implement AI irresponsibly. And, Jampol adds, they feel a sense of powerlessness when they're not the ones making the decisions in their organizations about AI.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908tech07	https://www.abc	2025-09-08	AI, CEOs, Jobs,	20250908tech07
"Why CEOs should worry about AI anxiety"	Tech / AI	"AI won't eliminate jobs, leaders will," she wrote in an email to Axios.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908tech07	https://www.abc	2025-09-08	AI, CEOs, Jobs,	20250908tech07
		Deadly airstrikes and military buildups Americans usually associate with faraway wars are creeping closer to home, as the Trump administration amasses power on the southern border and in the Caribbean.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908military09				
		Congress, in the meantime, has not authorized war with cartels and gangs like Tien de Aragua. Strugglers are typically seen as criminals, not combatants. They are often captured, not bombed.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908military09	https://www.abc	2025-09-08	Trump, Military,	20250908military09
"Trump 2.0 refashions U.S. military muscle"	Military / Defense	Edow said he's already referred multiple cases for denaturalization to the Department of Justice. More referrals are coming, he said, but he wouldn't say how many.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908borders08				
		Edow said the current citizenship exam is too easy to pass.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908borders08				
		"Ultimately, what I'd like to see is moving to a standardized test where an applicant goes beforehand to a testing center, answers the questions, we'll get a sense of whether they understand what's going on," he said, as opposed to the current 10-question civics test.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908borders08				
"Trump's team plans harder test for U.S. citizenship — and more leeway to reject applicants"	Borders / Immigration	Edow also envisions an essay question on a subject such as, "What does it mean to be an American?" or "Who was your favorite founding father?" — "or something that is going to really show an attachment to the Constitution."	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908borders08	https://www.abc	2025-09-08	Trump, Immigra	20250908borders08
"Trump gave Putin what he wanted with Alaska summit, Zelensky says"	Global / Russia-Ukraine	President Trump gave Russian President Vladimir Putin "what he wanted" with last month's summit in Alaska, said Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who was not represented at the talks, in a recent interview.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908global05				
		The U.S. Treasury would have to refund about half the tariffs collected since President Trump took office if the Supreme Court rules they were imposed illegally, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Sunday.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908economy06				
"Trump tariffs would face 'terrible' refund hit on SCOTUS loss, Bessent says"	Economy / Tariffs	White House envoy Steve Witkoff sent a new proposal last week to Hamas for a Gaza hostage and ceasefire deal through an Israeli peace activist, two sources with direct knowledge told Axios.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908economy06	https://www.abc	2025-09-08	Trump, Tariffs,	20250908economy06
		A surge of recent licensing deals for Chinese drugs is sending new signals that the U.S. could be toppled as the world's biotech leader. It's part of a global power shift that's seen China emerge as a powerhouse in AI, chemistry and other areas, Andrei Iancu, undersecretary of commerce for intellectual property in the first Trump administration, told Axios.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908economy01				
"China pharma deals threaten U.S. biotech"	Economy / Trade	"Any way you cut it, any way you measure, they're basically pointing in the same direction. China taking the lead, already leading, or knocking on the door in these various areas," Iancu said.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908economy01	https://www.abc	2025-09-08	China, Biotech,	20250908economy01
		President Trump's visit to the U.S. Open men's finals yesterday sparked massive security lines outside Arthur Ashe Stadium that delayed the match and forced some fans to miss the start of play. Trump was met with boo and pockets of cheering when he was shown on the big screen inside the 24,000-seat stadium.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908borders03	https://www.abc	2025-09-08	Trump, US Open	20250908politicalceessp03
"Trump's U.S. Open appearance was a security nightmare for fans"	Political Cesspool	Interestingly, opposition to the idea of vaccination ended even before vaccines themselves. Vaccination — a precursor to modern immunisation, which used material from smallpox victims to induce a less serious reaction and immunity — was introduced in the UK and America in the 1720s.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908health14	https://www.bbc	2025-09-08	Vaccines, Anti-v	20250908health14
"The strange history of the anti-vaccine movement"	Health / History	There are several reasons for the shift in messaging and improved trends. For one, retailers' tools for tracking products became more accurate in recent years. Cities and states devoted extra resources to breaking up organized theft rings. Lawmakers and voters approved stiffer criminal penalties for smaller levels of theft and larger organized crime. And companies addressed by investing in internal security—including removing self-checkout stations and locking up products to the point it turned off customers.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908crime03	https://www.abc	2025-09-08	Shoplifting, Crim	20250908crime03
"What ever happened to America's shoplifting crisis?"	Crime / Economy	Workers described the scene as a "war zone." One hid in an air duct to avoid capture. Others tried to feed into a sewage pond, agents used a boat to fish them out and prosecutors later alleged one man tried to flip the vessel. By the end of the day, hundreds were gone. Construction at the 2,900-acre site stopped cold.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908borders02				
		The chilling effect was most obvious in local storefronts tailoring themselves to the labor force. At Viet Hung Supermarket in Elabell — one of three Vietnamese groceries owned by 51-year-old Viet Hung — the regular flow of Korean customers plummeted almost overnight.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908borders02	https://www.cnn	2025-09-08	Hyundai, Georgi	20250908borders02
"Hyundai plant raid: In a quiet Georgia town, the silence is deafening after nearly 500 workers were taken"	Borders / Immigration	Eight years ago — under President Trump's first term — Air Force Master Sgt. Logan Ireland needed a doctor's note diagnosing him with gender dysphoria to continue serving his country. Now, that same doctor's note is the reason why he's being kicked out of service.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908military12				
" Pentagon using medical records against trans troops to kick them out"	Military / Discrimination	Immigration agents are often given wide latitude in their work. That means a lot of what the public has been witnessing since President Trump took office — and may be shocked by — is likely legal.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908borders20	https://www.npr	2025-09-08	Pentagon, Trans	20250908military12
"What do you need to know if stopped by ICE?"	Borders / Immigration	A U.S. official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly has since confirmed to NPR that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has requested assistance from the Pentagon for ICE enforcement and removal operations in the Chicago metropolitan area.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908politics19	https://www.npr	2025-09-08	ICE, Immigration	20250908borders20
		"For Trump, it's about testing his power and producing a political drama to cover up his complicity," Pitlor said. "We are ready to fight troop deployments in court and we will do everything possible to ensure that agents operating inside the confines of this state do so in a legal and ethical manner."	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908politics19				
"Willi Trump sent National Guard to Chicago, Baltimore, New Orleans?"	Politics / Trump	We are deeply concerned and feel a heavy sense of responsibility over the arrests of our nationals, Foreign Minister Cho Hyun said at an emergency meeting in Seoul, according to the national 'Yonhap News Agency. He said South Korean President Lee Jae Myung called for all-out efforts to swiftly resolve the matter, 'Yonhap reported, "stressing that the rights and interests of South Korean nationals and the business operations of South Korean companies investing in the United States must not be infringed upon."	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908borders14	https://www.npr	2025-09-08	Trump, National	20250908politics19
		The AI Bible is up on Play, com, a for-profit company that claims to have "the world's #1 app for faith and prayer." The new AI videos are being warmly received online, according to Ryan Beck, Play's Chief Technology Officer. The viewers are mostly under 30 and skew male, though not too heavily.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908tech16				
"AI-generated Bible content stirs controversy"	Tech / AI	The jungle town of Leticia provides Colombia's only access to the Amazon River. But as the river changes course the town could soon be left high and dry and that's fueling a border dispute with neighboring Peru.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908climate15				
		Drought, sedimentation and meandering by the world's second largest river are gradually pushing the waterway farther south into Peru and away from Colombia. A Colombian Navy study predicts that within five years, Leticia could be landlocked.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908climate15	https://www.npr	2025-09-08	AI, Bible, Religio	20250908tech16
		Alarmed residents point out that, although Leticia has an airport, there are no highways connecting this town of 55,000 people at the southern-most tip of Colombia to any other region of the country. Most food and other supplies arrive here via Amazon River boats from Peru and Brazil.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908climate15	https://www.npr	2025-09-08	Amazon River, C	20250908climate15
"Shifting Amazon River puts Colombia's only port in jeopardy"	Climate / Environment	The U.N.'s Universal Postal Union (UPU) said the global postal network saw postal traffic enroute to the U.S. "come to a near halt" after Aug. 29, 2025, when the "de minimis" trade exemption that allowed small packages worth less than \$800 to be exempt from tariffs ended. Data between postal operators shows that traffic dropped 81% on Aug. 29 compared to a week earlier, the union said.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908economy13	https://www.npr	2025-09-08	Postal Service, T	20250908economy13
"Postal traffic to US drops more than 80% after trade exemption rule ends, UN agency says"	Economy / Trade	The Tru flip set the tone. So when Kellogg later dyed Frodo Loops with spices and juices, it did so in Canada, but not the U.S. Mars phased out artificial colors in M&M's in Europe, but not the U.S. The all-American, neon-yellow Kit Kat Mac & Cheese removed synthetic dyes stealthily, boasting in an ad campaign that neither moms, nor kids, nor anyone else really cares.	https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908health18				
"Food brands phase out artificial dyes, but Americans love the colors"	Health / Consumer		https://tiny.tiny.us/20250908health18				

		Routh is charged with attempting to assassinate a presidential candidate and four other counts, including federal weapons violations. A conviction on the attempted assassination charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. Routh, 59, has been in custody since September of last year. A Secret Service agent, who was part of Trump's security detail, says he saw a gun barrel poking from the tree like a few holes ahead of where the then-Republican presidential candidate was going at his West Palm Beach club. The agent said he fired at the person holding the gun. A man later identified as Routh fled the scene and was arrested a short time later driving north on Interstate 95.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908courts11		
"Trial opens for Ryan Routh in attempted Trump assassination"	Courts / Legal		https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-08	Ryan Routh, Tru 20250908courts11
"HHS responds to report about autism and acetaminophen"	Health / Science	There is no credible scientific evidence that acetaminophen causes autism or that leucovorin (a derivative of folic acid) can prevent the disorder, as the HHS report purportedly will suggest, according to reporting by the Wall Street Journal. In fact, those in the medical community, including the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, said in a statement that acetaminophen is safe and recommended for use in pregnancy, especially to treat fever and pain. "Untreated fever, particularly in the first trimester, increases the risk of miscarriage, birth defects, and premature birth, and untreated pain can lead to maternal depression, anxiety, and high blood pressure," the society said in its statement. The survey of 1,700 companies, conducted by Mercer, a benefits consultant, indicated that employers are anticipating the sharpest increases in medical costs in about 15 years. Higher drug costs, rising hospital prices and greater demand for care are all contributing factors, experts said.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908health10	2025-09-08	HHS, Autism, Aci 20250908health17
"Health Care Costs for Workers Begin to Climb"	Health / Economy	Without making any changes to benefits — which would involve moves like shifting more costs to workers or reducing benefits — employers said they expected next year's increases in health costs to reach nearly 9 percent on average. By altering plans, they projected increases overall of 6.5 percent on average in health costs next year. That display reminded many of the cold war, but it captured only a fraction of China's far greater modern influence, primarily built on a formidable economy, dramatic advancements in renewable energy, and a willingness to engage globally with the greatest crisis facing humanity: climate breakdown.	https://www.nyti	2025-09-08	Healthcare, Worl 20250908health10
"There is only one player': why China is becoming a world leader in green energy"	Climate / Energy	Set against rugged mountains south of the town of Miyasaydi KK Park, with its on-site hospital, restaurants, bank and neat lines of villas with manicured lawns, looks more like the campus of a Silicon Valley tech company than what is really is: the frontline of a multibillion-dollar criminal fraud industry fuelled by human trafficking and brutal violence. There have been some attempts to crack down on the centres and rescue the workers, who can be subjected to torture and trapped inside. But drone images and new research shared exclusively with the Guardian reveal that the number of such centres operating along the Thai-Myanmar border has more than doubled since Myanmar's military seized power in 2021, with construction continuing to this day.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908climate61	2025-09-08	China, Energy, G 20250908climate61
"Revealed: the huge growth of Myanmar scam centres that may hold 100,000 trafficked people"	Global / Human Trafficking	Donald Trump was booed and cheered at the US Open during the national anthem before Sunday's men's final. When stadium monitors showed him saluting as a member of West Point performed the Star-Spangled Banner, a burst of cheers sprang up and was quickly drowned out by boos, at which point the president offered a brief smirk. After the first changeover, he reappeared on the big screen and stayed up there for a while — causing fans to boo even longer until the camera cut away. The Rev Marshall Hatch urged congregants of a prominent Black church on Chicago's West Side to carry identification, stay connected to family and protest as the city readied for an expected federal intervention. "You need to start telling people about your whereabouts, so you don't disappear," Hatch said during services at New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist church. "We're not going to despair. We're not going to feel threatened. We're not going to give up and give in to fascism and authoritarianism."	https://www.theg	2025-09-08	Myanmar, Huma 20250908global58
"Crowd greets Donald Trump with boos and cheers at US Open men's final"	Political Cesspool	The Rev Marshall Hatch urged congregants of a prominent Black church on Chicago's West Side to carry identification, stay connected to family and protest as the city readied for an expected federal intervention. "You need to start telling people about your whereabouts, so you don't disappear," Hatch said during services at New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist church. "We're not going to despair. We're not going to feel threatened. We're not going to give up and give in to fascism and authoritarianism."	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908politicalcesspool6	2025-09-08	Trump, US Open 20250908politicalcesspool56
"Chicago churches urge calm resistance as Trump threatens intervention"	Politics / Protest	Donald Trump on Sunday issued what he called his "last warning" to Hamas, urging the Palestinian militant group to accept a deal to release hostages from Gaza. "The Israelis have accepted my 'Terms. It is time for Hamas to accept as well,'" Trump said in a post on his Truth Social platform. "I have warned Hamas about the consequences of not accepting. This is not a bluff. There will be no another one!" US treasury secretary Scott Bessent has refused to acknowledge that the sweeping trade tariffs imposed by Donald Trump around the world are taxes on Americans.	https://www.theg	2025-09-08	Chicago, Church 20250908politics55
"Trump issues 'last warning' to Hamas to accept Gaza ceasefire deal"	Global / Middle East	As concerns continue to grow over American companies trying to pass on the cost of US tariffs on to everyday Americans, Waller asked: "Do you acknowledge that these tariffs are a tax on American consumers?" To which Bessent replied: "No, I don't." Due to be handed over this week to the House oversight committee chair are estate records that include Epstein's 50th "birthday book" compiled with notes from friends — including an entry allegedly signed by Trump that is now the subject of a defamation lawsuit against the Wall Street Journal. They also include Epstein's last will and testament, agreements he signed with federal prosecutors in Florida in 2008, his contacts from his "black book", non-disclosure agreements, and financial transactions and holdings. In addition, the committee has asked the treasury secretary, Scott Bessent, for relevant suspicious activity reports (SARs) in connection with the investigation and prosecution of Epstein and his one-time girlfriend Ghislaine Maxwell on sex-trafficking charges. Some parents whose children were wounded in the recent deadly school shooting in Minnesota are demanding greater gun safety measures as the divided legislature gets ready to debate the state's response this week.	https://www.theg	2025-09-08	Trump, Hamas, C 20250908global54
"US treasury secretary denies Trump tariffs are tax on Americans"	Economy / Tariffs	Due to be handed over this week to the House oversight committee chair are estate records that include Epstein's 50th "birthday book" compiled with notes from friends — including an entry allegedly signed by Trump that is now the subject of a defamation lawsuit against the Wall Street Journal. They also include Epstein's last will and testament, agreements he signed with federal prosecutors in Florida in 2008, his contacts from his "black book", non-disclosure agreements, and financial transactions and holdings. In addition, the committee has asked the treasury secretary, Scott Bessent, for relevant suspicious activity reports (SARs) in connection with the investigation and prosecution of Epstein and his one-time girlfriend Ghislaine Maxwell on sex-trafficking charges. Some parents whose children were wounded in the recent deadly school shooting in Minnesota are demanding greater gun safety measures as the divided legislature gets ready to debate the state's response this week.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908economy52	2025-09-08	Treasury, Trump, 20250908economy52
"Epstein estate records release could shine light on sex trafficker's connections — or show nothing at all"	Courts / Legal	In a letter addressed to Vance, Lydia's father Harry Kaiser said: "On just this one issue of gun violence, will you please promise me, as a father and a Catholic, that you will earnestly support the study of what is wrong with our culture, that we are the country that has the worst mass shooter problem?" The appeals court has paused its ruling, allowing the tariffs to remain in place until 14 October. The administration wants the supreme court to move swiftly; solicitor general D John Sauer has requested the justices decide by Wednesday, 10 September, whether to pick up the case. Oral argument could take place in the first week of November, he suggested. It won't surprise me if a number of Republicans on the supreme bench actually jump on this one," continued Graber, who believes four of the court's conservative voices could be persuaded to vote against the tariffs, perhaps in part to counter the narrative that the court has been hijacked by the right. "I don't think the [John] Roberts, [Amy Coney] Barrett, [Brett] Kavanaugh people are really very thrilled about tariffs. Probably not [Neil] Gorsuch, either." "I think this court would love to have a case where it doesn't side with the administration," he said. "This strikes me as a perfect case" to counter the perception that the supreme court is stacked with "stooges for Trump."	https://www.theg	2025-09-08	Epstein, Estate, I 20250908courts57
"Do you care about our kids? Minnesota parents demand gun ban after deadly shooting"	Gun Violence / Public Safety	US states that protect unions' collective bargaining rights have experienced an increase in new union members, while states with anti-union "right to work" laws are responsible for declines in union members, a new report reveals. More than 7,000 children under the age of five were put on recovery programmes for acute malnutrition at clinics run by Unicef in Gaza in just two weeks last month, figures reveal. At least 16 people have been killed during protests in Nepal over a government ban on dozens of social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and X. The ban came into effect at midnight on Thursday and subsequently caused chaos across the country, affecting businesses and tourism and leaving people unable to communicate with relatives abroad. On Monday, frustration at the ban boiled over on the streets of the capital Kathmandu, where tens of thousands of largely young people gathered to protest against the order.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908gunviolence51	2025-09-08	Minnesota, Gun 1 20250908gunviolence51
"The US supreme court may address Trump's tariffs. Does he want to win?"	Economy / Tariffs	US states that protect unions' collective bargaining rights have experienced an increase in new union members, while states with anti-union "right to work" laws are responsible for declines in union members, a new report reveals. More than 7,000 children under the age of five were put on recovery programmes for acute malnutrition at clinics run by Unicef in Gaza in just two weeks last month, figures reveal. At least 16 people have been killed during protests in Nepal over a government ban on dozens of social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and X. The ban came into effect at midnight on Thursday and subsequently caused chaos across the country, affecting businesses and tourism and leaving people unable to communicate with relatives abroad. On Monday, frustration at the ban boiled over on the streets of the capital Kathmandu, where tens of thousands of largely young people gathered to protest against the order.	https://www.theg	2025-09-08	Trump, Supreme 20250908economy53
"US union membership declines in 'right-to-work' states, report reveals"	Economy / Labor	Employees added 22,000 jobs in August, well below expectations, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Friday, pushing the unemployment rate up to 4.3 percent. Meanwhile, job postings fell across nearly every sector compared with a year ago, with the steepest declines recorded in child care, community and social service, scientific research, retail, and hospitality, according to the employment website Indeed. Administrative roles such as human resources and accounting also posted double-digit declines. On Sunday, his office released a statement modifying that claim. "The Speaker is reiterating what the victim's attorney said, which is that Donald Trump — who kicked Epstein out of Mar-a-Lago — was the only one more than a decade ago willing to help prosecutors expose Epstein for being a disgusting child predator," the statement from Johnson's office read.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908economy50	2025-09-08	Unions, Right-to- 20250908economy50
"More than 7,000 children under-five in Gaza put in malnutrition recovery in two-week period"	Global / Humanitarian	At least 16 people have been killed during protests in Nepal over a government ban on dozens of social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and X. The ban came into effect at midnight on Thursday and subsequently caused chaos across the country, affecting businesses and tourism and leaving people unable to communicate with relatives abroad. On Monday, frustration at the ban boiled over on the streets of the capital Kathmandu, where tens of thousands of largely young people gathered to protest against the order.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250908global07	2025-09-08	Gaza, UNICEF, I 20250908global07
"At least 10 people killed during protests against Nepal's social media ban"	Global / Asia	Clashes with police erupted as protesters broke through barriers and attempted to storm the parliament building. Police responded with batons, teargas, rubber bullets and water cannon. It's the toughest time in years to be searching for work in America. Employees added 22,000 jobs in August, well below expectations, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Friday, pushing the unemployment rate up to 4.3 percent. Meanwhile, job postings fell across nearly every sector compared with a year ago, with the steepest declines recorded in child care, community and social service, scientific research, retail, and hospitality, according to the employment website Indeed. Administrative roles such as human resources and accounting also posted double-digit declines.	https://www.theg	2025-09-08	Nepal, Social Me 20250908global60
"Why it's the toughest time to be searching for work in America in years"	Economy / Jobs	On Sunday, his office released a statement modifying that claim. "The Speaker is reiterating what the victim's attorney said, which is that Donald Trump — who kicked Epstein out of Mar-a-Lago — was the only one more than a decade ago willing to help prosecutors expose Epstein for being a disgusting child predator," the statement from Johnson's office read.	https://www.waai	2025-09-08	Jobs, Economy, I 20250908economy11
"Mike Johnson backs off claim that Trump was 'FBI informant on Epstein'"	Political Cesspool	Eleven people, including children and a baby, were missing after a hippopotamus capsizeed their boat in southwestern Ivory Coast, a government official said Saturday. CBS News says that it will no longer edit interviews on its Sunday news show, "Face the Nation", days after a complaint from Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem. The broadcaster announced Friday it will now only broadcast live or live-to-tape interviews, subject to national security or legal restrictions, on the show.	https://www.waai	2025-09-08	Mike Johnson, T 20250908politicalcesspool65
"Don't blindly trust the cloud. Back up your files locally, too."	Tech / Cybersecurity	The decision comes after Secretary Noem claimed that CBS News had "shamefully edited the interview to whitewash the truth" when she appeared on August 31 to discuss Kimair Abrego Garcia, a migrant mistakenly deported to El Salvador who has become a high-profile case in the Trump administration's crackdown on immigration. A fugitive father who had been hiding with his three children in the dense New Zealand wilderness was shot dead in an armed confrontation with police on Monday, leading to his three children being placed in the custody of police, ending a near four-year search for the family. Florida's plan to drop school vaccine mandates likely won't take effect for 90 days and would include only children ages 4 and a few other illnesses unless lawmakers decide to extend it to other diseases, like polio and measles, the health department said Sunday. President Donald Trump and his top political advisers are plotting an aggressive push to oust one of his most persistent Republican adversaries, Rep. Thomas Massie.	https://www.yaho	2025-09-08	Cloud, Backup, C 20250908tech13
"Baby, children among 11 missing after hippo capsizeed boat"	Global / Africa	Eleven people, including children and a baby, were missing after a hippopotamus capsizeed their boat in southwestern Ivory Coast, a government official said Saturday. CBS News says that it will no longer edit interviews on its Sunday news show, "Face the Nation", days after a complaint from Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem. The broadcaster announced Friday it will now only broadcast live or live-to-tape interviews, subject to national security or legal restrictions, on the show.	https://www.yaho	2025-09-08	Africa, Hippo, Bo 20250908global44
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"DOJ Asks Judge to Keep Name of Two Epstein Associates Secret"	Courts / Legal	The Department of Justice has asked a federal judge to withhold the names of two Jeffrey Epstein associates who received a combined \$350,000 from him in 2018. A fugitive father who had been hiding with his three children in the dense New Zealand wilderness was shot dead in an armed confrontation with police on Monday, leading to his three children being placed in the custody of police, ending a near four-year search for the family. Florida's plan to drop school vaccine mandates likely won't take effect for 90 days and would include only children ages 4 and a few other illnesses unless lawmakers decide to extend it to other diseases, like polio and measles, the health department said Sunday. President Donald Trump and his top political advisers are plotting an aggressive push to oust one of his most persistent Republican adversaries, Rep. Thomas Massie.	https://www.yaho	2025-09-08	DOJ, Epstein, Le 20250908courts27
"Police shoot dead fugitive father and find his three children missing for years in wilderness"	Crime / Public Safety	Florida's plan to drop school vaccine mandates likely won't take effect for 90 days and would include only children ages 4 and a few other illnesses unless lawmakers decide to extend it to other diseases, like polio and measles, the health department said Sunday. President Donald Trump and his top political advisers are plotting an aggressive push to oust one of his most persistent Republican adversaries, Rep. Thomas Massie.	https://www.yaho	2025-09-08	Police, Fugitive, I 20250908crime25
"Florida's plan to drop school vaccine rule won't start for 90 days, won't cover all diseases"	Health / Policy	Speaker Mike Johnson and his leadership team are sending their clearest signals to date that their conservative colleague will have to fend for himself as Trump's allies prepare to dump millions into Massie's district to purge him from the Northeastern Kentucky district he's represented for nearly 13 years. In interviews with CNN, five members of House GOP leadership declined to offer their backing for Massie's reelection bid — and Johnson would not say if he'd support his colleague.	https://www.yaho	2025-09-08	Florida, Vaccines 20250908health43
"GOP leaders won't help Massie's bid for reelection as Trump plots his ouster"	Politics / GOP Divide	Speaker Mike Johnson and his leadership team are sending their clearest signals to date that their conservative colleague will have to fend for himself as Trump's allies prepare to dump millions into Massie's district to purge him from the Northeastern Kentucky district he's represented for nearly 13 years. In interviews with CNN, five members of House GOP leadership declined to offer their backing for Massie's reelection bid — and Johnson would not say if he'd support his colleague.	https://www.yaho	2025-09-08	Thomas Massie, 20250908politics423
"Republicans brace for redistricting 'catastrophe' in California"	Politics / Elections	King was wound alive. Hundreds of Arkansas farmers packed the meeting, all carrying the same urgent plea for emergency funding. Their warning was stark: without immediate help, American agriculture faces its worst crisis in a generation. "You are going to lose 25 to 30% of the farmers in this country if they don't do something," said Scott Brown, who works 800 acres in Biggers. "In the short term, they have no choice but to mail us a check." A potentially life-threatening parasitic disease once believed to be endemic to Latin America has been detected in humans in multiple U.S. states, research has found. Insects infected with T. cruzi parasites have been found in 32 U.S. states to date, primarily across the southern half of the country, according to a literature review published this month in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Emerging Infectious Diseases journal.	https://www.yaho	2025-09-08	California, Redes 20250908politics422
"Hundreds of scared Arkansas farmers ask Trump for help — beg President to show 'fruit' of his love. What do they expect?"	Economy / Agriculture	King was wound alive. Hundreds of Arkansas farmers packed the meeting, all carrying the same urgent plea for emergency funding. Their warning was stark: without immediate help, American agriculture faces its worst crisis in a generation. "You are going to lose 25 to 30% of the farmers in this country if they don't do something," said Scott Brown, who works 800 acres in Biggers. "In the short term, they have no choice but to mail us a check." A potentially life-threatening parasitic disease once believed to be endemic to Latin America has been detected in humans in multiple U.S. states, research has found. Insects infected with T. cruzi parasites have been found in 32 U.S. states to date, primarily across the southern half of the country, according to a literature review published this month in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Emerging Infectious Diseases journal.	https://www.yaho	2025-09-08	Arkansas, Farme 20250908economy48
"Mapped: Where deadly 'kissing bug' disease Chagas has spread in the US"	Health / Disease	Insects infected with T. cruzi parasites have been found in 32 U.S. states to date, primarily across the southern half of the country, according to a literature review published this month in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Emerging Infectious Diseases journal.	https://www.yaho	2025-09-08	Chagas, Kissing 20250908health45

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"My Partner Was In A Study For Dementia Patients. Then The Trump Administration Did The Unthinkable."	Health / Policy	Funding has been pulled for the study Steve has participated in for years. Even more shocking, financial support was pulled for an entire family of studies conducted at the top-tier academic medical institution that was following his case.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/my-partner-was-in-a-study-for-dementia-patients-then-the-trump-administration-did-the-unthinkable-120000000.html	2025-09-08	Dementia, Trump 20250908health33	
"RFK Jr.'s Family Joins Chorus Calling For His Resignation"	Political Cesspool	The chorus of people calling for Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to resign now includes his sister and his nephew.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250908politicalcesspool1	https://www.yahoo.com/news/rfk-jrs-family-joins-chorus-calling-for-his-resignation-120000000.html	2025-09-08	RFK Jr., Resigna 20250908politicalcesspool41
"Student loan payment pauses have doubled since last year, expert says"	Economy / Student Loans	More than a quarter of the nation's 40 million federal student loan borrowers had their repayment progress paused in the third quarter of 2025, either through forbearance or deferment.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250908economy40	https://www.yahoo.com/news/student-loan-payment-pauses-have-doubled-since-last-year-expert-says-120000000.html	2025-09-08	Student Loans, E 20250908economy40
"Texas attorney general wants students to pray in school — unless they're Muslim"	Politics / Religion	"In Texas classrooms, we want the Word of God opened, the Ten Commandments displayed, and prayers lifted up," Paxton said in a statement on Tuesday, encouraging students to say "the Lord's Prayer, as taught by Jesus Christ." The press release included the full text of the Lord's Prayer as it is written in the King James version of the Bible, the latest example of Paxton and other Texas officials seeming to endorse Christianity over other faiths.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250908politics36	https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-attorney-general-wants-students-to-pray-in-school-unless-theyre-muslim-120000000.html	2025-09-08	Texas, Attorney C 20250908politics36
"Thousands of Ohio students left without a school bus ride as private school transport expands"	Education / Policy	Public school districts canceled bus transportation for thousands of high schoolers again this year while in some cases still busing students to private and charter schools to avoid steep fines under state requirements. In Dayton, a stopgap effort that gives students public transit passes in lieu of school bus rides was temporarily restored by a judge last week. This came after the district sued, alleging the state illegally restricted the program.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250908education49	https://www.yahoo.com/news/thousands-of-ohio-students-left-without-a-school-bus-ride-as-private-school-transport-expands-120000000.html	2025-09-08	Ohio, Education, 20250908education49
"Trump administration launches immigration crackdowns in Massachusetts, reports say"	Borders / Immigration	The Trump administration has launched an operation in Massachusetts to arrest and deport undocumented immigrants, the New York Times and Boston media reported on Saturday, quoting the Department of Homeland Security as saying it was targeting "criminal aliens" living in the state.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250908borders31	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-launches-immigration-crackdowns-in-massachusetts-reports-say-120000000.html	2025-09-08	Trump, Immigrat 20250908borders31
"Trump's former surgeon general calls for RFK Jr. to be fired"	Political Cesspool	Jerome Adams, who served as US surgeon general during President Donald Trump's first administration, is calling for Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to be fired as controversy continues to swirl over his handling of vaccine approvals.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250908politicalcesspool26	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-former-surgeon-general-calls-for-rfk-jr-to-be-fired-120000000.html	2025-09-08	Trump, Surgeon 20250908politicalcesspool26
"Utah is the surprise redistricting state: What to know"	Politics / Elections	A judge ruled last month that Utah legislators went around safeguards against partisan gerrymandering with their latest lines — which showed up Republican control of Utah's four House seats — and must redistrict before the midterms.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250908politics24	https://www.yahoo.com/news/utah-is-the-surprise-redistricting-state-what-to-know-120000000.html	2025-09-08	Utah, Redistricti 20250908politics24
"High School Football Team Forfeits Entire 2025 Season After First Game"	Weird World	The California high school team opted to forfeit the entire season due to a limited amount of players. Multiple players on the team were suspended due to eligibility issues. Five transfer players were deemed ineligible and the school was forced to self-report more violations. The program fired its head coach, too.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250908sports46	https://www.yahoo.com/news/high-school-football-team-forfeits-entire-2025-season-after-first-game-120000000.html	2025-09-08	High School, For 20250908sports46
Cops Ticket Dodge Charger EV For A Loud Exhaust It Doesn't Have	ACAB	It's one thing to be accused of a crime you didn't commit. It's quite another to be accused of something that's simply impossible, like having an exhaustively loud muffler on your EV. That's exactly what happened to one Dodge Charger EV owner, reports The Drive.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905autof4	https://www.yahoo.com/news/cops-ticket-dodge-charger-ev-for-a-loud-exhaust-it-doesnt-have-120000000.html	2025-09-05	ev, dodge, polic 20250905autof4
Utah State University under fire after exposing animals to huge amounts of radiation and performing surgeries without pain medication, report says	Animal Rights / Research	Researchers at Utah State University are accused of exposing guinea pigs and hamsters to radiation beyond the approved bounds of an experiment and also allegedly withheld pain medication after performing surgeries on the animals, according to a new report.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905animals80	https://www.thedrive.com/news/utah-state-university-under-fire-after-exposing-animals-to-huge-amounts-of-radiation-and-performing-surgeries-without-pain-medication-report-says-120000000.html	2025-09-05	animals, research 20250905animals80
US Government Wants To Rewrite Rules For Autonomous Cars / Carscops	Auto / Technology	That's no longer the case and the government has proposed four changes that would "address standards for vehicles with automated driving systems and no manual controls." In essence, they're aimed at robots and shuttles like those operated by Zoox.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905carscops76	https://www.carscops.com/news/us-government-wants-to-rewrite-rules-for-autonomous-cars-120000000.html	2025-09-05	rhtsa, autonomo 20250905carscops76
Trump looking to ban transgender people from having a gun and declaring them 'mentally ill': report	Civil Rights / Gun Policy	Trans people are not linked to higher rates of violence, and the overwhelming majority of mass attacks are committed by cisgender men. Trans people are also more than four times likely to be victims of violent crimes, including rape and sexual assault.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905civilrights76	https://www.industryweek.com/news/trump-looking-to-ban-transgender-people-from-having-a-gun-and-declaring-them-mentally-ill-report-120000000.html	2025-09-05	trump, transgender 20250905civilrights76
Why Some Illinois Farmers Are Stuck Raising Crops That No Longer Thrive — ProPublica	Climate / Agriculture	It was June 2024, and both father and daughter knew the land they were trying to farm wasn't going to yield much, even if they got the seeds in the ground. But this had become their routine: farming fields and just to keep from going under. For years now, they'd had one foot stuck in the mud, the other in government bureaucracy. They'd get angry — then laugh.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905climate90	https://www.propublica.org/article/why-some-illinois-farmers-are-stuck-raising-crops-that-no-longer-thrive	2025-09-05	illinois, farming, c 20250905climate90
US prosecutors sue Southern California Edison over wildfires in LA County, Inland Empire	Climate / Disasters	In these Mississippi River bottoms, federal farm policy became a trap. Farming is one of the most heavily subsidized industries in America. Each year, Congress allocates billions to keep crops in the ground, cushioning the blow from droughts, floods, fires and market swings — a safety net that dates to the 1930s, when the Depression and Dust Bowl put the nation's food supply at risk.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905climate27	https://www.latimes.com/story/2025-09-05/us-prosecutors-sue-southern-california-edison-over-wildfires-in-la-county-inland-empire	2025-09-05	wildfires, californi 20250905climate27
A hurricane could be in the Caribbean next week. What the forecast models show about its threat to US	Climate / Disasters	But today, in some of the most flood- and drought-prone parts of the country, those programs can also keep people hanging on, even when it makes more sense to walk away. That's increasingly clear along parts of the Mississippi River Valley and especially here in Alexander County, at the rural tip of Illinois. As the climate changes and as aging levels fall, the risk is becoming more predictable, the losses so frequent it is clear some land will no longer yield what it used to.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905climate47	https://www.yahoo.com/news/a-hurricane-could-be-in-the-caribbean-next-week-what-the-forecast-models-show-about-its-threat-to-us-120000000.html	2025-09-05	hurricanes, forec 20250905climate47
Salt Typhoon shows China's hacking machine wants your data	Cybersecurity / Cyber	The targets of the latest mega-hack from China's digital spies included President Trump, Vice President Vance and, most likely, you.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905cyber13	https://www.yahoo.com/news/salt-typhoon-shows-chinas-hacking-machine-wants-your-data-120000000.html	2025-09-05	china, hacking, c 20250905cyber13
Trump's Fed Pick Flaits Under Liz Warren's Brutal Line of Questioning	Economy — Fed / Nominations	"I can imagine any American was spared given the breadth of the campaign," Cynthia Kaiser, a former top FBI cyber official who oversaw investigations into China's Salt Typhoon hacks, told the N.Y. Times.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905economy60	https://www.aol.com/news/trumps-fed-pick-flaits-under-liz-warrens-brutal-line-of-questioning-120000000.html	2025-09-05	fed, nominations, 20250905economy60
Trump's economic doom loop poses new danger for Republicans	Economy — Trump Policy	At his confirmation hearing, Stephen Miran, a Trump adviser nominated by the president to fill a vacancy on the Federal Reserve Board, refused to question any of Donald Trump's main talking points when questioned by Senator Elizabeth Warren.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905economy02	https://www.aol.com/news/trumps-economic-doom-loop-poses-new-danger-for-republicans-120000000.html	2025-09-05	trump, economy, 20250905economy02
McDonald's CEO warns of 'a two-tier economy' as lower-income consumers spend less	Economy / Consumer	Warren began with an "easy yes or no." Did Donald Trump lose the 2020 election?	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905economy100	https://www.aol.com/news/mcdonalds-ceo-warns-of-a-two-tier-economy-as-lower-income-consumers-spend-less-120000000.html	2025-09-05	mcdonalds, econ 20250905economy100
Trump already downplaying importance of Friday jobs report: 'Real numbers will be a year from now'	Economy / Jobs	Falling to activate his microphone, Miran began to answer circulously ("Thank you Senator Warren. Let me begin by saying, although we didn't have the chance to sit down—") but was asked to turn on his mic as Warren repeated the question, saying, "It's a yes or no."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905economy75	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-already-downplaying-importance-of-friday-jobs-report-real-numbers-will-be-a-year-from-now-120000000.html	2025-09-05	trump, jobs, econ 20250905economy75
Girls' math scores plunged in pandemic. Schools are pushing STEM again	Education / STEM	President Trump's attempt to rebrand the One Big Beautiful Bill Act can't make a grim reality: His economic approval is collapsing, and the data underneath is only getting worse.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905education74	https://www.yahoo.com/news/girls-math-scores-plunged-in-pandemic-schools-are-pushing-stem-again-120000000.html	2025-09-05	education, stem, 20250905education74
Denmark's Orsted gets green light for rights issue amid Trump wind war	Energy / Renewables	Trump is in danger of getting trapped in the same "vibesession" dynamic that doomed President Biden — only this time, the structural signals are flashing red and Trump's signature legislation is toxic.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905energy93	https://www.aol.com/news/denmarks-orsted-gets-green-light-for-rights-issue-amid-trump-wind-war-120000000.html	2025-09-05	orsted, wind, trun 20250905energy93
Deadly strike reflects Rubio's desire to confront Venezuela	Foreign Policy / Latin America	In an interview Tuesday on CNBC, McDonald's CEO Chris Kempczinski said the move was in response to growing evidence of a divided consumer landscape: While upper-income households continue to spend freely, the rest are struggling.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905foreign72	https://www.cnn.com/2025/09/05/politics/rubio-venezuela/index.html	2025-09-05	rubio, venezuela, 20250905foreign72
U.S. labels Ecuador's top gangs as terrorists	Foreign Policy / Latin America	The idea that the economy is bifurcating is not new — but the trend seems to be becoming more pronounced. It began bubbling up more recently as the Covid-19 pandemic showed signs of waning and stocks started to surge. Pandemic assistance from the government helped level the playing field for a time, but by 2024, mounting inflation pressures and elevated interest rates had begun to re-sort consumers according to their ability to withstand financial stress.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905foreign25	https://www.rtr.com/news/us-labels-ecuadors-top-gangs-as-terrorists-120000000.html	2025-09-05	ecuador, gangs, 120250905foreign25
Senator Rips Trump for Letting Putin Walk All Over Him—Again	Foreign Policy / Russia	By the start of 2025, the richest 10% of Americans, or those earning at least \$250,000 a year, accounted for half of all consumer spending, a record, according to Moody's Analytics. By comparison, the richest 10% accounted for 36% of all consumer spending 30 years ago.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905foreign57	https://www.yahoo.com/news/senator-rips-trump-for-letting-putin-walk-all-over-him-again-120000000.html	2025-09-05	rusia, trump, for 20250905foreign57
Trump says he plans to hold talks on Ukraine in coming days	Foreign Policy / Ukraine	President Donald Trump has moved to downplay the latest U.S. jobs report due out on Friday, insisting the "real numbers" revealing the wellbeing of the American economy "will be in a year from now."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905foreign44	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-he-plans-to-hold-talks-on-ukraine-in-coming-days-120000000.html	2025-09-05	trump, ukraine, d 20250905foreign44
Trump to rename Defense Department Department of War	Fuck That Guy	Looking ahead to the latest data at a White House dinner for tech executives on Thursday evening, the president told reporters: "They come out tomorrow, but the real numbers when I'm talking about are going to be whatever it's, but will be in a year from now on."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905trump03	https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-68111111	2025-09-05	trump, pentagon, 20250905trump09
Trump hosts Big Tech elite at White House dinner: CEOs praise president	Fuck That Guy	Efforts to close the gap between boys and girls in STEM classes are picking up after losing steam nationwide during the chaos of the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools have extensive work ahead to make up for the ground girls lost, in both interest and performance.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905trump02	https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-68111111	2025-09-05	trump, bigtech, el 20250905trump03
Trump Is Exploring Ways to Take Over the Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum	Fuck That Guy	In the years leading up to the pandemic, the gender gap nearly closed. But within a few years, girls lost all the ground they had gained in math test scores over the previous decade, according to an Associated Press analysis. While boys' scores also suffered during COVID, they have recovered faster than girls, widening the gender gap.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905trump86	https://www.npr.com/2025/09/05/1191111111	2025-09-05	trump, 9-11, mus 20250905trump92
New research challenges the five-a-day fruit and veg target	Health / Nutrition	Renewables giant Orsted on Friday received approval from shareholders for its emergency 60 billion Danish kroner (\$9.4 billion) rights issue, shortly after assuring a fresh profit warning. Orsted's pitch to raise the capital comes at a time of profound industry turmoil, amid sustained attacks by U.S. President Donald Trump on offshore wind projects.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905health86	https://www.theguardian.com/health/2025/09/05/new-research-challenges-the-five-a-day-fruit-and-veg-target	2025-09-05	nutrition, fruit, ve 20250905health86

Attigator Accourt can stay open, appeals judges say, rebuilding lower court	A federal judge in Miami ruled Thursday that the ruling pauses last month's order, which prohibited state and federal officials from bringing new detainees to the site and demanded it be dismantled within 60 days. It's a victory for Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and President Trump, who championed the site, and a defeat for migrant and environmental advocates.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration11					
For mixed status families, deportation fears cast shadow over new academic year	Immigration / Borders	Now the start of a new school year has brought up difficult questions: What if immigration agents come while the kids are in class, or while she's picking them up? Can immigration agents come into the school? Can they ask the children about their parent's legal status?	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration24	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration24	2025-09-05	immigration, tru	20250905immigration11
US visa and green card agency creating police force to arrest immigrants and lawyers suspected of fraud	Immigration / Enforcement	The government agency responsible for issuing visas and green cards will soon be deploying its own armed law enforcement officers to investigate and arrest immigrants and their lawyers.	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration26	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration26	2025-09-05	uscis, immigratio	20250905immigration82
U.S. ally concerned after ICE raid seized 'many' of its nationals detained at Hialeah facility in Georgia	Workplace / Enforcement	South Korea said Friday that it had expressed "concern and regret" to the U.S. Embassy over an immigration raid on a Hyundai facility in Georgia during which it said "many" South Korean nationals had been detained.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration29	https://www.yahoo.us/20250905immigration29	2025-09-05	ice, workplace, h	20250905immigration89
		Conservative Justice Amy Coney Barrett said Thursday she does not believe the United States is in a constitutional crisis as President Donald Trump seeks to unilaterally reshape the government and his administration frequently feuds with judges.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration31				
Amy Coney Barrett says country is not in a 'constitutional crisis'	Law & Order / Courts	"I don't know what a constitutional crisis would look like. I don't think that we are currently in a constitutional crisis, however," she added. "I think our country remains committed to the rule of law. I think we have functioning courts."	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/politics/amy-coney-barrett-constitutional-crisis-rcna128486	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/politics/amy-coney-barrett-constitutional-crisis-rcna128486	2025-09-05	supremecourt, bi	20250905courts91
New York AG arreals ruling that erased penalty in Trump civil fraud case	Law & Order / Courts	New York's attorney general moved Thursday to have the state's highest court reinstate President Trump's staggering civil fraud penalty, appealing a lower-court decision that slashed the potential half-billion-dollar fine to \$0.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration31	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration31	2025-09-05	trump, fraud, cou	20250905courts31
Couple enters 7-Eleven, woman uses hand signals to seek help, man arrested: Police	Law & Order / Crime	After further investigation, officials determined that "domestic violence had occurred" as the female victim was "asking for help using hand gestures behind her back," police said.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration32	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration32	2025-09-05	domesticviolence	20250905crime32
How Trump could deploy National Guard to states that haven't asked	Law & Order / Politics	A federal judge in San Francisco ruled on Tuesday that Trump's use of National Guard troops in June in response to anti-immigration enforcement protests in Los Angeles was illegal. The ruling only applies in California. After the ruling, Trump said he planned to send troops to Chicago.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration19	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration19	2025-09-05	trump, nationalg	20250905politics20
PBS cuts 15% of jobs in wake of federal funding cut	Media / Journalism	PBS's executive told public television officials Thursday that it was cutting about 15% of its jobs due to the move by Republicans in Congress to eliminate all federal funding for public broadcasting starting on Oct. 1.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration3	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration3	2025-09-05	pbs, layoffs, med	20250905media19
		Donald Trump is expected to sign an executive order on Friday authorizing the US Department of Defense to rebrand itself as the "department of war," the White House said, as part of an attempt to formalize the name change without an act of Congress.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration18	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration18	2025-09-05	trump, defense, m	20250905immigration63
Trump expected to order rebrand of Pentagon as 'Department of War'	Military / Defense	The order will instruct the rest of the executive branch to use the "department of war" name in internal and external communications, and allows the defense secretary Pete Hegseth and other officials to use "secretary of war" as official titles.	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration18	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration18	2025-09-05	trump, pentagon,	20250905military08
Democrats say they were left in the dark on Trump's drug boat strike	Military / Foreign Policy	Leaders on the Senate Intelligence Committee are expected to receive a bipartisan briefing this week about the deadly U.S. attack near the shore of Venezuela. Autos has been accused of a two Venezuelan military aircraft flew near a U.S. Navy ship in international waters in a "highly provocative move" on Thursday, the Pentagon said.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration4	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration4	2025-09-05	venezuela, milita	20250905military04
Pentagon: 2 Venezuelan planes flew near US Navy ships in "provocative move"	Military / Foreign Policy	The incident came two days after President Trump announced that U.S. forces killed 11 suspected "Tren de Aragua Narcoterrorists" in a U.S. military strike that he ordered in the Caribbean Sea off Venezuela's shores.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration12	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration12	2025-09-05	venezuela, milita	20250905military04
Hidden camera catches DOJ aide lured by dating app	Political / Censorship	Trump has ordered a flotilla of ships of Venezuela's shores, ostensibly to stop drugs but also in hopes of sparking regime change and toppling Venezuelan dictator Nicolas Maduro, govt officials said.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration12	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration12	2025-09-05	epstein, doj, scar	20250905septain12
Republican support erodes for Epstein files petition	Political / Censorship	Reps. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) is defying House Speaker Mike Johnson's warnings and pressing forward with his discharge petition to force the release of Jeffrey Epstein records, even as some of his initial Republican backers are fading away.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration7	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration7	2025-09-05	epstein, republica	20250905septain07
Nancy Mace was tearful after meeting with Epstein victims. A day later she defended Trump who has called it a 'hoax'	Political / Censorship	Just days ago, the discharge petition's success almost looked inevitable. But Republican leadership, while House pressure, and the release of Epstein-related files from the House Oversight Committee have blunted the petition's momentum.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration8	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration8	2025-09-05	epstein, republica	20250905septain07
		South Carolina Representative Nancy Mace is demanding President Trump's handling of the Jeffrey Epstein scandal as a glaring example of a policy of censorship of the life and criminal events of the United States. Lark had been, he handed off his fourth job — acting director of the U.S. Agency for International Development — to another administration official, who already had two other jobs himself.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration18	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration18	2025-09-05	anonymouse, trum	20250905trump81
Why Rubio and many other Trump officials have multiple jobs	Political / Censorship	Rubio is currently serving as secretary of state, acting national security adviser and acting archivist of the United States. Late last week, he handed off his fourth job — acting director of the U.S. Agency for International Development — to another administration official, who already had two other jobs himself.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration18	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration18	2025-09-05	trump, rubio, cr	20250905politics18
Three Trump Cabinet Members Have Multiple Primary-Residence Mortgages — ProPublica	Political / Censorship	Undercover how common the practice is, ProPublica found that at least three of Trump's Cabinet members call multiple homes their primary residences on mortgages. We discovered the loans while examining financial disclosure forms, courtly real estate records and publicly available mortgage data published by Hunkerbook Media.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration39	https://www.wapo.us/20250905immigration39	2025-09-05	trump, cabinet, n	20250905trump89
MTG Reveals How Trump's White House Is Bullying Her on Epstein	Political / Censorship	"Oh, I got a lot of pushback. I got phone call after phone call last night. They didn't want me to sign the discharge petition. They wanted me to wait the right investigation," Greene explained. "They hate Thomas Massie more than they can hate any Democrat, which makes no sense to me. And they don't want to work with Democrats at all."	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration34	https://www.yahoo.us/20250905immigration34	2025-09-05	mtg, trump, epsta	20250905trump39
Trump Accused of Sharing Bogus Video of Deadly Drug Boat Strike	Political / Censorship	President Donald Trump has been accused of sharing an AI-generated video showing a U.S. military airstrike targeting a boat allegedly carrying drugs from Venezuela.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration60	https://www.yahoo.us/20250905immigration60	2025-09-05	trump, video, ver	20250905trump34
Trump Gown Whitehouses Tawdry History of President's Personal Doctor	Political / Censorship	Navy Secretary John Phean has reinstated the military rank of President Donald Trump's disgraced physician after it was stripped over concerns about his personal conduct.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration41	https://www.yahoo.us/20250905immigration41	2025-09-05	trump, doctor, sci	20250905trump60
Tucker Carlson Praises Putin as the 'Most Effective Leader in My Lifetime' and Less 'Evil' Than Biden: 'Look It Up' Video	Political / Censorship	Tucker Carlson believes Russian President Vladimir Putin has been the "most effective leader" of his lifetime.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905immigration45	https://www.yahoo.us/20250905immigration45	2025-09-05	tucker Carlson, pu	20250905media51
		Many of those lawmakers are facing primary challenges, and some Democrats fear such intraparty contests will drain resources away from the fight to retake control of the House. Some House Democrats who have opted to retire, most recently Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-N.Y.), have said they think it's only fair to give Younger leaders an opportunity to take the reins. But others in their 70s and 80s told Axios that calls for generational change overlook the importance of seniority. Thus, they're not going anywhere.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/05/democrats-lead-20250905democrats05	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/05/democrats-lead-20250905democrats05	2025-09-05	democrats, leade	20250905democrats05
Inside Democrats' gray revolution: "I am not going to step aside"	Politics — Democratic Party	The survey of 1,690 U.S. adults, which was conducted from Aug. 29 to Sept. 2, also finds that if the 2026 general election will "help today," 45% of registered voters say they would cast their ballots for Newsum — while only 41% say they would choose Trump.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905election28	https://www.yahoo.us/20250905election28	2025-09-05	newsom, 2028, h	20250905election28
Pol: Gavin Newsom leads 2028 Democratic primary field, edges out Trump in head-to-head matchup	Politics — Elections	With the midterm elections a little more than a year away, a growing number of Democratic candidates in their 20s and 30s are starting up to run for Congress. But on the other side of the aisle, young conservatives appear to be staying on the sidelines, at least for now.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905politics22	https://www.yahoo.us/20250905politics22	2025-09-05	democrats, republ	20250905politics22
Young Dems want to unseat their elders. Young Republicans are happy to wait	Politics — Generational Shift	It's a difference in headcount that Republican political organizers argue signals that their generation is rallying behind their party, at a time when Democrats are battling divisions over age and feeding calls for a new generation of leaders.	https://www.wapo.us/20250905politics36	https://www.wapo.us/20250905politics36	2025-09-05	gop, trump, infir	20250905gop36
GOP lawmaker hated by Trump issues grim warning: 'This is really bad' for Republicans	Politics — GOP	U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) rebuked his Republican colleagues for opposing his effort on Wednesday to release the Justice Department files related to Jeffrey Epstein's sex trafficking case.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905gop36	https://www.yahoo.us/20250905gop36	2025-09-05	gop, trump, infir	20250905gop36
		US Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. pledged in April that there would be answers on the causes of autism this month. Since then, he has ousted public health officials publicly rebuked studies showing no link between vaccines and autism, and said "interventions" are "almost certainly" responsible for causing rising autism rates. And the proposed autism studies have not started.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905autism38	https://www.yahoo.us/20250905autism38	2025-09-05	autism, publ	20250905autism38
Kennedy said there will be autism answers this month. With public health agencies in upheaval, autism advocates are alarmed	Public Health — Autism	Each of the grants is slated for two to three years of studies. Some of the researchers say they can provide analysis a bit faster; none who spoke to CNN says that they can provide firm answers this month. That leaves autism experts confused, and alarmed, about what Kennedy says he already knows about autism — and where that leaves research that has not begun.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905covid102	https://www.wapo.us/20250905covid102	2025-09-05	covid, anthistami	20250905covid102
Covid infection may be prevented with a common nasal antihistamine spray, trial shows	Public Health — COVID	The antihistamine azelastine works as an antiviral against a range of respiratory infections, including influenza, RSV and the virus that causes Covid, a growing number of studies have shown.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905publichealth58	https://www.wapo.us/20250905publichealth58	2025-09-05	covid, anthistami	20250905covid102
RFK Jr. says he doesn't know how many Americans died from COVID as he's 'gotta get it at hearing	Public Health — COVID	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. during an explosive hearing refused to acknowledge more than 1 million Americans died from coronavirus and was reluctant to give COVID-19 victims credit in saving lives.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905publichealth104	https://www.wapo.us/20250905publichealth104	2025-09-05	rfk, covid, senat	20250905publichealth58
		Inflammation can raise a woman's risk of a heart attack or stroke even when other risk factors — such as high cholesterol, smoking status and high blood pressure — aren't an issue, said the study's lead author, Dr. Paul Ridker, a preventive cardiologist at Mass General Brigham and Women's Heart and Vascular Institute and a professor of medicine at the Harvard University Medical School.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905publichealth68	https://www.wapo.us/20250905publichealth68	2025-09-05	heartdisease, wo	20250905publichealth104
Inflammation may be a silent heart disease risk in healthy women, new study suggests	Public Health — Heart Disease	"Despite a growing body of evidence that inflammation is an incredibly important cardiovascular risk factor and the recommendation that most should be screened, the vast majority of women are not being screened," said Heavener, who was not involved with the research.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905publichealth68	https://www.wapo.us/20250905publichealth68	2025-09-05	heartdisease, wo	20250905publichealth104
		The Department of State says the aim is to reach up to 2 million people by 2028 with the antiretroviral medication that has the potential to save hundreds of thousands of lives. Over the coming months, the U.S. will be working with countries with the largest HIV/AIDS epidemics to develop rollout strategies with a focus on preventing mother-to-child transmission. This announcement has been welcomed by researchers and specialists who focus on HIV/AIDS.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905publichealth103	https://www.wapo.us/20250905publichealth103	2025-09-05	hiv, prevention, p	20250905publichealth28
Breakthrough HIV prevention drug gets U.S. support	Public Health — HIV/AIDS	This news comes after the Trump administration's foreign cuts have severely impacted clinics and programs in lower resource countries that focus on prevention and treatment of the virus.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905publichealth103	https://www.wapo.us/20250905publichealth103	2025-09-05	measles, nr, exp	20250905publichealth103
Person with measles may have exposed others at 3 N.J. health facilities, officials warn - nj.com	Public Health — Measles	A Bergen County resident with measles could have exposed others when visiting a local medical building, an emergency room and a hospital, the State Health Department announced on Wednesday.	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905publichealth87	https://www.wapo.us/20250905publichealth87	2025-09-05	measles, nr, exp	20250905publichealth103
		Today's hearing was always going to be tumultuous. Although the panel was pitched as an opportunity to hear about President Donald Trump's health-care agenda, it was a rare opportunity for senators to publicly question the secretary about his recent attacks on the U.S. vaccination system. In the past 20 days, Kennedy has terminated mRNA-research grants, stifled a CDC advisory panel with anti-vaccine advocates, and propped up unproven treatments during a deadly measles outbreak. Last week, he pushed out CDC Director Susan Moniz, whose senators had confirmed to her position less than a month prior. Lawmakers, understandably, were displeased. In today's hearing, Kennedy claimed that Moniz had told him that she was untruthfully after taking the job, so that Republican Senator Thom Tillis replied, "I would suggest in the interview you ask them if they're truthful, rather than four weeks after we took the time of the U.S. Senate to confirm the person."	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905congress71	https://www.wapo.us/20250905congress71	2025-09-05	rfk, congress, h	20250905publichealth67
A Different RFK Jr. Just Appeared Before Congress - The Atlantic	Public Health — Politics	This sort of aggression from a Cabinet secretary could seem like political suicide. The lawmakers Kennedy was chiding not just have the power to investigate his work at HHS, they also control the funds he needs to keep his agency running. But Congress has never removed a Cabinet secretary from office. And even if some Republican senators are starting to take concerns, one very prominent Republican still seems to remain in Kennedy's corner: Earlier this week, Trump questioned the value of COVID vaccines and the massive effort that his first administration orchestrated to bring them quickly to the public in 2020. "I hope OPERATION WARP SPEED was as BRILLIANT as many say it was," he wrote on Truth Social. "I not, we all want to know about it, and why?"	https://nhr.tiny.us/20250905vaccines71	https://www.wapo.us/20250905vaccines71	2025-09-05	rfk, senate, vacc	20250905vaccines71
5 takeaways from RFK Jr.'s contentious Senate hearing	Public Health — Vaccines	Kennedy tried to discredit ousted CDC director "You're just making stuff up." A combative Kennedy lobbed attacks on vaccine core values before lawmakers. Senators challenged claim that "anybody can get the booster" for COVID. COVID statistics remain a fairpoint Vaccine concerns were bipartisan	https://www.wapo.us/20250905vaccines71	https://www.wapo.us/20250905vaccines71	2025-09-05	rfk, senate, vacc	20250905vaccines71

RFK Jr.'s vaccine views clash with Trump's Operation Warp Speed legacy	Public Health — Vaccines	The three-hour hearing exposed an odd dichotomy: One of Trump's most universal successes in his first term remains Operation Warp Speed, yet he has hawked health chief and a growing cadre of Trump's "Make America Great Again" supporters are distrustful of the very mRNA vaccine technology that the president has championed.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/vaccines30		
Kennedy: CDC director lied about being fired for vaccine views	Public Health — Vaccines	Kennedy's public rebuke will likely cause additional turmoil at the CDC. Monarca's firing led to outrage, with several top officials resigning and other employees staging a walkout at the agency. Kennedy's remarks came after a question posed to him by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) during a congressional hearing before the Senate Finance Committee. Kennedy also confirmed at the hearing that Monarez had been directed to fire top CDC officials not aligned with the administration's health agenda. Kennedy is defiant on CDC firings	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/vaccines14	https://japnews.us	2025-09-05 rfkj, trump, vacci 20250905vaccines70
RFK Jr.'s Senate hearing: COVID, CDC firings and more takeaways	Public Health — Vaccines	Warming shot from a key Republican Senators look to drive a wedge between Trump and Kennedy		https://www.asi	2025-09-05 rfkj, cdc, vaccine 20250905vaccines14
RFK Jr. prepares for blue state battle over vaccine restrictions	Public Health — Vaccines	Blue states are quickly moving to defy Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s vaccine restrictions, increasing the likelihood of a patchwork of conflicting policies resemble to the divides over abortion and gender-affirming care. The resulting standoff could confuse the public on potentially life-and-death decisions. And a state-by-state approach could be inadequate in a major crisis. "Any public health response that is dependent on a patchwork of state actions is going to necessarily be less effective and less efficient" than a federal policy, said Samuel Ekgamitos, who was general counsel to the Department of Health and Human Services in the Biden administration. Cassidy had exacted assurances from Kennedy during his confirmation process in February that he would not restrict Americans' access to vaccines, a promise the senator now accuses Kennedy of violating. Kennedy fired the entire 17-member Advisory Panel on Immunization Practices at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, replacing them with members Cassidy argued are largely unscientific vaccine skeptics with vested financial interests in suing vaccine makers. Another Republican physician on the Senate Finance Committee, Dr. John Barasso of Wyoming, joined Democrats in criticizing Kennedy for undermining vaccines.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/vaccines01	https://www.asi	2025-09-05 rfkj, vaccines, sti 20250905vaccines01
RFK Jr. faced tough hearing on vaccines, CDC changes	Public Health — Vaccines	"In your confirmation hearings, you promised to uphold the highest standards for vaccines. Since then, I've grown deeply concerned," Barasso told Kennedy at the hearing. "I've been hearing from many of my medical colleagues, and there are real concerns that safe, proven vaccines like measles, like hepatitis B and others, could be in jeopardy and that would put Americans at risk and reverse decades of progress."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/vaccines08	https://www.npr	2025-09-05 rfkj, cdc, vaccine 20250905vaccines21
Florida Decided There Were Too Many Children - The Atlantic	Public Health — Vaccines	And the state of Florida, understandably, said: Enough. This needs to stop. We have decided that there are too many children, and we can let some of them go. Or, as the state's surgeon general put it when he eliminated all vaccine mandates yesterday, "Who am I as a government or anyone else, who am I as a man standing here now, to tell you what you should put in your body? Who am I to tell you what your child should put in [their] body? I don't have that right."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/vaccines01	https://www.theatlantic	2025-09-05 florida, vaccines, 20250905vaccines98
People can't get COVID vaccines as cases surge. Anger is building against Trump	Public Health — Vaccines	Kennedy previously said the guidance would "keep vaccines available to people who want them, especially the vulnerable," while demanding additional research. But the additional hurdles are such that some healthier, younger people are wondering whether they should just say they have an underlying medical condition, even if they don't, to get the vaccine.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/vaccines00	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-05 covid, vaccines, i 20250905vaccines61
RFK Jr. Claims mRNA Vaccines Kill People in Heated Senate Hearing	Public Health — Vaccines	As of Thursday afternoon, neither Walgreens nor CVS were allowing adults in California under age 65 to book COVID-19 vaccine appointments unless they attended to having an underlying medical condition — such as asthma, diabetes or high blood pressure. CVS said those people could contact their healthcare provider for next steps.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/vaccines00	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-05 rfkj, vaccines, m 20250905vaccines40
Mission Aborted: Trump's War on Maternal Care	Reproductive Rights		https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/aborition83	https://www.indie	2025-09-05 trump, maternalc 20250905aborition83
Texas Picks The Abortion Fight Everyone Saw Coming	Reproductive Rights	The Texas Senate passed new bounty hunter-style abortion legislation Wednesday night to quash mailed abortion pills, targeting a method that has slipped through the cracks of abortion bans and contributed to the slight rise in the total number of abortions since the Supreme Court decided Dobbs.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/aborition06	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-05 texas, abortion, c 20250905aborition49
Active-duty troops and veterans flood Trump administration website over cuts to abortion care: 'Was my service to my country for naught?'	Reproductive Rights — Military	Hundreds of active-duty and retired service members have pleaded with Donald Trump's administration to stop a far-reaching plan to end abortion care and counseling for American veterans. The proposal would eliminate access to this medical care for veterans through the federal government's health system, even in instances of rape, incest or to protect the health of the patient — coverage that has been available to veterans and their beneficiaries for nearly three years.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/aborition06	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-05 military, abortion, 20250905aborition56
Indianapolis lawyer called Mark Zuckerberg sues Meta after his Facebook accounts keep getting suspended: 'This really p**** me off'	Tech / Lawstiers	Zuckerberg, who specializes in bankruptcy law, is suing Meta for negligence and breach of contract because his Facebook accounts keep getting shut down, and he is accused of "impersonating a celebrity."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/aborition06	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-05 meta, zuckerberg 20250905tech79
Ghost sharks' grow forehead teeth to help them have sex, study suggests	Weird world	He claims that in the last eight years, his business account has been shut down five times — costing him some \$11,000 in ad funds — and his personal account has been taken down four times. Male "ghost sharks"—eerie deep-sea fish known as chimaeras that are related to sharks and rays—have a strange rod jutting from their foreheads, studded with sharp, retractable teeth. New research appearing in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences reveals these are not merely localities, but real rows of teeth that grow outside the mouth. What's more, the toothy appendage is likely used for mating. Found only in males, the forehead rod—called a tenaculum—is the ghost sharks' only source of distinct teeth, and it seems to be used to grasp females in much the same way sharks use their toothy mouths in mating.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science01	https://giphy.org/	2025-09-05 ghostsharks, sci 20250905science101
Queen Ants Are First Known And Only Organism To Produce 2 Different Species As Offspring	Weird world	However, queen ants are not common in females of one species being able to produce offspring of another, but that's exactly what has been discovered in Iberian harvester ants M. heisterus and queens have been discovered to produce not only offspring of their own species, but also offspring of a different species due to a reproductive mode scientists are calling xenopara. Nearly 100 cars were found submerged in the Chicago River as police continue their search for a couple at the center of a half-century-old cold case.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.bbc	2025-09-05 ants, biology, ev 20250905science87
Cops have found 97 submerged cars in Chicago River as they hunt for new clues in 55-year-old cold case	Weird world	During the dive last week the team intended to assist with 10 local cold cases and found nearly 100 submerged cars while searching for the Ardmore's Odionobile.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.the-ir	2025-09-05 chicago, coldcase 20250905crime78
NHS surgeon who had his legs removed to satisfy sexual interest is jailed for fraud	Weird world	A surgeon who froze his legs so they would require amputation to satisfy a sexual obsession before making nearly £500,000 in insurance claims has been jailed.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.thec	2025-09-05 uk, nhs, fraud 20250905crime68
Couple who illegally kept rooftop-panther panther named Louise says they saw animal as their 'big, affectionate baby' - CBS News	Weird World / Animals	A French couple kept Louise, a playful black panther, in an apartment in northern France, triggering panic when she was spotted roaming nearby rooftops.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.cbsn	2025-09-05 france, panther, c 20250905weird99
New Hampshire teen catches giant halibut outweighing him by nearly 60lbs	Weird World / Animals	A young teenager on a deep-sea fishing trip this week in New England hauled in a 177lb (80kg) Atlantic halibut, a record heavier than he is, and one that could be a world record.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.thec	2025-09-05 newhampshire, f 20250905weird89
The cat mayoral race: meet 11 runners and riders in the US's most furious – and funniest – election	Weird World / Elections	A heated election is now under way. There have been dirty tactics (at one point, Benny's campaign sign was stolen), scandal (candidates were outraged when a local vet claimed to be "sponsoring" the race), and even death. Prate, the candidate whose family took it upon themselves to set up the online ballot, died unexpectedly, mid-race. Voting (for Somerville locals only) ends on 5 September – and with 73 pets currently in the running, there's plenty of choice. So who are the runners and riders?	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.thec	2025-09-05 cats, elections, n 20250905weird85
Epstein survivors may release unofficial client list if Justice Department asks	Accountability / Justice	A magnitude 6.2 earthquake has shaken Afghanistan as the death toll from the devastating quake on Sunday rose to more than 2,200.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	2025-09-05 afghanistan, earl 20250905disasters67
Release of 'missing minute' of Epstein video contradicts Bondi claim cameras stopped recording	Accountability / Justice	Jeffrey Epstein survivor Lisa Phillips suggested Wednesday that victims of the convicted sex offender are contemplating publishing a list of people involved in their abuse if the Justice Department doesn't make more documents public.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.asi	2025-09-04 Epstein, DOJ, Sur sep04accountability01
Hurricane Kiko gears up to lash Mexico's Baja California coast as Loma surges to Category 4 AP News	Climate / Disasters	Also-called "missing minute" of CCTV footage, a key ingredient of conspiracy theories surrounding the prison death of the sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, has been found, contradicting the assertion of Pam Bondi, the attorney general, that it was recorded over.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	2025-09-04 Epstein, Bondi, J sep04accountability02
Severe drought is devastating war-torn Syria AP News	Climate / Disasters	Hurricane Kiko intensified into a major hurricane in the Pacific Ocean on Wednesday at the same time Hurricane Lorea geared up to lash the coast of Mexico's Baja California.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://japnews.us	2025-09-04 Hurricane Lorea sep04climate02
Spain and Portugal wildfire weather made 40 times more likely by climate crisis, study finds Climate crisis The Guardian	Climate / Disasters	The worst drought in decades is gripping much of the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East, drying out rivers and lakes, shriveling crops and leading to dayslong tap water outages in major cities. The situation is particularly dire in Syria, where experts say rainfall has been declining for decades and where the fledgling government is trying to stitch the country back together following a 14-year civil war that left millions impoverished and reliant on foreign aid.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://japnews.us	2025-09-04 Syria, Drought, C sep04climate03
Unplugging devices helps households reduce costs and energy waste AP News	Climate / Energy	The researchers found that such conditions could have occurred once every 500 years in the preindustrial climate, but in today's world — which has been warmed by the heat-trapping pollution from burning coal, oil and gas — they could be expected every 15 years.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://japnews.us	2025-09-04 Spain, Portugal, i sep04climate01
'Crafts are like medicine': Gen Z and the rapid rise of cozy hobbies Hobbies The Guardian	Culture / Lifestyle	Phantom energy contributes to climate change because power drawn by unused devices can increase demand for electricity from sources that release planet-warming emissions. Adnan Charran, associate director of Global Earth Day, said that while the amount may seem small when a person looks at their individual utility bill, the environmental toll of phantom energy is significant when multiplied over homes across the country.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://japnews.us	2025-09-04 Energy, Climate, sep04climate04
Trump asks Supreme Court to rule tariffs on tariffs powers in appeal	Economy / Courts	For many who came of age during lockdowns, the need for real-world connection is acute. Nights out are expensive, the cost of living crisis is billing hard, and hours of doomscrolling after working from home have left young people exhausted. Slow hobbies offer a counterweight: affordable, screen-free — and often physical — skills. While some of these are female-led initiatives, the joys of creative community appeal to all. For Carmine Valente, 34, a regular at a pottery cafe in Fulham, west London, pottery painting is one of the only times he fully switches off. "It's cathartic and I always leave relaxed — a brilliant way to catch up with mates while doing something creative," he says.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.thec	2025-09-04 Gen Z, Crafts, H sep04culture01
Trump's Tariff Losses Are a Moment of Reckoning for the Supreme Court	Economy / Courts	At issue in the case is whether Trump can use the International Emergency Economic Powers Act of 1977—more commonly known as IEEPA—to levy a wide range of tariffs on imported goods. While IEEPA gives presidents broad powers to influence trade when a national emergency is declared, a coalition of small businesses argued that these powers did not extend to the kind of tariffs that Trump imposed.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.asi	2025-09-04 Trump, Tariffs, S sep04economy02
There are more Americans out of work than there are jobs open for the first time since April 2021	Economy / Jobs	The Supreme Court has never before applied the major questions doctrine to a Republican president's policy initiatives. But the Federal Circuit found it appropriate when judging the legality of Trump's tariffs. "Reading the phrase 'regulate' — importation to include imposing these tariffs is 'a water-thin need on which to rest such sweeping power,'" the court wrote, quoting first from the language in IEEPA that Trump cited as authority and then from a Supreme Court decision that invalidated the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Covid-era eviction moratorium in 2021 on major questions grounds.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.asi	2025-09-04 Trump, Tariffs, S sep04economy05
Brand USA is hurting overseas, as trade war dims America's luster	Economy / Trade	There are more unemployed Americans than open jobs for the first time since 2021, according to government data released Wednesday.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://finance.us	2025-09-04 Jobs, Economy, i sep04economy03
How Trump is using civil rights laws to bring schools to heel : NPR	Education / Civil Rights	Brand USA is losing its luster. There's less appetite around the world to buy American as the United States' reputation plunges in the wake of President Trump's trade war.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.asi	2025-09-04 Trump, Trade Wa sep04economy01
Trump's Harvard funding freeze struck down by judge	Education / Courts	... Globally, America's favorability rating started declining in earnest in January when Trump was elected. It plummeted after his Liberation Day tariff announcement in April, according to data tracked by business intelligence firm Morning Consult.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.rpr	2025-09-04 Trump, Civil Right sep04education02
Trump admin illegally froze Harvard funds, Judge says : NPR	Education / Courts	A federal judge ruled Wednesday that the Trump administration illegally froze nearly \$3 billion in federal grants to Harvard.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.asi	2025-09-04 Trump, Harvard, sep04education01
Utah's congressional map must be redrawn now, judge rules	Elections / Courts	In her ruling, Judge Allison D. Burroughs said the administration's funding freeze was issued without considering any of the steps Harvard had already taken to address the issue. Burroughs said she found it "difficult to conclude anything other than that [the Trump administration] used antisemitism as a smokescreen for a targeted, ideologically motivated assault on this country's premier universities, and did so in a way that runs afoul of federal law."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://www.rpr	2025-09-04 Trump, Harvard, sep04education03
		A judge has ruled that Utah lawmakers must proceed with redrawing the state's congressional district map right away, pointing to Texas and California in rejecting their argument that the job can't be done in time for the 2026 midterm elections.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250905/science02	https://japnews.us	2025-09-04 Utah, Redist/crn sep04elections01

Democrats foil justice department lawsuit by negotiating to keep 98,000 North Carolina voters Trump administration The Guardian	Elections / Voting Rights	Democrats notched a victory against the civil rights division of the Department of Justice, negotiating an agreement to keep about 98,000 North Carolina voters from being prevented from voting.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04elections03	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/04/democrats-foil-justice-department-lawsuit	2025-09-04	Democrats, DOJ, sep04elections03
Hot mic catches Putin and Xi discussing organ transplants and immortality China The Guardian	Foreign Policy / China	The authoritarian strongmen Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping have mused on how organ transplants might lead to immortality, during a brief exchange of small talk caught on a hot mic at a military parade.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04foreign04	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/sep/04/putin-xi-jinping-hot-mic	2025-09-04	Putin, Xi, China, sep04foreign04
Taiwan accuses China of breaching international law over drilling Taiwan The Guardian	Foreign Policy / China	Taiwan's government has accused China of breaching international law by drilling for oil and gas inside Taiwan's exclusive economic zone and accessorially demanded it halt the activity.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04foreign05	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/sep/04/taiwan-accuses-china-of-breaching-international-law	2025-09-04	Taiwan, China, sep04foreign05
Italy considers hiding state flight paths after jamming of von der Leyen plane Italy The Guardian	Foreign Policy / Europe	Italy is considering keeping state flights secret after the satellite signal of the aircraft carrying the European Commission president, Ursula von der Leyen, was allegedly jammed by Russia, Italian defence ministry sources said.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04foreign06	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/sep/04/italy-considers-hiding-state-flight-paths	2025-09-04	Italy, von der Ley, sep04foreign06
The Kremlin is delighted that a slew of current and former intelligence officers were stripped of their security clearance, claiming it as a huge victory for Vladimir Putin.	Foreign Policy / Russia	Kremlin propagandists are claiming that Tuli Gabbard, the Director of National Intelligence, abruptly stepped 37 current and former CIA officials of their security clearances as a direct result of President Vladimir Putin's private meeting with President Donald Trump in Alaska last month. One of the top pro-Putin shows celebrated the impact of the summit after an undercover CIA officer and several senior Russia experts lost their access to U.S. intelligence. "In the days following the Anchorage meeting, dozens of people have lost their positions and security clearances," one TV pundit boasted. Last Tuesday, Trump praised Gabbard for her actions, stating, "You found some interesting things, Tuli. She's becoming a bigger and bigger star every day."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04foreign07	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/04/kremlin-delighted	2025-09-04	Kremlin, Russia, sep04foreign07
Sen. Mitch McConnell warns: 'This is the most dangerous period since before World War Two' The Independent	Foreign Policy / Security	Outgoing Senator Mitch McConnell has warned, "This is the most dangerous period since before World War Two," as he talked about foreign policy, specifically his support for Ukraine during Russia's invasion.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04foreign08	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/usa/politics/senator-mitch-mcconnell-warns-dangerous-period-since-world-war-two	2025-09-04	Mitch McConnell, sep04foreign08
MAGA escalates U.S.-India tensions into cultural clash	Foreign Policy / Trade	He listed North Korea, China, Russia, Iran and Iran's proxies as enemies of the U.S. and said, "We're not prepared like we should be."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04foreign09	https://www.india.com/news/india/maga-escalates-us-india-tensions-into-cultural-clash	2025-09-04	Trump, India, Tra sep04foreign09
Was Trump's Venezuelan boat attack a 'war crime'? Experts say extrajudicial killings violate international law The Independent	Foreign Policy / Venezuela	MAGA is seizing on President Trump's trade war with India to mount a broader crusade against Indian immigration, influence and culture.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04foreign10	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/usa/politics/trump-venezuela-boat-attack-war-crime	2025-09-04	Trump, Venezuela sep04foreign10
Donald Trump Is the space warfare president	Fuck That Guy	"There is zero evidence of self-defense here. Looks like a massacre of civilians at sea," according to Adam Isaacson, director for defense oversight at research and advocacy group, Washington Office on Latin America. "Even if they had drugs aboard, that's not a capital offense."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04space01	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/donald-trump-space-warfare-president	2025-09-04	Trump, Musk, Sp sep04space01
His art is inspired by Rubens and Velazquez. Trump says it's woke.	Fuck That Guy	Lethal force against civilians in international waters "is a war crime if not self-defense," according to Isaacson. "Not yielding to pursuers or 'suspected of carrying drugs' doesn't carry a death sentence."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04fuck04	https://www.foxnews.com/entertainment/trump-art-inspired-rubens-velazquez	2025-09-04	Trump, Art, Woke sep04fuck04
The ancient disease cholera makes yet another comeback : Goats and Soda : NPR	Global Health	The U.S. is poised to pour hundreds of billions of dollars into a zone of warfare few Americans understand, but that the world's biggest powers are racing to dominate.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04global01	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/04/health/global-cholera-comeback	2025-09-04	Cholera, Africa, Csep04global01
Vaccine family members, survivors of Lewiston mass shooting file suit against U.S. government Maine Public	Gun Violence / Courts	The Trump administration asked the Supreme Court on Wednesday night to weigh in on its appeal to keep a broad set of tariffs in place after a lower court ruled they were illegal.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04gun01	https://www.mainepublic.org/news/vaccine-family-members-suit	2025-09-04	Lewiston, Mass sep04gun01
Psychologist Says AI Is Causing Never-Before-Seen Types of Mental Disorder	Health / AI	Gonzalez, a self-expert who teaches art at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, has been thrust into the media spotlight, but he's responded with equanimity to the sudden surge of interest in his work, which has deep roots in baroque art and Christian iconography. "This painting proposes an alternate view of the American experience that they don't agree with," he says of his administration critics.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04health09	https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/story/psychologist-says-ai-causing-never-before-seen-types-of-mental-disorder	2025-09-04	AI, Psychology, ksep04health08
Florida working to end vaccine mandates : NPR	Health Policy	Florida's governor said he'll be asking the state Legislature to repeal a statute that requires children to receive vaccines for polio, diphtheria, measles and mumps before entering school. If it passes, Florida will be the first in the nation to eliminate all vaccine mandates for children and adults.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04health02	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/04/health/florida-vaccine-mandates	2025-09-04	Florida, Vaccines sep04health02
Oregon, Washington, California form health care alliance to protect vaccine access : OPB	Health Policy	More than three dozen Democratic and independent senators are asking Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem to clarify the agency's position on beneficiaries of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04health03	https://www.opb.org/news/oregon-washington-california-form-health-care-alliance	2025-09-04	Vaccines, Oregon sep04health03
Florida moves to end all school vaccine mandates, first in nation to do so	Health Policy	Florida's surgeon general on Wednesday announced plans to end all state vaccine mandates, including for children to attend schools, which would make it the first state to completely withdraw from a practice credited with boosting vaccination rates and controlling the spread of infectious diseases.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04health04	https://www.foxnews.com/health/florida-moves-end-all-school-vaccine-mandates	2025-09-04	Florida, Vaccines sep04health04
Infectious Diseases Expert Sounds Alarm On Disney Vacations Amid Florida Vaccine Move	Health Policy	Renowned infectious diseases expert Michael Osterholm on Wednesday warned of the potential fallout from Florida's move to end all vaccine mandates in the state, most notably including shots for schoolchildren.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04health05	https://www.foxnews.com/health/infectious-diseases-expert-sounds-alarm-disney-vacations	2025-09-04	Florida, Vaccines sep04health05
Oz backs Florida dropping school vaccine mandates	Health Policy	The Sunshine State may "become a hotbed of transmission" as a direct result, the director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota told CNN's Anderson Cooper.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04health06	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/oz-backs-florida-dropping-school-vaccine-mandates	2025-09-04	Oz, Florida, Vacc sep04health06
Ron DeSantis Risks Letting Polio, Measles Spread in Florida Schools	Health Policy	And, because of that, Osterholm said he "wouldn't want my kids going to Florida in the years ahead, to go to Walt Disney World or any place like that."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04health07	https://www.foxnews.com/health/ron-desantis-risks-letting-polio-measles-spread	2025-09-04	Ron DeSantis, Fl sep04health07
Democrats push Homeland Security Department on DACA recipients : NPR	Immigration / DACA	Oz said doctors "shouldn't feel pressure from the government to decide what to do with the vaccination schedule," adding, "They should do what's the best interest of the person in front of them, left say it's a child, and what those parents desire. That's how the system's supposed to run."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04immigration01	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/04/immigration/democrats-push-homeland-security	2025-09-04	DACA, Democrat sep04immigration03
'Trump's private army': inside the push to recruit 10,000 Immigration officers US immigration The Guardian	Immigration / Enforcement	DeSantis' handpicked state surgeon general, Dr. Joseph Ladapo, announced Wednesday the state will move to eliminate all vaccine requirements for children to attend public schools. That means Florida children will no longer need to get vaccinated against measles, polio, mumps, or chickenpox. It would be the first state to eliminate such requirements.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04immigration05	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/04/trumps-private-army-immigration	2025-09-04	Trump, Immigrati sep04immigration05
What's next after emergency order stops deportation flight of Guatemalan children : NPR	Immigration / Human Rights	Speaking about vaccine mandates on Wednesday, Ladapo said: "Every last one of them is wrong and dips with disdain and slavery," adding, "Your body is a gift from God. What you put into your body is because of your relationship with your body and God." Ladapo is best known for spreading misinformation about Covid-19 vaccines, including the claim that mRNA-based vaccines may threaten "the integrity of the human genome."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04immigration04	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/04/immigration/whats-next-after-emergency-order	2025-09-04	Immigration, Guat sep04immigration01
Louisiana prison chosen for immigration detainees due to its notoriety, says Noem US immigration The Guardian	Immigration / Prisons	More than three dozen Democratic and independent senators are asking Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem to clarify the agency's position on beneficiaries of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04immigration06	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/04/louisiana-prison-immigration-detainees	2025-09-04	Louisiana, Immig sep04immigration04
Trump admin accused of 'attack' on immigrants after banning voter recruitment drives at naturalization events The Independent	Immigration / Voting Rights	In fact, DACA was created to provide protections from immigration enforcement for certain noncitizens brought to the United States as children, also known as Dreamers, who undergo strict background checks and meet specific educational or work requirements," the senators wrote.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04immigration07	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/usa/politics/trump-admin-accused-attack-immigrants	2025-09-04	Trump, Immigrati sep04immigration06
Portugal mourns after deadly streetcar accident : NPR	International / Disasters	The last time the US drastically expanded its force of immigration officers, major problems arose. Some border agents recruited in the 2000s turned out to be cartel members. One kidnapped and raped three women in his custody. Two others were convicted of off-duty murders.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04international01	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/04/international/portugal-mourns-deadly-streetcar-accident	2025-09-04	Portugal, Accider sep04international01
Israeli military database indicates only a quarter of Gaza detainees are fighters Israel-Gaza war The Guardian	Israel / Gaza	But now, the Homeland Security Department has prohibited nongovernmental entities from conducting voter recruitment drives at naturalization ceremonies, "emphasizing the non-partisan nature" of these services.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04israel01	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/sep/04/israeli-military-database-gaza-detainees	2025-09-04	Israel, Gaza, Det sep04israel01
DC National Guard has orders extended through December: Official AP News	Law & Order	The 19th-century streetcar is one of Lisbon's big tourist attractions and is usually packed with foreigners at this time of year for its short and picturesque trip up and down one of the city's steep hills.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04law02	https://www.apnews.com/story/dc-national-guard-orders-extended-through-december-official	2025-09-04	DC, National Guard sep04law07
Trump sets New Orleans as next federal crime target, not Chicago	Law & Order	Detectives from Portugal's judicial police force, which investigates serious incidents, photographed the rails and the wreckage on the deserted road.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04law03	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-sets-new-orleans-next-federal-crime-target	2025-09-04	Trump, Crime, La sep04law02
We've never seen this before: Trump's drug war looks like a real war	Law & Order	Officials declined to speculate on whether a faulty brake or a snapped cable may have caused the derailment.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04law04	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/we-ve-never-seen-this-before-trumps-drug-war	2025-09-04	Trump, Drug War sep04law01
Chicago sees its fewest summer murders since 1965 - WBZ Chicago	Law & Order	Only one in four detainees from Gaza are identified as fighters by Israel's military intelligence, classified data indicates, with civilians making up the vast majority of Palestinians held without charge or trial in abusive prisons.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04law05	https://www.wbz.com/news/2025/09/04/chicago-sees-fewest-summer-murders-since-1965	2025-09-04	Chicago, Crime, sep04law05

		A Fox News executive has called a prominent Trump appointee a "reckless maniac." Another Fox executive said, "I don't trust her to be responsible."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04media1				
		A third condemned her for the "tendency to find random conspiracy theories on weird internet sites."					
		And a Fox corporate board member called a public statement of hers "insane."					
		The person they were talking about is Jeanine Piro, now the United States' top law enforcement official for Washington, D.C. At the time, she was a top-rated star on Fox News itself.					
Fox News execs called Jeanine Piro 'reckless maniac' and more - NPR	Media / Accountability	Her colleagues made those remarks in the aftermath of the 2020 presidential election, when Piro and her team were accused of emptily baseless claims that victory had been stolen from President Trump.	https://www.npr.org	2025-09-04	Fox News, Jeanine Piro	sep04media1	
OMB director says Government Accountability Office "shouldn't exist"	Political Cesspool	Russell Vought, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, said Wednesday that he doesn't believe the Government Accountability Office (GAO) should exist.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics02	https://www.aol.com	2025-09-04	OMB, GAO, Gov	sep04politics02
		The GAO released several reports this year that said the Trump administration is in violation of federal law — including at least one that singled Vought out.	https://www.aol.com				
Trump bashes Epstein files as 'Democrat hoax' as Republicans rally nearby with sex trafficking victims The Independent	Political Cesspool	In response, he called the entire issue "a Democrat hoax that never ends" and compared it to the decades-long process of releasing files relating to the assassination of the late president John F. Kennedy, noting that "nobody's ever satisfied" with what the government has produced in either case.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics07	https://www.aol.com	2025-09-04	Trump, Epstein	1sep04politics07
		"From what I understand, thousands of pages of documents have been given. But it's really a Democrat hoax, because they're trying to get people to talk about something that's totally irrelevant to the success that we've had as a nation since I've been President," Trump said.	https://www.indie.com	2025-09-04	Trump, Epstein	1sep04politics07	
		Call it The Chicken Little Defense: If the courts do not sign off on the administration's tariffs, it "would be a total disaster for the Country" and "would literally destroy the United States of America," Trump said on Friday after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled that the bulk of the president's tariffs are illegal. He doubled down on those claims on Tuesday while tacking on the transparently ridiculous assertion that the U.S. is "taking in \$17 trillion ... because of tariffs."					
Trump Is Trying to Blackmail the Supreme Court - POLITICO	Political Cesspool	"This should all be seen for what it is — a tacit admission that the administration is on very weak footing as a legal matter. The most charitable interpretation of the effort is that the administration is lobbying the Supreme Court to engage in the sort of outcome-driven judicial activism that conservatives have long claimed to be. A less generous read of the situation is that this is an effort to politically blackmail the court into giving Trump what he wants even if it is clearly unlawful or unconstitutional."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics05	https://www.politico.com	2025-09-04	Trump, Supreme	sep04politics01
GOP Senator Draws Outrage After Speech on Who America 'Belongs To'	Political Cesspool	Schmitt failed to include any nonwhite people in the true-American pie. He did, however, include his German ancestors, who came to America in the 1840s: a time when, he omitted to mention, arriving European immigrants were met with no shortage of nativist challenges to their American-ness.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics06	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-04	GOP, Senator, At	sep04politics06
		Far-right activist Laura Loomer has derailed a classified intelligence briefing that she should never have known was happening, a senior Democratic senator said.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics05				
Laura Loomer Ripped by Senator After Forcing Classified Intelligence Meeting to Be Aired	Political Cesspool	The Virginia senator was attacked online by Loomer over the upcoming meeting, but its very existence was supposed to be classified and had not been publicly announced. He warned that censoring her press sets a dangerous precedent.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics03	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-04	Laura Loomer, Si	sep04politics05
Rand Paul called out after saying gay CDC official's 'lifestyle' disqualified him from government	Political Cesspool	Senator Rand Paul, a Republican from Kentucky, said that a gay CDC leader who has extensive experience in the public health field had "no business being in government" because of his "lifestyle."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics01	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-04	Rand Paul, CDC,	sep04politics03
Republicans grow impatient with RFK Jr. after CDC turmoil	Politics / Health	"I need to know why ... His words in his confirmation hearing aren't matching up with some of the deeds," said Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC).	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics01	https://www.aol.com	2025-09-04	RFK Jr., CDC, Reps	sep04politics01
RFK Jr. testifies before Senate amid chaos at the CDC Shots - Health News - NPR	Politics / Health	1. Kennedy's anti-vaccine activism is alive and well 2. He doesn't seem bothered by departures from the CDC 3. Kennedy and his allies want to talk about healthy food	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics02	https://www.npr.org	2025-09-04	RFK Jr., CDC, Se	sep04politics02
Kennedy prepares to name new vaccine panel members	Politics / Health	The list of names — which was first made public by Dr. Jeremy Faust, an emergency physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston — includes at least three people who have questioned the safety of messenger RNA vaccines against Covid.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics08	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-04	RFK Jr., Vaccines	sep04politics09
Medical groups call on US Health Secretary Kennedy to step down	Politics / Health	Multiple health groups and medical associations called on U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to step down in a joint statement on Wednesday, saying he was disregarding decades of lifesaving science and reversing medical progress.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics06				
		The statement, signed by more than 20 groups, comes after multiple former directors of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under both Republican and Democratic presidents have said that Kennedy's decisions — culminating in last week's firing of the CDC's director — are putting Americans' health at risk.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics08	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-04	RFK Jr., Health	5sep04politics05
		Kennedy appears to be taking a victory lap. In an op-ed published yesterday in The Wall Street Journal, the health secretary exorciated the CDC he took over as dysfunctional and politicized. Now, he argues, thanks to his leadership, the CDC is on the right track. As evidence, he cited its response to the measles outbreak, which claimed the lives of two unvaccinated girls who were members of the same Mennonite church. "When measles flared this year in Texas, we brought vaccines, therapeutics and resources to the epicenter. The outbreak ended quickly, proving the CDC can act swiftly with precision when guided by science and freed from ideology," Kennedy wrote. "That response was neither 'pro-vax' nor 'anti-vax.' It wasn't distracted by 'equity outcomes' or politically correct language like 'pregnant people.' It was effective."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics08				
		Much of that is misleading. Far from ending quickly, the outbreak in West Texas lasted from January to August and fed a measles surge that spread to 41 states—the country's worst since 1992. The CDC documented 1,431 cases nationwide, though health officials say many of those who contracted measles were never tested and therefore weren't counted. More than 100 children and teenagers were hospitalized. As for the "swift" response, although the CDC did send researchers to the area in early March after the first death, a recent story published by KTF Health News documents early confusion and silence from the federal government. On February 5, the public-health director in Lubbock, Texas, wrote in an email, "My staff feels like we are out here all alone."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics01	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-04	RFK Jr., CDC, Po	sep04politics08
RFK Jr.'s Victory Lap	Politics / Health	House Republicans have voted to establish a new subcommittee to reinvestigate the January 6 attack, a move that comes as Donald Trump has tried to rewrite the history of the most violent incident in US Capitol history.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics01				
House Republicans approve new panel to 'uncover all the facts' of January 6 attack The Guardian	Politics / Jan 6	On his first day in office, Trump issued 1,500 "full, complete and unconditional" presidential pardons to people who were involved in the attack, including those who were convicted of violent acts.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics06	https://www.theguardian.com	2025-09-04	Republicans, Jan	sep04politics11
Newsom Takes Further Legal Action After Trump's New Threat	Politics / Legal	California Gov. Gavin Newsom is seeking an injunction to "stop the Trump Administration's continued federalization of the National Guard through Election Day." California filed the request for a preliminary injunction shortly after a federal judge ruled the President violated federal law when he deployed thousands of National Guard troops and Marines to Los Angeles during the summer to quell protests related to immigration raids.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics06	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-04	Newsom, Trump,	sep04politics06
JD Vance Heckled by Protesters at Minneapolis Shooting Site	Politics / Protests	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04politics01	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-04	JD Vance, Minne	sep04politics10	
Texas passes ban on mail-order abortion pills - Axios Austin	Reproductive Rights	The Texas Legislature on Wednesday passed a sweeping measure aimed at restricting mail-order abortion medications and allowing private citizens to sue those mailing, delivering or distributing abortion pills in or from Texas.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04reproductive01	https://www.axios.com	2025-09-04	Texas, Abortion,	1sep04reproductive01
		Hughes and state Rep. Jeff Leach, HB7's primary author, have cited instances of women receiving abortion pills through the mail without adequate instructions for how to use them, and experiencing medical complications. Critics of HB7 point out that the pills are FDA-approved and broadly considered safe by medical experts — and that self-administered abortion is one of the only options remaining for women seeking abortions.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04reproductive02	https://www.aol.com	2025-09-04	Texas, Abortion,	1sep04reproductive02
Texas abortion pills bill one step closer to governor's desk KUT Radio, Austin's NPR Station	Reproductive Rights	Google must pay \$425 million for breaching users' privacy by collecting data from millions of users who'd switched off a tracking feature in their account, per a Wednesday federal jury verdict.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04tech01	https://www.kut.org	2025-09-04	Texas, Abortion,	1sep04reproductive02
Google must pay \$425 million in privacy lawsuit, jury says	Tech / Privacy	Ned's shell costs to the left, not the right, making him the 1 in 40,000 snails whose sex organs don't line up with those of the rest of their species. Unless another lefty snail is found, the young gastropod faces a lifetime of unintentional celibacy.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04weird04	https://www.aol.com	2025-09-04	Google, Privacy,	1sep04tech01
Ned the snail has a quirky shell that's dooming romance AP News	Weird World	"Their sense of smell is incredible," said Fabrizio Dell'Anna, an animal behaviorist at APORO, a Tanzania-based nongovernmental organization that trains the rats for leishmaniasis applications.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04weird05	https://www.apnews.com	2025-09-04	Snail, New Zeala	sep04weird04
Land mines and tuberculosis no match for Tanzanian 'hero rats' AP News	Weird World	"These rats are able to detect explosives, tuberculosis — even tiny amounts of the bacteria — and in this project, they are able to correctly identify and indicate humans."	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04science01	https://www.apnews.com	2025-09-04	Tanzania, Rats,	1sep04weird05
Doritos ingredient helps scientists create 'zee-through' pills - Earth.com	Weird World	Doritos have been a favorite snack around the world for decades. One of the dyes that gives the chips their bright pop just did something unexpected in a lab: it helped make mouse skin temporarily transparent, creating "zee-through" mice.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04weird06	https://www.earth.com	2025-09-04	Doritos, Tahrizin	sep04science01
Luigi Mangione appeared to model a Shien shirt — and it sold out in a flash. Now fast-fashion chain is probing AI The Independent	Weird World	An image of what appeared to be accused killer Luigi Mangione modelling a Shien shirt appeared on the fast-fashion chain's website, prompting the item to swiftly sell out.	https://thn.tiny.us/sep04weird03	https://www.the-independent.com	2025-09-04	Shien, AI, Fashio	sep04weird06
Grandfather mistakenly takes home wrong child from Sydney daycare centre Childcare Australia The Guardian	Weird World	An investigation has been launched and a childcare educator has been stood down after a grandparent mistakenly picked up and took home the wrong toddler from a Sydney daycare centre. Bobby Nunez was allegedly laughing and flirting as he towed a vehicle belonging to ICE agents according to a federal criminal complaint obtained by Fox News Digital. The agents were in the middle of an operation to arrest an illegal immigrant and had their emergency lights flashing as they boarded the large's vehicle with their own to prevent her escape.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-truck-driver	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-04	Sydney, Daycare	sep04weird03
Tow truck driver slapped with federal charge after hauling away Jeanine Piro: 'He can laugh behind bars'	Courts / Crime	For the third time in recent weeks, a federal grand jury in Washington, D.C., has rejected the Attorney General's attempt to criminally indict a person accused of making threats against an official — the latest sign of pushback from residents in the city overtaken by federal law enforcement.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-another-defeat	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	Tow Truck, ICE,	Federal Charges, Crime
Another defeat for Jeanine Piro as DC grand jury again declines to bring charges on Trump takeover	Courts / Government	A major new ruling in California earlier in the day doesn't stop him from doing that. But it does suggest there could be little actual utility in the president pressing forward with his longstanding push to militarize the homeland.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-tiktok-influencer	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	Jeanine Piro, DC	Grand Jury, Trump, Courts
What a judge's rebuke could mean for Trump's efforts to put troops in blue cities	Courts / Government	The 24-year-old — whose full name is Leidy Tatiana Maffa-Martínez — was arrested on August 15 in downtown Los Angeles by federal agents who dragged her out of her Tesla. Videos of her arrest have now circulated online, and her attorney argues she was targeted because she used her social media platform to document ICE activity.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-delta-shows	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	TikTok, ICE, Arre	Immigration, Courts
TikTok influencer who livestreamed her own arrest was targeted for documenting ICE agents, lawyer says	Courts / Immigration	President Donald Trump has threatened to deploy the National Guard to Chicago, New York, Seattle, Baltimore, San Francisco and Portland, Oregon, to fight what he says is runaway crime. Yet data shows most violent crime in those places and around the country has declined in recent years.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-peace-honky	https://www.apnews.com	2025-09-03	Crime, National	Guard, Trump, Statistics
Data shows crime is down in US cities but Trump suggests more Guard deployments	Crime / Government	Most families have their own version of this, an intimate, group-specific dialect known among linguistic experts as "familylect" or "famlect." Cynthia Gordon, a professor in the linguistics department at Georgetown University and the author of "Making Meaning(s): Creating Family," has spent much of her career studying this type of family discourse. (She personally prefers the term "familylect" but doesn't mind the alternative. "As a linguist," she says, "I describe how people use language, rather than prescribe it.")	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-family-lect	https://www.washpost.com	2025-09-03	Family, Language,	Famlect, Culture
Every family has a secret language. Experts call it 'familylect.'	Culture / Family	A new history exhibit commissioned by the Trump administration has some historians perplexed, as the administration's pushback on arts and history raises questions about omitting marginalized voices in the nation's history.					
White House's 'Founders Museum' blurs history, AI-generated fiction	Culture / Government	The danger of projects like The Founders Museum, according to Brendan Gillis, director of teaching and learning for the American Historical Association, is that it focuses narrowly on a small set of experiences, making it seem like this is all the American Revolutionary history that we need to know. But, he says, "There's many, many more people who shaped the American Revolution and kept this story going."	https://www.npr.org	2025-09-03	White House, AI,	History, Propaganda, Museum	
		Americans plan to spend 5% less this holiday season compared to last year — the first pullback since 2020 — as rising costs and tariff worries weigh on wallets, according to PwC's 2025 Holiday Outlook out Wednesday.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-holiday-shopping				
Holiday shopping faces spending pullback because of tariffs, high prices	Economy / Consumer	84% of respondents expect to cut back in the next six months, per the PwC survey of 4,000 U.S. consumers conducted between June 26 and July 9.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-governor-cook	https://www.aol.com	2025-09-03	Economy, Tariffs,	Inflation, Retail, Holiday Spending
Fed Governor Cook says mortgage 'contradictions' do not justify removal by Trump	Economy / Federal Reserve	Americans plan to spend \$1,552 on average, down from \$1,638 in 2024. Gift spending is projected to fall 11% to \$721, down from \$814 last year.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-salesforce-marc	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	Federal Reserve,	Mortgage, Economy, Trump
Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff says his company has cut 4,000 customer service jobs as AI steps in: 'I need less heads'	Economy / Technology	Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook on Tuesday laid out in greater detail her opposition to President Donald Trump's bid to remove her from office, saying it was too late to fire her for mortgage information she disclosed during her confirmation process.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-trump-tariffs	https://www.foxnews.com	2025-09-03	Salesforce, AI, Jobs,	Technology, Economy
Trump tariffs: If ruling sticks, companies could be owed billions	Economy / Trade	Billionaire CEO Marc Benioff said his \$248 billion Salesforce has cut about 4,000 customer service roles as AI agents step in to do the work. Just like Klarna and Microsoft, the Silicon Valley mogul revealed he just "needs less heads" now that the technology can handle over a million consumer conversations and has reduced support costs by 17% since around the start of 2025. It's a change of tune from Benioff's previous comments that AI wouldn't lead to a white-collar wipeout.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-trump-tariffs	https://www.foxnews.com	2025-09-03	Tariffs, Supreme	Court, Economy, Trump Administration

States are cutting off in-state tuition for immigrant college students	Education / Immigration	Now, she's one of thousands of Florida students whose education is being delayed or derailed after state lawmakers revoked a 2014 law that let residents who are in the country legally qualify for in-state tuition at public colleges and universities. Across the country, tens of thousands of college students without legal status are losing access to in-state tuition as part of an immigration crackdown carried out by President Donald Trump and his allies.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-states-cutting	https://apnews.com	2025-09-03	Education, Immigration, Florida, Texas, Tuition
Pollution, development and climate change threaten Florida's freshwater springs	Environment / Climate	Seen from the air, a Florida freshwater spring is a bit of liquid heaven, luring humans and wildlife to enjoy its aquamarine cool. With at least 1,000 of them — more than any other state — the springs serve as beaches for large swaths of central and northeastern Florida far from the ocean, with teenagers backflipping from docks and snorkelers peering into the crystalline depths. But these treasures are under threat from agricultural pollution, rapid development and climate change.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-pollution-development	https://apnews.com	2025-09-03	Florida, Environment, Climate Change, Pollution, Wildlife
Quick-moving wildfire burned homes in a California Gold Rush town settled around 1850 by Chinese miners who were driven out of a nearby camp and the blaze grew without containment on Wednesday.	Environment / Disasters	A quick-moving wildfire burned homes in a California Gold Rush town settled around 1850 by Chinese miners who were driven out of a nearby camp and the blaze grew without containment on Wednesday.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-quick-moving-wildfire	https://apnews.com	2025-09-03	Florida, Environment, Climate Change, Pollution, Wildlife
Chances continue to rise for a new system in the Atlantic this week	Environment / Weather	The chances that a tropical storm or depression forms in the Atlantic this week continue to rise, but it's still too soon to know the path.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-chances-continue	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	Wildfire, California, Disaster, Climate
House Republicans keep NIH funding Trump wanted to cut	Government / Health	House Republicans are rejecting President Trump's nearly \$20 billion proposed budget cut for the National Institutes of Health in an increasingly rare show of bipartisan support for biomedical research.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-house-republicans	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	Atlantic, Weather, Storm, Climate
Kennedy wants to limit CDC's role to infectious diseases	Government / Health	He argues the agency should return to its original focus on infectious diseases, shifting away from efforts to improve public health by moving programs focused on chronic disease like diabetes or heart disease away from the CDC.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-kennedy-wants	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	NIH Funding, Trump, Health Policy, GOP
RFK Jr. writes about restoring 'public trust' at the CDC. Its former directors say he's 'endangering every American's health'	Government / Health	They said they were concerned about the "wide-ranging impact" that Kennedy's decisions, culminating in the ousting of CDC Director Susan Monarez last week, "will have on America's health security."	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-rfk-jr-writes	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	RFK Jr., CDC, Health Policy, Government
Intelligence meeting canceled after attacks by far-right activist Laura Loomer, Democratic senator says	Government / Intelligence	Speaking of Monarez, the former directors said when she refused to "rubber-stamp [Kennedy's] dangerous and unfounded vaccine recommendations or heed his demand to fire senior CDC staff members, he decided she was expendable."	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-intelligence-meeting	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	RFK Jr., CDC, Health Policy, Government
Trump's return to office order worked	Government / Labor	In a nod to continuing collaboration, the mayor of Washington, D.C., issued an order Tuesday to continue the work of an emergency operations center the city set up in response to the federal law enforcement surge ordered by President Donald Trump to battle what he insisted was out-of-control crime.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-trump-returns	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	RFK Jr., CDC, Health Policy, Government
DC mayor keeps emergency operations center open to work with feds	Government / Public Safety	An over-the-counter nasal spray which has been used for years as a safe and effective treatment for seasonal allergies could potentially prevent Covid infections, according to clinical trial results released Tuesday.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-dc-mayor-keeps	https://apnews.com	2025-09-03	Trump, Federal Workers, Labor, Government Policy
A common nasal spray may block Covid infection, trial results indicate	Health / Infectious Disease	The anthibianime azelastine works as an antiviral against a range of respiratory infections, including influenza, RSV and the virus that causes Covid, a growing number of studies have shown.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-common-nasal	https://apnews.com	2025-09-03	DC, Mayor Bowser, ICE, Trump, Public Safety
COVID-19 is Surging Again, And These States Are The Most At Risk Right Now	Health / Infectious Disease	COVID cases are high as kids go back to school and folks return home from summer trips. It's part of the COVID pattern, the virus tends to peak in late summer and again in the winter, but just because it's part of a pattern doesn't make a COVID infection any less severe, scary, or annoying than years past.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-covid-19-surfing	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	COVID-19, Nasal Spray, Public Health, Infection
As COVID wave washes over California, some health officials urge residents to mask up	Health / Public Safety	It's worth knowing that COVID tracking data is less reliable now because of COVID funding cuts by the Trump administration, less testing and the discontinuation of certain tools researchers relied on.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-covid-wave	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	COVID-19, Public Health, States, Infectious Disease
Appeals court blocks Trump from deporting Venezuelans via Alien Enemies Act	Immigration / Courts	A COVID wave is washing over California, with the state seeing continued increases in the number of newly confirmed cases and hospitalizations as some officials urged the public to take greater precautions.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-covid-wave	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	COVID-19, California, Public Health, Masks
California's high-speed rail project seeks a change of direction	Infrastructure / Transportation	The Trump administration can't use a centuries-old wartime law to quickly deport Venezuelans it alleges are suspected gang members, a federal appeals court ruled in a 2-1 decision on Tuesday night.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-california-high-speed	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	COVID-19, California, Public Health, Masks
Israel is building at a suspected nuclear weapons site, satellite photos show	International / Security	This summer, construction workers put the final concrete girder in place for the Hanford Viaduct, an elevated structure more than 6,300 feet long. It's part of a 119-mile stretch around Fresno and Bakersfield that's already under construction, and where crews could begin laying track as soon as next year.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-israel-buildings	https://apnews.com	2025-09-03	California, High-Speed Rail, Infrastructure, Transportation
DHS snubs Argentina delegation in "embarrassing" delay of visa deal	International Relations / Diplomacy	"This is all doable. This is all buildable," said Ian Choudiri, the CEO of the California High-Speed Rail Authority. "The hardest part is over."	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-dhs-snubs-argentina	https://apnews.com	2025-09-03	Israel, Nuclear Weapons, Dimona, Security
Xi, Putin and Kim: Biggest U.S. adversaries "conspire" in Beijing	International Relations / Geopolitics	The leaders of China, Russia and North Korea strode out together overnight in Beijing to attend a massive military parade — and to send a message to Washington.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-xi-putin-kim	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	Argentina, DHS, Diplomacy, Visa Waiver
China parade photos: Xi hosts Putin, Kim at military event featuring new weapons	International Relations / Military	China's leader Xi Jinping hosted Russia's Vladimir Putin, North Korea's Kim Jong-un and dozens of other leaders at the country's biggest-ever military parade on Wednesday morning local time.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-china-parade	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	China, Russia, North Korea, Geopolitics, Military Parade
Xi Jinping says world faces 'peace or war', as Putin and Kim join him for military parade	International Relations / Military	President Trump in D.C. suggested the trio may be conspiring against the U.S. during the event marking 80 years since Japan's formal surrender that ended World War II.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-xi-jinping-says	https://www.theguardian.com	2025-09-03	Xi Jinping, China, Putin, Kim Jong Un, Military Parade
Trump orders end union protections for 450,000 federal workers in 'largest union busting in American history'	Labor / Government	Xi Jinping said the world was facing a choice between peace or war as he held China's largest-ever military parade, joined by Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong-un in a show of defiance to the west.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-trump-orders	https://www.industrytoday.com	2025-09-03	Trump, Federal Workers, Labor, Union Busting
Trump announces Space Command move to Alabama. Here's why it matters	Military / Government	In announcing the move Trump also criticized the state of Colorado — which has Democrats in its statewide elected offices — saying, "The problem here with Colorado, one of the big problems, is they do mail-in voting." (Several red states also allow some form of mail-in voting, including Utah, which the Colorado, has automatic mail-in voting.)	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-trump-announces	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	Trump, Space Command, Alabama, Government, Military
Defense contractors sidestep Trump chatter of partial ownership	Military / Industry	As the Trump administration considers taking stakes in big defense contractors, industry insiders are so far offering silence, sidesteps and safe answers.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-defense-contractors	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	Defense Contractors, Trump, Military Industry, Ownership
US military kills 11 in strike on alleged drug boat tied to Venezuelan cartel, Trump says	Military / International Security	The US president said 11 people were killed in the strike in "international waters." Secretary of State Marco Rubio described the "lethal strike" as taking place in the "southern Caribbean" against "a drug vessel which had departed from Venezuela."	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-military-kills	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	US Military, Venezuela, Drug Cartel, Security, Trump
MAGA splinters as Epstein fight returns to Congress	Political / Congress	If the Epstein scandal fades, it will show even sharp breaks with Trump within the movement can be patched over when bigger fights emerge.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-maga-splinters	https://apnews.com	2025-09-03	Epstein, Congress, MAGA, Political Division
Donald Trump and His Spokesperson Offer Conflicting Explanations for Viral Video of Bags Being Thrown Out White House Window	Political / Congress	After a video went viral that appeared to show trash bags getting thrown out of a White House window, President Donald Trump and his press team offered conflicting explanations of what happened.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-donald-trump	https://apnews.com	2025-09-03	Epstein, Congress, MAGA, Political Division
Mace leaves meeting with Epstein victims visibly upset	Political / Congress	Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.) on Tuesday left early from a House Oversight and Government Reform Committee meeting with victims of the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, appearing visibly upset when she emerged from the committee room.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-mace-leaves	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	Trump, White House, Viral Video, Political Scandal
Major billionaire makes bombshell accusation against Trump: 'Most people are silent'	Political / Congress	Several Epstein accusers joined members of Congress for a closed-door meeting on Tuesday, as the House Oversight Committee continues its investigation into the federal government's handling of the Epstein case.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-major-billionaire	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	Nancy Mace, Epstein, Congress, Political Scandal
		Dallo, the founder of Bridgewater Associates, told the Financial Times in an interview released early Tuesday that the United States is moving toward autocratic-style politics, pointing to how a decline in trust, "gaps in wealth" and "gaps in values" are pushing "more extreme" policies.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEFP3-major-billionaire	https://www.yahoo.com	2025-09-03	Billionaire, Trump, Political Scandal, Accusations

		Zeleny noted that, in his country, the law doesn't allow for elections during periods of martial law. "So you say during the war, you can't have elections," Trump responded. "So let me just say, three and a half years from now -- so you mean, if we happen to be in a war with somebody, no more elections? Oh, that's good."	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-trump-cancelling			
Trump cancelling elections? Democrats increasingly sound alarm bells.	Politics / Elections	That might seem ridiculous to some. Trump hasn't explicitly said he plans to cancel elections, and he said last month he would "probably not" run for a third term, which the Constitution forbids anyway. But the president has certainly floated such possibilities before and done plenty of anti-democratic things. And his extraordinary moves to take more control over the voting process and dispatch troops on US soil are already raising alarm bells. (A judge said Tuesday that Trump was, in effect, "creating a national police force with the President as its chief.")	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-cancelling-elections-120000389.html	2025-09-03	Trump, Elections, Democrats, Political Alarm	
		Elson, who has pursued more than 100 legal matters against Trump since his second inauguration, explained that he wanted to try the case in the court of law and the court of public opinion. He asked for an update on an op-ed he had written raising questions about "a potential cover up" of Trump's dealings with Epstein. He wanted a plan from Lavros Barnes, the former Michigan party chair, about how they would get elected leaders to discuss the Epstein records. He wanted a press plan to publicize the requests they had already filed, and the lawsuit they would file a few weeks later. A discussion followed about whether they should also try to intervene in the Justice Department's effort to unseat grand jury testimony, how many of the Epstein records they should demand to release, and how the Epstein issue fit with other arguments against Trump. "We have an extremely strong horse right now. Let's just ride that," said Bill Kristol, the resident neoconservative. "We want to know what's going on with the Epstein files."	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-epst-trump-suitcasey	https://www.yahoo.com/news/anti-trump-strategy-120000389.html	2025-09-03	Anti-Trump, Strategy, Politics, Resistance
The Anti-Trump Strategy That's Actually Working	Politics / Opposition	The podcast's themes and guests, and the prestige of its hosts in CREC circles, raise further questions about the extent to which Hegseth's views on US foreign and defense policy have been shaped by a religious movement that directly opposes liberal democracy and democratic principles including individual women's suffrage.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-podcast-hegseth	https://www.thecg.com/news/podcast-hegseth-120000389.html	2025-09-03	Pete Hegseth, Christian Nationalism, Far-right, Relig
Podcast of Hegseth church network airs far-right and Christian nationalist views	Religious cesspool	More than 100 unmarked containers with unknown contents were found scattered along the coastline and shore of Montague Island in Alaska, officials said Monday.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-hundreds-mysterious	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hundreds-mysterious-containers-120000389.html	2025-09-03	Alaska, Containers, Mystery, Weird World
Hundreds of mysterious containers found floating off Alaskan island as authorities probe where they came from	Weird World	The alert originated from the Marine Safety Unit Valdez of the U.S. Coast Guard. Responding to the report, the team discovered containers ranging in size from five-gallon drums to the much larger 55-gallon barrels.	https://www.indie.com/news/hundreds-mysterious-containers-120000389.html	2025-09-03	Alaska, Containers, Mystery, Weird World	
Man accused of marrying three women at the same time -- and police warn there could be more victims	Weird World	A North Carolina man is facing two felony bigamy charges after authorities say he married three women simultaneously, allegedly to benefit financially and personally.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-accused-marrying	https://www.the-z.com/news/man-accused-marrying-120000389.html	2025-09-03	North Carolina, Crime, Bigamy, Marriage
18-Year-Old Was Just a Frozen Embryo When He Was Rescued From Katrina. He Has a 'Twin' Who Is 21 (Exclusive)	Weird World	Noah Markham was in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina hit -- but wasn't actually born until two years later.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-18-year-old-just	https://www.yahoo.com/news/18-year-old-just-120000389.html	2025-09-03	Katrina, Frozen Embryo, Family, Weird World
		Noah early life is complicated, headline-making tale of how an embryo was saved during a hurricane and became a person.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-numbers-relations			
		National Guard troops were deployed to Washington, D.C. to fight crime, but they have also participated in President Donald Trump's beautification efforts, collecting 500 bags of trash along a 3.2-mile stretch.				
		When Trump announced last month he had placed D.C. police under direct federal control and deployed the National Guard to the city, he said he did it to "rescue our nation's capital from crime, bloodshed, bedlam, and squalor, and worse." Now, soldiers are rescuing D.C. from litter.				
The numbers are in: National Guard deployed to DC to fight crime has picked up 500 bags of trash along 3.2 miles	Weird World	Troops wearing orange high-visibility vests over their camouflage uniforms were seen last week picking up trash in Lafayette Park just outside the White House. Soldiers were also seen clearing up along the tidal basin near the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/national-guard-deployed-120000389.html	2025-09-03	National Guard, DC, Crime, Weird World	
Posters showing Pete Hegseth and Stephen Miller being hit in head with hammers from 'sandwich guy' protester pop up around DC	Weird World	New posters depicting the so-called "sandwich guy" hitting Trump administration officials in the head with hammers have popped up in Washington, D.C., the latest symbol of protest against the president's crime crackdown in the nation's capital.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-posters-showing	https://www.yahoo.com/news/posters-showing-120000389.html	2025-09-03	Protest, Weird World, Pete Hegseth, Stephen Miller
		A Studio City man is pleading for answers after his wife was detained by federal agents during an immigration appointment in downtown Los Angeles a month ago.				
		Aghdassi says that his wife, 55-year-old Sharaneh Moghadam, was called for an immigration appointment at the beginning of August for what she thought was a ceremony after she recently passed her U.S. citizen test.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-las-angeles	https://www.cbs.com/news/los-angeles-120000389.html	2025-09-02	ICE, immigration, Los Angeles
Los Angeles man pleads for answers as wife remains in ICE custody 30 days after arrest - CBS Los Angeles	Borders & Immigration	However, it was there that she was detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, and he hasn't been able to see her since.				
		A Baptist chaplain at a privately-run ICE lockup in Pennsylvania is facing accusations of sexually abusing a detainee over the course of more than a year, beginning shortly after he gained her trust by gifting her a Bible.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-prison-chaplain	https://www.indie.com/news/prison-chaplain-120000389.html	2025-09-02	ICE, abuse, immigration, prisons
Prison chaplain Mark Melhorn at Moshannon Valley Processing Center, an ICE facility in Pennsylvania, accused of sexually abusing immigration detainees The Independent	Borders & Immigration	Pastor Mark Melhorn, 67, engaged in "extraordinary misconduct" at the Moshannon Valley Processing Center "under the guise of providing pastoral services," according to a federal lawsuit obtained by The Independent.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-leaked-gaza	https://www.thecg.com/news/leaked-gaza-120000389.html	2025-09-02	Gaza, Israel-Palestine, displacement
Leaked 'Gaza Riviera' plan dismissed as 'insane' attempt to cover ethnic cleansing Gaza The Guardian	Borders & Immigration	A plan circulating in the White House to develop the "Gaza Riviera" as a string of high-tech megacities has been dismissed as an "insane" attempt to provide cover for the large-scale ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian territory's population.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-noem-claims	https://www.yahoo.com/news/noem-claims-120000389.html	2025-09-02	Noem, immigration, raids
Noem warns more immigration raids are coming to America's biggest cities: 'We do intend to add more'	Borders & Immigration	Noem told moderator Ed O'Keefe on CBS's Face the Nation on Sunday that the Trump administration would send Immigration and Customs Enforcement resources to cities like Chicago.				
		We've already had ongoing operations with ICE in Chicago and throughout Illinois and other states, making sure that we're upholding our laws, but we do intend to add more resources to those operations," Noem said.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-chicago-thousands	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chicago-thousands-120000389.html	2025-09-02	Chicago, ICE, protest
In Chicago, thousands protest against threat of ICE, National Guard deployment	Civil Rights / Protest	The death toll from a major earthquake in eastern Afghanistan passed 1,400 on Tuesday, with more than 3,000 people injured, Zabihullah Mujheid, a Taliban government spokesman, said on social platform X.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-afghan-quake	https://www.thecg.com/news/afghan-quake-120000389.html	2025-09-02	Afghanistan, earthquake, aid
Afghan quake death toll rises as Taliban asks for aid AP News	Climate / Disasters	A landslide wiped out a village in Sudan's western region of Darfur, killing an estimated 1,000 people in one of the deadliest natural disasters in the African country's recent history, a rebel group controlling the area said late Monday.				
		The tragedy happened Sunday in the village of Tarasin in Central Darfur's Marrah Mountains after days of heavy rainfall in late August, the Sudan Liberation Movement Army said in a statement.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-over-1	https://www.yahoo.com/news/over-1-120000389.html	2025-09-02	Sudan, landslide, disaster
Over 1,000 killed in landslide in western Sudan village, armed group says	Climate / Disasters	"Initial information indicates the death of all village residents, estimated to be more than 1,000 people. Only one person survived," the statement read.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-appeals-court	https://www.fox.com/news/ftc-appeals-court-120000389.html	2025-09-02	FTC, Appeals Court, Trump, Government
Appeals court blocks Trump from firing FTC commissioner	Courts / Government	A federal appeals court reinstated Rebecca Slaughter, the Biden-appointed Federal Trade Commission commissioner whom President Trump fired, in a 2-1 decision on Tuesday.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-after-ruling	https://www.yahoo.com/news/after-ruling-120000389.html		
After ruling against LA Guard use, Trump vows more deployments	Courts / Government	Hours after a federal court in California ruled against how President Trump used the National Guard in Los Angeles this summer, Trump touted his use of the National Guard in Washington, D.C., and said he would soon send the troops into Chicago, though he did not say when.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-alien-after	https://www.yahoo.com/news/alien-after-120000389.html	2025-09-02	Trump, National Guard, Courts, California, Governme
		Speaking at his own press conference later, Illinois Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker said the National Guard was not needed or wanted in the city. But he said federal agents were already massing in a nearby military base and predicted they would soon start conducting immigration raids in Latino communities in order to spark demonstrations. "We know, before anything has happened here, that the Trump administration is using any excuse to deploy armed military personnel to Chicago."	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-judge-lets	https://www.thecg.com/news/google-120000389.html	2025-09-02	Google, Antitrust, DOJ, Chrome, Tech
A judge lets Google keep Chrome but levies other penalties	Courts / Tech	The arrest of a US army veteran who protested against the Trump administration's immigration crackdown has raised alarms among legal experts and fellow veterans familiar with his service in Afghanistan.				
		Bajun Navawakali II -- a former army sergeant who survived a roadside bomb blast on a special operations mission in Afghanistan -- was charged in July with "conspiracy to impede or injure officers" after joining a demonstration against federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ice) in Spokane, Washington.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-scientists-slam	https://www.fox.com/news/scientists-slam-120000389.html	2025-09-02	FBI, Army Veteran, Protest, ICE, Conspiracy
Alarm after FBI arrests US army veteran for 'conspiracy' over protest against ICE	Courts / Government	In a ruling aimed at restoring competition in the search engine market, U.S. District Judge Ajit Menka refrained from ordering Google to sell off Chrome, the world's most popular browser, but ordered the tech company to end exclusive deals that make Google the default search engine on phones and other devices.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-woman-chases	https://www.the-z.com/news/woman-chases-120000389.html	2025-09-02	crime, Kipona festival, public safety
Woman drives minivan into Labor Day Kipona festival crowd leaving boy fighting for life The Independent	Crime / Public Safety	A woman has been taken into custody after a minivan ploughed into a crowd of festivalgoers in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, leaving a 6-year-old boy fighting for his life.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-chatgpt-spoken	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chatgpt-spoken-120000389.html	2025-09-02	ChatGPT, Language, Culture, Communication
ChatGPT speak is creeping into our everyday language - here's why it matters	Culture / Language	Police chased the van on bicycles for six blocks before it crashed into another barricade and came to a stop near North Front Street and Cranberry Street. The suspect was wearing a shirt that said "Mom" and had two children's car seats in the vehicle, according to PennLive.				
		Delve, intricate, surpass. Perhaps you've been hearing and seeing these words more often -- ChatGPT may be to blame. People are adopting language from the chatbot's lexicon, according to Florida State University researchers.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-historic-change	https://www.cnn.com/news/snap-120000389.html	2025-09-02	SNAP, economy, food security
Historic change in grocery shopping underway as SNAP cuts begin	Economy	On Monday, under new policy included in President Trump's tax law, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits that have provided low-income Americans with more purchasing power in the grocery store begin to go into effect. According to one estimate, it is "the largest cut to SNAP in history," a federal program which in one form or another dates back to the New Deal era and currently provides basic food assistance to more than 40 million people.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-death-american-dream	https://www.indie.com/news/american-dream-120000389.html	2025-09-02	American Dream, economy, labor
Death to the American dream? Poll finds most agree hard work no longer guarantees economic gain The Independent	Economy	Grocers large and small are bracing for the impact of changes to the SNAP program. A CBO analysis released this month estimates that 2.4 million fewer Americans, including families with children, are forecast to receive food stamp benefits in an average month. Other estimates show families across the U.S. could lose anywhere from \$72 to \$231 per month in support.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-manufacturing-activity	https://www.fox.com/news/manufacturing-activity-120000389.html	2025-09-02	Manufacturing, Economy, Industry, Contraction
US manufacturing activity contracts for sixth straight month in August: 'It's survival'	Economy / Industry	A new poll has found most U.S. adults agree hard work no longer guarantees economic gain, crushing the long-held cultural belief known as the American dream.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP3-sick-stock	https://www.rpr.com/news/sick-stock-120000389.html		
		Data out Tuesday from the Institute for Supply Management showed the ISM's manufacturing PMI came in at 48.7 last month, an increase from the reading of 48 seen in July but below estimates for a reading of 48.9, according to Bloomberg data. Readings of less than 50 on the index indicate a contraction in activity in the sector.				
		More than 85 scientists from around the world have issued a scathing rebuttal to a recent U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) report that diminished the threat of climate change, arguing that it misrepresented data and cherry-picked numbers contrary to scientific consensus.				
		"This report makes a mockery of science," said Dr. Andrew Dessler, one of the contributors to the 500-page report written by climate experts in response to the review. "It relies on ideas that were rejected long ago, supported by misrepresentations of the body of scientific knowledge, omissions of important facts, aim waving, anecdotes, and confirmation bias. This report makes it clear DOE has no interest in engaging with the scientific community."				
Scientists Slam Trump Administration's Climate Report	Environment / Government	As tiny pieces of plastic clog our oceans, natural meadows of seagrass are bundling up microplastics and spitting them back out onto beaches in the form of "Neptune balls".	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-8-g	https://www.time.com/news/neptune-balls-120000389.html	2025-09-02	Trump, Climate Report, Scientists, Environment, Go
It's a way of the sea returning the trash to us? Why plastic-filled 'Neptune balls' are washing up on beaches	Environment / Pollution	In this case, there are two unwitting victims. The petrel harbours a deadly agent: H5 avian influenza. Soon after, bird flu begins to rip through the imperiled parent population, pushing the waddling bird -- which numbers fewer than 250 individuals -- to extinction.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-saving-world	https://www.thecg.com/news/saving-world-120000389.html	2025-09-02	New Zealand, kakapo, bird flu, conservation
Saving the world's fattest parrot: can New Zealand vaccinate its rare species before bird flu gets to them? Global development The Guardian	Environment / Wildlife	Tens of millions of wild birds have succumbed to H5 worldwide, but so far Oceania has managed to keep the virus out -- buying time for New Zealand to add another weapon to its arsenal before thousands of birds arrive from distant shores.				
		Ceballos and his team from the National Alliance for Jaguar Conservation (ANCI) thought there were maybe 1,000 jaguars across the country. They decided to carry out the country's first census of the animal to find out exactly how many there were. They found 4,100.	https://tbn.tiny.us/SEP02-ape-8	https://www.thecg.com/news/jaguars-120000389.html	2025-09-02	Mexico, jaguars, conservation
'We're winning a battle': Mexico's jaguar numbers up 30% in conservation drive Mexico The Guardian	Environment / Wildlife	"It was a great surprise, terrific news," Ceballos said. "Obviously 4,000 means the species is still in danger of extinction, but 4,000 is a lot better than 1,000."				
		Lawmakers return to Capitol Hill this week after an extended recess with a packed to-do list, top of which is efforts to prevent a government shutdown when funding for federal agencies expires at the end of the month.				
		Lawmakers are expected to turn to a short-term funding bill, known as a continuing resolution, to tide agencies over temporarily. But even a stopgap bill will need bipartisan support.				
		A long-term funding solution will be even harder to craft. A key subcommittee in the House will hold a markup Tuesday evening on the fiscal year 2026 funding proposal, published Monday evening.				
		The provides a total discretionary allocation of \$184.5 billion, nearly \$14 billion below the fiscal year 2025 level.	https://www.rpr.com/news/congress-shutdown-120000389.html	2025-09-02	Congress, Government Shutdown, Budget, Deadlin	
Tick tock: Congress has 14 legislative days to stop a government shutdown	Government / Budget					

		The Trump administration agreed to restore scores of health agency webpages and datasets that went dark to comply with executive orders on diversity, equity and inclusion and gender identity, under a court settlement announced on Tuesday. The information blackout shocked health providers and centered on issues like contraception and transgender health that President Trump and Republicans have repeatedly targeted. It also swept up information about HIV, at-risk youths and women's health. The action prompted a lawsuit from nine medical groups who alleged the administration's actions were arbitrary, illegal and threatened public health.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-trump-admin			
Trump admin agrees to restore public health webpages	Government / Health	Info that vacuum stepped Jim O'Neill, deputy secretary of Health and Human Services, now installed as acting CDC director. O'Neill's résumé breaks sharply with CDC tradition. A Bush-era HHS official turned Silicon Valley investor, he is neither a physician nor a scientist — an unusual profile for the agency's top post. He is expected to retain his deputy role at HHS while leading the CDC. After his early government service, O'Neill spent nearly two decades in close partnership with billionaire Peter Thiel, managing his funds, directing the Thiel Foundation, and co-founding the Thiel Fellowship. He also led the SENS Research Foundation, a nonprofit focused on anti-aging science. In June, he returned to Washington as deputy secretary. He now holds that position alongside his role as CDC director.	https://www.abc2	2025-09-02	Public Health, Government, Trump Administration	
CDC's new acting director Jim O'Neill faces looming decisions on vaccines	Health / Government	Kenya's first major outbreak, many countries — from Ghana to Burundi, from Uganda to South Sudan — have dealt with mpox for the first time. Today, 26 African countries are in the midst of mpox outbreaks, up from 13 a year ago according to Africa CDC. And, while recent estimates suggest cases are dropping in several key countries, Africa CDC says, there have been over 100,000 suspected mpox cases so far this year. Critics say the global response has fallen dangerously short, expressing frustration and fear that the world has not acted more swiftly to contain the virus. These critiques come despite the fact that \$1.1 billion has been pledged by countries, foundations and international organizations to support mpox control. Here is a look at where the mpox crisis stands and what that means for future outbreaks of other serious diseases.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-mpox-faded	https://www.cbs2	2025-09-02	CDC, Jim O'Neill, Vaccines, Government, Health
Mpox has faded from headlines. Is it still a threat?	Health / Infectious Disease	Independent rural hospitals are increasingly joining what are called clinically integrated networks, collaborative groups that allow them to avoid selling out to larger health systems while sharing resources to save money and improve patient care. Many are motivated by the chance to combine their patient rolls for value-based care contracts, a growing reimbursement model in which insurers pay providers based on the quality of care they provide and the health outcomes of their patients. Supporters of the networks are exploring whether funding from the \$50 billion Rural Health Transformation Program — part of President Donald Trump's recent tax and spending bill — can be used to help start or expand such organizations.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-rural-hospitals	https://www.rpr2	2025-09-02	Mpox, Infectious Disease, Health, Africa, Public Health
Rural hospitals band together instead of selling to big networks	Health / Infrastructure	For independent, rural hospitals, the networks are an alternative to shutting down or reducing services, or to giving up local autonomy and joining a large hospital system.	https://www.rpr2	2025-09-02	Rural Hospitals, Healthcare, Independent Networks	
High school tuberculosis infection prompts investigation into possible exposures	Health / Public Safety	In a letter to Coldwater High School (CHS) parents and staff, Coldwater Community Schools (CCS) and Branch-Hilldale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency (BHSJCHA) officials confirmed a person affiliated with CHS has TB and is undergoing treatment. Doctors related the alarm about high levels of vaping among children worldwide, saying they are convinced e-cigarettes are causing irreversible harm to their health. Cardiologists, researchers and health experts said they were "extremely concerned" about the harmful effects of e-cigarettes on millions of teenagers and young people, including exposure to toxins and carcinogens — some of which are still unknown.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-high-school	https://wwwmt.com	2025-09-02	tuberculosis, Michigan, health
Vaping may be causing irreversible harm to children's health, doctors say Vaping The Guardian	Health / Public Safety	Researchers have submitted more than 100 proposals to participate in the Trump administration's \$50 million study into possible causes of autism, with a list of up to 25 grant winners expected to be announced by the end of September, people with knowledge of the plans told Reuters. Before I say what they are, I should thank you and say, if you're on a battlefield, this synthetic nanoparticle is going to be the way to go always. You freeze-dry it and you rehydrate it on the battlefield with drinking water, and that's it. Right now, in Ukraine, blood is a real crisis because you have to keep it cold. And aerial surveillance drones can see the generator that you're using to keep it cold, and they will bomb that. So the heat signature of the infrastructure to keep blood even anywhere near the front lines is making hospitals a target. And so they're not able to have blood. So for military purposes, synthetic freeze-dried blood is the way to go. Yes, more of us should give blood. But also, we know that even a five-minute delay in giving someone blood reduces their chances of survival. It's like CPR. You wouldn't wait to start CPR until you get to the hospital. We all know that you have to start it right away. Same with blood: You should give blood as soon as you can. Right now, in most of the U.S., blood is not given before the hospital because it can't be reimbursed under our current system.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-vaping-day	https://www.theguardian.com	2025-09-02	vaping, children, health
Exclusive: Kennedy's autism data project draws more than 100 research proposals, sources say	Health / Research	"We have plenty of Covid circulating in the U.S.," says Dr Adam Ratner, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) committee on infectious disease. "The more people who choose not to vaccinate their kids and not to vaccinate themselves, the more it will spread." He adds that he worries that fewer people getting vaccinated could lead to "larger and more severe outbreaks". People like the Polakars are exactly who Utah Gov. Spencer Cox had in mind when he set out an ambitious goal about a year and half ago: building 35,000 lower-cost starter homes in five years. "The American dream of homeownership is slowly but surely slipping away from far too many, out of reach of our children and grandchildren," the Republican governor told dozens of mayors at a housing summit in May. Median U.S. home prices are at a record high, up nearly 50% over the past five years. In Utah, they're even more than the national average, over half a million dollars.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-vaping-day	https://www.reuters.com	2025-09-02	RFK Jr., Autism, Research, Health, Data Project
Blood research is on the verge of a breakthrough with artificial blood.	Health / Science	The underlying driver is a massive shortage of homes. Add to that high inflation and interest rates, and mortgages are out of reach for many. The median age of U.S. homebuyers has hit a record high of 38, up from 31 a decade before. Three men deported by the United States to Eswatini in July have been held in a maximum-security prison in the African nation for seven weeks without charge and with no access to legal counsel despite pleading criminal sentences in the U.S., their lawyers said Tuesday. About 600 military lawyers have been authorized to work for the Justice Department as temporary immigration judges, with 150 of them potentially starting as soon as this week, according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to speak publicly. The move comes after the Justice Department last week made changes to who could qualify as a temporary immigration judge — effectively lowering the requirements and removing the need to have prior immigration experience.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-what-could	https://latimes.com	2025-09-02	Blood Research, Artificial Blood, Science, Health
What you need to know about Covid vaccines in the US this fall	Health / Vaccines	Immigration judges are the only ones who can revoke someone's green card or issue a final order of removal for people who have been in the country for more than two years and are in the process of being deported. US immigration agents will have access to one of the world's most sophisticated hacking tools after a decision by the Trump administration to move ahead with a contract with Paragon Solutions, a company based in Israel which makes spyware that can be used to hack into any mobile phone — including encrypted applications. The Taliban have called for international aid as Afghanistan reels from an earthquake that killed more than 1,400 people and left thousands more injured. The final stage of the trial of former President Jar Bolsonaro is underway in Brazil — a historic first, with the ex-leader accused of trying to overturn democracy after his 2022 election defeat. Bolsonaro, 70, is accused of leading a sweeping criminal conspiracy to stay in power after his defeat to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Brazil, Latin America's largest country, returned to democracy just over 40 years ago after a brutal military dictatorship. Prosecutors have highlighted the role of military commanders who refused to back Bolsonaro's alleged plot, helping preserve constitutional order. Meanwhile, Brazil's Supreme Court is under intense scrutiny for its expanded powers and aggressive handling of the case. Chinese leader Xi Jinping welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin as an "old friend" as the two held a series of meetings Tuesday at a time when their countries face both overlapping and differing challenges from the United States.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-what-could	https://www.theguardian.com	2025-09-02	COVID-19, Vaccines, Health, US
Utah has a target to build more starter homes	Housing / Economy	Three men deported by the United States to Eswatini in July have been held in a maximum-security prison in the African nation for seven weeks without charge and with no access to legal counsel despite pleading criminal sentences in the U.S., their lawyers said Tuesday. About 600 military lawyers have been authorized to work for the Justice Department as temporary immigration judges, with 150 of them potentially starting as soon as this week, according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to speak publicly. The move comes after the Justice Department last week made changes to who could qualify as a temporary immigration judge — effectively lowering the requirements and removing the need to have prior immigration experience.	https://www.rpr2	2025-09-02	Utah, Housing, Starter Homes, Economy, Affordability	
3 deported by U.S. held in African prison despite completing sentences, lawyers say	Immigration / Courts	Immigration judges are the only ones who can revoke someone's green card or issue a final order of removal for people who have been in the country for more than two years and are in the process of being deported. US immigration agents will have access to one of the world's most sophisticated hacking tools after a decision by the Trump administration to move ahead with a contract with Paragon Solutions, a company based in Israel which makes spyware that can be used to hack into any mobile phone — including encrypted applications. The Taliban have called for international aid as Afghanistan reels from an earthquake that killed more than 1,400 people and left thousands more injured. The final stage of the trial of former President Jar Bolsonaro is underway in Brazil — a historic first, with the ex-leader accused of trying to overturn democracy after his 2022 election defeat. Bolsonaro, 70, is accused of leading a sweeping criminal conspiracy to stay in power after his defeat to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Brazil, Latin America's largest country, returned to democracy just over 40 years ago after a brutal military dictatorship. Prosecutors have highlighted the role of military commanders who refused to back Bolsonaro's alleged plot, helping preserve constitutional order. Meanwhile, Brazil's Supreme Court is under intense scrutiny for its expanded powers and aggressive handling of the case. Chinese leader Xi Jinping welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin as an "old friend" as the two held a series of meetings Tuesday at a time when their countries face both overlapping and differing challenges from the United States.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-military-lawyers	https://www.phs.us	2025-09-02	Immigration, Deportation, Africa, Courts, Prison
Military lawyers approved to become temporary immigration judges	Immigration / Government	Immigration judges are the only ones who can revoke someone's green card or issue a final order of removal for people who have been in the country for more than two years and are in the process of being deported. US immigration agents will have access to one of the world's most sophisticated hacking tools after a decision by the Trump administration to move ahead with a contract with Paragon Solutions, a company based in Israel which makes spyware that can be used to hack into any mobile phone — including encrypted applications. The Taliban have called for international aid as Afghanistan reels from an earthquake that killed more than 1,400 people and left thousands more injured. The final stage of the trial of former President Jar Bolsonaro is underway in Brazil — a historic first, with the ex-leader accused of trying to overturn democracy after his 2022 election defeat. Bolsonaro, 70, is accused of leading a sweeping criminal conspiracy to stay in power after his defeat to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Brazil, Latin America's largest country, returned to democracy just over 40 years ago after a brutal military dictatorship. Prosecutors have highlighted the role of military commanders who refused to back Bolsonaro's alleged plot, helping preserve constitutional order. Meanwhile, Brazil's Supreme Court is under intense scrutiny for its expanded powers and aggressive handling of the case. Chinese leader Xi Jinping welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin as an "old friend" as the two held a series of meetings Tuesday at a time when their countries face both overlapping and differing challenges from the United States.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-obtain-access	https://www.rpr2	2025-09-02	Military Lawyers, Immigration Judges, Trump, Gover
ICE obtains access to Israeli-made spyware that can hack phones and encrypted apps	Immigration / Surveillance	Immigration judges are the only ones who can revoke someone's green card or issue a final order of removal for people who have been in the country for more than two years and are in the process of being deported. US immigration agents will have access to one of the world's most sophisticated hacking tools after a decision by the Trump administration to move ahead with a contract with Paragon Solutions, a company based in Israel which makes spyware that can be used to hack into any mobile phone — including encrypted applications. The Taliban have called for international aid as Afghanistan reels from an earthquake that killed more than 1,400 people and left thousands more injured. The final stage of the trial of former President Jar Bolsonaro is underway in Brazil — a historic first, with the ex-leader accused of trying to overturn democracy after his 2022 election defeat. Bolsonaro, 70, is accused of leading a sweeping criminal conspiracy to stay in power after his defeat to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Brazil, Latin America's largest country, returned to democracy just over 40 years ago after a brutal military dictatorship. Prosecutors have highlighted the role of military commanders who refused to back Bolsonaro's alleged plot, helping preserve constitutional order. Meanwhile, Brazil's Supreme Court is under intense scrutiny for its expanded powers and aggressive handling of the case. Chinese leader Xi Jinping welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin as an "old friend" as the two held a series of meetings Tuesday at a time when their countries face both overlapping and differing challenges from the United States.	https://www.theguardian.com	2025-09-02	ICE, Surveillance, Spyware, Israel, Immigration	
Afghanistan death toll passes 1,400 as second earthquake strikes	International / Disasters	Immigration judges are the only ones who can revoke someone's green card or issue a final order of removal for people who have been in the country for more than two years and are in the process of being deported. US immigration agents will have access to one of the world's most sophisticated hacking tools after a decision by the Trump administration to move ahead with a contract with Paragon Solutions, a company based in Israel which makes spyware that can be used to hack into any mobile phone — including encrypted applications. The Taliban have called for international aid as Afghanistan reels from an earthquake that killed more than 1,400 people and left thousands more injured. The final stage of the trial of former President Jar Bolsonaro is underway in Brazil — a historic first, with the ex-leader accused of trying to overturn democracy after his 2022 election defeat. Bolsonaro, 70, is accused of leading a sweeping criminal conspiracy to stay in power after his defeat to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Brazil, Latin America's largest country, returned to democracy just over 40 years ago after a brutal military dictatorship. Prosecutors have highlighted the role of military commanders who refused to back Bolsonaro's alleged plot, helping preserve constitutional order. Meanwhile, Brazil's Supreme Court is under intense scrutiny for its expanded powers and aggressive handling of the case. Chinese leader Xi Jinping welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin as an "old friend" as the two held a series of meetings Tuesday at a time when their countries face both overlapping and differing challenges from the United States.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-afghanistan-death	https://www.theguardian.com	2025-09-02	Afghanistan, Earthquake, Disaster, Taliban, Aid
Bolsonaro, dubbed "Trump of the tropics," faces coup trial verdict in Brazil	International Relations / Courts	Immigration judges are the only ones who can revoke someone's green card or issue a final order of removal for people who have been in the country for more than two years and are in the process of being deported. US immigration agents will have access to one of the world's most sophisticated hacking tools after a decision by the Trump administration to move ahead with a contract with Paragon Solutions, a company based in Israel which makes spyware that can be used to hack into any mobile phone — including encrypted applications. The Taliban have called for international aid as Afghanistan reels from an earthquake that killed more than 1,400 people and left thousands more injured. The final stage of the trial of former President Jar Bolsonaro is underway in Brazil — a historic first, with the ex-leader accused of trying to overturn democracy after his 2022 election defeat. Bolsonaro, 70, is accused of leading a sweeping criminal conspiracy to stay in power after his defeat to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Brazil, Latin America's largest country, returned to democracy just over 40 years ago after a brutal military dictatorship. Prosecutors have highlighted the role of military commanders who refused to back Bolsonaro's alleged plot, helping preserve constitutional order. Meanwhile, Brazil's Supreme Court is under intense scrutiny for its expanded powers and aggressive handling of the case. Chinese leader Xi Jinping welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin as an "old friend" as the two held a series of meetings Tuesday at a time when their countries face both overlapping and differing challenges from the United States.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-bolsonaro-dubbed	https://www.rpr2	2025-09-02	Bolsonaro, Brazil, Coup Trial, Trump Comparison
Putin calls Xi 'dear friend' at Russia-China summit in Beijing AP News	March Toward War	Leaders from countries united in their opposition to the west will gather in Beijing this week in a show of support for China's president, Xi Jinping, at a second world war commemoration parade designed to show off China's military strength and geopolitical might. Described by western analysts as "the axis of upheaval", the military, economic and political collaboration between Russia, China, Iran and North Korea has been on display on the battlefield in Ukraine and in the Middle East this year. But on Wednesday it will be Beijing that takes center stage as the world's second-largest economy and rising superpower presents itself as an alternative to a western-led global order.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-putin-calls	https://apnews.com	2025-09-02	Russia, China, geopolitics
China to show off military might in parade attended by anti-west leaders China The Guardian	March Toward War	Leaders from countries united in their opposition to the west will gather in Beijing this week in a show of support for China's president, Xi Jinping, at a second world war commemoration parade designed to show off China's military strength and geopolitical might. Described by western analysts as "the axis of upheaval", the military, economic and political collaboration between Russia, China, Iran and North Korea has been on display on the battlefield in Ukraine and in the Middle East this year. But on Wednesday it will be Beijing that takes center stage as the world's second largest economy and rising superpower presents itself as an alternative to a western-led global order. As a select group of world leaders prepares to roll into Beijing for a massive military parade on Wednesday, one is traveling in his signature armored green train: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. U.S. Space Command is relocating to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, from Colorado, President Trump announced Tuesday. Redstone Arsenal is already home to a significant military presence and is expected to play a "key role" in Trump's desire for a Golden Dome missile defense program. What they're saying: "We're going to be having a Golden Dome, the likes of which nobody has ever seen before," Trump said during Tuesday's Oval Office announcement. Tensions between the U.S. and Venezuela are rising. Days after sending U.S. gunboats to South American waters, President Trump said Tuesday that the U.S. Navy struck a vessel in the southern Caribbean carrying what he described as a Venezuelan drug shipment. In a spree of Trump Social posts on Labor Day, President Donald Trump declared Washington, D.C., a "crime free zone" following his National Guard takeover of the capital.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-china-show	https://www.theguardian.com	2025-09-02	China, military, geopolitics
Kim Jong Un heads to Beijing in famous armored train used by generations of North Korean leaders	March Toward War	Leaders from countries united in their opposition to the west will gather in Beijing this week in a show of support for China's president, Xi Jinping, at a second world war commemoration parade designed to show off China's military strength and geopolitical might. Described by western analysts as "the axis of upheaval", the military, economic and political collaboration between Russia, China, Iran and North Korea has been on display on the battlefield in Ukraine and in the Middle East this year. But on Wednesday it will be Beijing that takes center stage as the world's second largest economy and rising superpower presents itself as an alternative to a western-led global order. As a select group of world leaders prepares to roll into Beijing for a massive military parade on Wednesday, one is traveling in his signature armored green train: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. U.S. Space Command is relocating to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, from Colorado, President Trump announced Tuesday. Redstone Arsenal is already home to a significant military presence and is expected to play a "key role" in Trump's desire for a Golden Dome missile defense program. What they're saying: "We're going to be having a Golden Dome, the likes of which nobody has ever seen before," Trump said during Tuesday's Oval Office announcement. Tensions between the U.S. and Venezuela are rising. Days after sending U.S. gunboats to South American waters, President Trump said Tuesday that the U.S. Navy struck a vessel in the southern Caribbean carrying what he described as a Venezuelan drug shipment. In a spree of Trump Social posts on Labor Day, President Donald Trump declared Washington, D.C., a "crime free zone" following his National Guard takeover of the capital.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-kim-jong	https://www.yaho	2025-09-02	Kim Jong Un, North Korea, China
Trump to move U.S. Space Command from Colorado to Alabama	Military / Government	U.S. Space Command is relocating to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, from Colorado, President Trump announced Tuesday. Redstone Arsenal is already home to a significant military presence and is expected to play a "key role" in Trump's desire for a Golden Dome missile defense program. What they're saying: "We're going to be having a Golden Dome, the likes of which nobody has ever seen before," Trump said during Tuesday's Oval Office announcement. Tensions between the U.S. and Venezuela are rising. Days after sending U.S. gunboats to South American waters, President Trump said Tuesday that the U.S. Navy struck a vessel in the southern Caribbean carrying what he described as a Venezuelan drug shipment. In a spree of Trump Social posts on Labor Day, President Donald Trump declared Washington, D.C., a "crime free zone" following his National Guard takeover of the capital.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-trump-move	https://www.abc2	2025-09-02	Space Command, Alabama, Colorado, Trump, Milita
U.S. strikes suspected drug vessel in Caribbean after departure from Venezuela	Military / International Security	U.S. Space Command is relocating to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, from Colorado, President Trump announced Tuesday. Redstone Arsenal is already home to a significant military presence and is expected to play a "key role" in Trump's desire for a Golden Dome missile defense program. What they're saying: "We're going to be having a Golden Dome, the likes of which nobody has ever seen before," Trump said during Tuesday's Oval Office announcement. Tensions between the U.S. and Venezuela are rising. Days after sending U.S. gunboats to South American waters, President Trump said Tuesday that the U.S. Navy struck a vessel in the southern Caribbean carrying what he described as a Venezuelan drug shipment. In a spree of Trump Social posts on Labor Day, President Donald Trump declared Washington, D.C., a "crime free zone" following his National Guard takeover of the capital.	https://www.rpr2	2025-09-02	Venezuela, Drugs, Caribbean, U.S. Military, Security	
Trump says DC is now 'crime free.' It had 400 reported incidents in the last week The Independent	Political Cesspool	However, available crime statistics from D.C.'s Metropolitan Police Department show 442 crimes reported in the district over the past seven days. These include 50 reports of violent crime: one homicide, 23 instances of assault with a dangerous weapon, 24 robberies, and two cases of sex abuse. Nearly 250 thefts were also reported over the past week. President Donald Trump and his family amassed as much as \$6 billion on paper after their crypto venture opened trading for a new digital currency, The Wall Street Journal reported. At best, Hegseth is going out of his way to needle and mock Americans who rightly see the Confederacy for what it was — a heinous, doomed effort to keep millions of Americans in bondage. At worst, he and the Trump administration are making common cause with apologists who believe that the wrong side won the Civil War. Many people who refuse to repudiate even Confederate leaders claim they are merely honoring battlefield sacrifices of common soldiers. Americans should reject this sophistry.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-trump-says-3	https://www.indp	2025-09-02	Trump, Washington DC, crime, politics
Trump family made upward of \$6 billion in a day thanks to its crypto-coin launch: report The Independent	Political Cesspool	President Donald Trump and his family amassed as much as \$6 billion on paper after their crypto venture opened trading for a new digital currency, The Wall Street Journal reported. At best, Hegseth is going out of his way to needle and mock Americans who rightly see the Confederacy for what it was — a heinous, doomed effort to keep millions of Americans in bondage. At worst, he and the Trump administration are making common cause with apologists who believe that the wrong side won the Civil War. Many people who refuse to repudiate even Confederate leaders claim they are merely honoring battlefield sacrifices of common soldiers. Americans should reject this sophistry.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-trump-family	https://www.indp	2025-09-02	Trump, crypto, corruption
The Enemy That Hegseth and Trump Insist on Honoring - The Atlantic	Political Cesspool	At best, Hegseth is going out of his way to needle and mock Americans who rightly see the Confederacy for what it was — a heinous, doomed effort to keep millions of Americans in bondage. At worst, he and the Trump administration are making common cause with apologists who believe that the wrong side won the Civil War. Many people who refuse to repudiate even Confederate leaders claim they are merely honoring battlefield sacrifices of common soldiers. Americans should reject this sophistry.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-enemy-that	https://www.theatl.com	2025-09-02	Trump, Confederacy, politics
Jan 6 rioters now want compensation after being pardoned by Trump	Political Cesspool	The pro-Trump rioters who attacked the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, in an attempt to stop the certification of President Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 election now want compensation for what they believe were unfair prosecutions.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-jan-6	https://www.yaho	2025-09-02	Jan 6, Trump, rioters
Epstein files released by House Oversight panel after Republicans' pressure	Political Cesspool	The House Oversight Committee released over 33,000 documents on Tuesday related to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein that the Justice Department shared with the panel in August. The US House of Representatives oversight committee on Tuesday released thousands of pages of records related to the disgraced financier and convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein from the department of justice. The release comes as the Trump administration has been embroiled in months of controversy over its decision not to release additional files in the case. Epstein died by suicide in 2019 while awaiting trial on sex-trafficking charges and was alleged to have abused hundreds of girls.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP3-epstein-266	https://www.abc2	2025-09-02	Epstein, House Oversight, Scandal, Republicans
US House committee releases more than 33,000 pages of Jeffrey Epstein files	Political Cesspool	The 33,000 pages included years-old court filings related to Epstein and his former girlfriend and associate Ghislaine Maxwell, as well as what appears to be bodycam footage from police searches and police interviews. The files appear to contain information that is already public knowledge. The bottom line for congressional Republicans this fall is not governance but survival. The hottest flame coming at them is the burning threat of an Oct. 1 government shutdown, unless there is a budget deal. Despite Republican majorities in both houses, the GOP has failed to pass next year's appropriations, despite allowing government debt to reach record highs. To get a deal done, Republicans will likely need some Democratic votes. In exchange for their votes, the Democrats have demands in hand.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-house-committee	https://www.theguardian.com	2025-09-02	Epstein, House Committee, Political Scandal
Bad news awaits Republicans returning to DC	Politics / Elections	The president has been candid about his aims: to safeguard Republicans' fragile hold on the House. A loss of the speaker's gavel would derail Trump's legislative ambitions in the second half of his term — and open the door to a wave of investigations, from his administration's handling of the Jeffrey Epstein files to his mass detention and deportation policies. Deeply conservative Utah, by contrast, has been pulled into the redistricting fray not by the president but by a judge. House GOP leaders are starting down a politically fraught and legislatively jam-packed September as lawmakers return to Washington — all while their tiny majority is set to get even slimmer.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-bad-news	https://thehill.com	2025-09-02	Republicans, Congress, politics
Utah emerges as a pivotal battleground amid race to redraw congressional maps Utah The Guardian	Politics / Elections	The president has been candid about his aims: to safeguard Republicans' fragile hold on the House. A loss of the speaker's gavel would derail Trump's legislative ambitions in the second half of his term — and open the door to a wave of investigations, from his administration's handling of the Jeffrey Epstein files to his mass detention and deportation policies. Deeply conservative Utah, by contrast, has been pulled into the redistricting fray not by the president but by a judge. House GOP leaders are starting down a politically fraught and legislatively jam-packed September as lawmakers return to Washington — all while their tiny majority is set to get even slimmer.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-utah-emerges	https://www.theguardian.com	2025-09-02	Utah, redistricting, elections
GOP leaders face rocky September with even slimmer House majority	Politics / Elections	House GOP leaders are starting down a politically fraught and legislatively jam-packed September as lawmakers return to Washington — all while their tiny majority is set to get even slimmer.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-gop-leaders	https://www.yaho	2025-09-02	GOP House, politics

Plants prioritize immunity over growth during recovery from drought conditions	Science / Environment	A plant's number one priority is to grow—a feat that demands sunlight, nutrients, and water. If just one of these three inputs is missing, like water in a drought, growth halts. You might then think that at the end of that drought, the plant would jump right back into growing. Instead, its priorities shift. Sak plant biologists used advanced single-cell and spatial transcriptomic techniques to look closely at how a small, flowering plant called Arabidopsis thaliana recovers after drought. They discovered that immunity became the plant's number one priority during this post-drought period, as they watched immune-boosting genes light up rapidly throughout the Arabidopsis leaves. This supercharged immune response, dubbed "Drought Recovery-Induced Immunity" (DRII), also occurred in wild and domesticated tomatoes, suggesting that prioritizing immunity is conserved evolutionarily and likely takes place in other important crops. Many jobs are seeking 'AI literate' candidates but the vague term may be confusing for people seeking job opportunities in a technologically advancing workforce.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-plants-priorities	https://bphys.org/	2025-09-02	plants, drought, science
Many jobs are seeking 'AI literate' candidates — but what does that actually mean? The Independent	Tech / AI	There's not some universal standard for AI fluency, unfortunately," Hannah Cathoon, vice president of AI job search company Indeed, told The Washington Post in a recent article. Doctors have successfully developed an artificial intelligence-led stethoscope that can detect three heart conditions in 15 seconds. The new stethoscope developed by researchers at Imperial College London and Imperial College Healthcare NHS trust can analyze tiny differences in heartbeat and blood flow undetectable to the human ear, and take a rapid ECG at the same time. Details of the breakthrough, which could boost early diagnosis of the three conditions, were presented to thousands of doctors at the European Society of Cardiology annual congress in Madrid, the world's largest heart conference.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-many-jobs	https://www.indeed.com/	2025-09-02	AI, jobs, technology
Doctors develop AI stethoscope that can detect major heart conditions in 15 seconds Artificial Intelligence (AI) The Guardian	Tech / Health	Early diagnosis is vital for heart failure, heart valve disease and abnormal heart rhythms, enabling those who need lifesaving medicines to be spotted sooner, before they become dangerously unwell. Follow the money. The biggest companies are pouring unfathomable capital investment, time and talent into muscling super-human AI into existence. Meta, Alphabet, Nvidia, Microsoft, Amazon and Tesla are beyond all-in on AI. At the same time, the biggest private equity and venture capital firms are betting vast chunks of their wealth on AI. Government assistance at scale. These technology firms are fusing with the government, creating a co-dependent relationship growing tighter and tighter by the day. President Trump, in coordination with AI companies and investors, is helping incentivize and ease investment into chips, data and energy, the key AI ingredients. Palantir, an AI company with close ties to Trump, just inked a \$10 billion contract with the U.S. Army. This is the new norm. Hits everything, everywhere. Most new technologies unfold slowly and narrowly. AI is advancing rapidly every few months and hits everything, everywhere. Not only is a relatively poor and service vulnerable to AI, so is every step and part of producing and providing it. Threatens job apocalypse. When the internet was rising, its builders didn't predict wiping out half of entry-level white-collar jobs. Daniel Amodei, CEO of Anthropic, one of the hottest AI companies, told us that's a distinct possibility. Others disagree. But a very public debate about massive job losses warrants the obsession of policymakers, the media, and... and you. The secret business conversations. We're unique in that we write a column and run a business, and talk to CEOs constantly. We can tell you that many companies' internal budget conversations are heavy on jobs that won't exist in 18 months. Yes, we believe new ones (that we can't even imagine today) will emerge. But right now, it's about savings and automation. At Anthro, we're demanding all workers get AI-savvy immediately so they can survive the change — then thrive. But many employers remain silent about what's coming. You speak AI. This is the first technology where complex research, deep coding, or multidimensional thinking aren't the purview of the select few. Anyone can use it. And use it with simple conversational commands in your native language. You think the internet was useful and addictive. Just wait until your device knows you, your history, your patterns, your mind, your business, your health, your desires better than you. That alone warrants your obsession.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-doctors-develop	https://www.theguardian.com/	2025-09-02	AI, stethoscope, health tech
AI's monumental impact: Why you shouldn't ignore the hype	Technology / AI	The Federal Aviation Administration has launched a massive new drive for air traffic controller recruits but it doesn't have enough instructors to teach its newcomers. ... Many of the teachers at the FAA's training facility in Oklahoma City are retired former controllers who are in their mid-60s, according to a report from Bloomberg.		https://www.fox.com/	2025-09-02	AI, Technology, Innovation, Hype
New crisis for aviation industry as shortage strains hits air traffic controllers The Independent	Transportation	The influx of recruits means teachers are working from 7 a.m. to midnight, with just a \$60 daily housing allowance to pay their rent while they teach. Nongovernmental groups are now barred from registering new voters at naturalization ceremonies, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has announced. The policy, which was issued Friday, says "that only state and local election officials will be permitted to offer voter registration services at the end of administrative naturalization ceremonies."	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-new-crisis	https://www.indeed.com/	2025-09-02	aviation, FAA, air traffic controllers
Voter registration groups blocked from naturalization events	Voting Rights / Immigration	9 small creatures that cost more than gold and here's the list Times of India	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-voter-registration	https://www.npr.com/	2025-09-02	Voter Registration, Naturalization, Immigration, Trump
This Bay Area city has a major geese poop problem that's costing them nearly \$400K The Independent	Weird World	City leaders say the problem has gotten so bad that they're ready to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on a plan to drive the birds away. The unfortunate bird, known as the Oregon Duck, then turned tail and sprinted back to the tunnel with a helper carrying his head for him. He emptied, fully restored, shortly afterwards. "Motion sickness significantly impairs the travel experience for many individuals, and existing pharmacological interventions often carry side-effects such as drowsiness," Qizong Yue, a researcher at Southeast University in China, said in a statement. "Music represents a non-invasive, low-cost, and personalized intervention strategy."	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-9-small	https://timesofindia.com/	2025-09-02	animals, exotic, Weird World
Oregon Ducks mascot trips and loses his head before running off field News Independent TV	Weird World	The team then asked them how carsick they still were. The participants reported that joyful music reduced carsickness by 57.3%, sad music reduced it by 56.7%, and passionate music by 48.3%. While those who didn't listen to music reported 43.3% fewer carsickness symptoms after the 60 seconds, participants who listened to sad music reported a reduction of just 40%.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-this-bay	https://www.indeed.com/	2025-09-02	Bay Area, geese, Weird World
Motion Sickness Suffers, Rejoice: Scientists Say This Might Actually Help	Weird World	Among the signatories sent by each of the major Allied powers was a relatively low-ranking Canadian, Col. Lawrence Cosgrave, Canada's defense attache to Australia at the time. Cosgrave was the highest ranking Canadian military officer who could get to the ceremony in time, says Murray Brewster, a defense and foreign policy correspondent for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-oregon-ducks	https://www.indeed.com/	2025-09-02	Oregon Ducks, mascot, Weird World
How a Canadian's misplaced signature caused a diplomatic incident	Weird World	That Cosgrave was remembered largely for his mistake didn't seem right to Brewster. He pored through the records that remained of Cosgrave's life at the Canadian War Museum and first wrote about his findings for Legion Magazine.	https://thn.tiny.us/SEP02-motion-sickness	https://gizmodo.com/	2025-09-02	Motion Sickness, Health, Science, Remedy
Archaeologists in Peru discover 3D mural that could date back 4,000 years	Weird World	Archaeologists in Peru have discovered a multicoloured three-dimensional wall that could date back 4,000 years, in an unprecedented find that has shifted archaeological understanding about the first civilisations in the Americas.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep1-judge-halts	https://www.fox.com/	2025-09-02	Canada, Diplomacy, History, WWII
"Judge halts Guatemalan children's deportation"	Borders & Immigration	A federal judge told the Trump administration not to deport 10 Guatemalan children in a temporary order on Sunday that also blocks the removal of hundreds of other unaccompanied minors.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep1-judge-temporarily	https://www.fox.com/	2025-09-01	Peru, Archaeology, History, Mural
"Judge temporarily blocks attempt to deport Guatemalan children - NPR"	Borders & Immigration	Luis was being detained because of a new DHS policy arguing that all people who enter the US illegally are ineligible for asylum, regardless of how long they have been here and whether or not they pose a flight risk. In Fernandez's case, DHS went even further, deploying a rarely used maneuver to pause the immigration judge's bond ruling while it appealed his ruling. Federal regulations allow the agency to automatically stay an immigration judge's bond decision while they appeal the case to the board of immigration appeals.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep1-i-m	https://www.fox.com/	2025-09-01	Immigration, Courts
"I'm not coming home": Trump policy holds people in ICE custody without bail	Borders & Immigration	The United States has suspended visa approvals for nearly everyone who holds a Palestinian passport, the New York Times reported on Sunday. The restrictions go beyond those Donald Trump's administration had previously announced on visitors from Gaza. They would prevent Palestinians from traveling to the United States for medical treatment, attending college and business travel, the newspaper reported, citing unidentified officials.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep1-us-reportedly	https://www.fox.com/	2025-09-01	Trump, Immigration, ICE
"US reportedly suspends visa approvals for nearly all Palestinian passport holders Trump administration The Guardian"	Borders & Immigration	An activist has started using artificial intelligence to identify Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents beneath their masks — a use of the technology sparking new political concerns over AI-powered surveillance. Dominick Skinner, a Netherlands-based immigration activist, estimates he and a group of volunteers have publicly identified at least 20 ICE officials recorded wearing masks during arrests. He told POLITICO his experts are "able to reveal a face using AI, if they have 35 percent or more of the face visible."	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep1-ai-is	https://www.fox.com/	2025-09-01	Immigration, Palestine, Trump Administration
"AI is unmasking ICE officers. Can Washington do anything about it?"	Borders & Immigration	ICE says its agents need to wear masks to prevent being unfairly harassed for doing their jobs. To their critics, agents in masks have become a potent symbol of unaccountable government force. The masking, and the counter-campaign to identify agents, has prompted a cascade of bills on Capitol Hill. ICE agents "don't deserve to be hunted online by activists using AI," said Sen. James Lankford (R-Okla.), who chairs the Senate Homeland Security subcommittee on border management and the federal workforce. Just days after two crew workers helping battle Washington's largest wildfire were arrested by Border Patrol, Washington Rep. Emily Randall — who represents the district where the men are being held — was denied entry to the facility, calling the situation "disgusting" in an interview with CNN affiliate KOMO. One of the two men arrested, his attorney said, had been waiting for a response to a U-visa application for seven years, which protects victims of serious crimes who assist federal investigators.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep1-lawmakers-push	https://www.yahoo.com/	2025-09-01	Immigration, AI, Privacy
"Lawmakers push for answers days after Border Patrol detains crew workers helping firefighters in Washington blaze"	Borders & Immigration	"Firstly, it's illegal to detain people who have applied for victim-based immigration benefits, as one of the individuals who was detained did," Washington state Rep. Shaun Scott told CNN. "Secondly, it's also illegal, according to the federal government's own policies, to conduct immigration enforcement at locations where emergency responses are happening," he added.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep1-earthquake-in	https://www.yahoo.com/	2025-09-01	Immigration, Border Patrol, Firefighters
Earthquake in eastern Afghanistan kills more than 800 people	Climate / Disasters	Desperate residents scoured through rubble in search of missing loved ones after a strong earthquake killed some 800 people and injured more than 2,500 in eastern Afghanistan, according to figures provided Monday by the Taliban government. Nationwide, one in five of the lowest-income households have no access to air conditioning, while 30% rely solely on window units, according to exclusive analysis by the National Energy Assistance Directors Association (Neada) for The Guardian.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep1-it-happened	https://japnews.com/	2025-09-01	Afghanistan, Earthquake, Disasters
"It happened so fast": the shocking reality of indoor heat deaths in Arizona Arizona The Guardian"	Climate / Disasters	Heat is the deadliest weather phenomenon in the US and globally, killing almost half a million people worldwide each year, according to the World Health Organization. The death toll is rising as human-caused climate crisis drives more frequent, more brutal and longer heatwaves. As the planet heats up, experts warn that indoor heat deaths among elderly, sick and low-income people could surge amid deepening financial hardship driven by Donald Trump's energy policies, trade wars and his administration's dismantling of the social safety net. A powerful earthquake that hit eastern Afghanistan has left more than 800 people dead and injured about 2,500, according to Taliban officials. The magnitude 6 earthquake hit several provinces in eastern Afghanistan around midnight on Sunday, with the rugged, mountainous region of Kunar the worst affected. There were landslides and flooding.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep1-magnitude-6	https://www.fox.com/	2025-09-01	Heatwave, Arizona, Climate
Magnitude 6 earthquake in eastern Afghanistan leaves at least 800 dead	Climate / Disasters	The earthquake was shallow, taking place close to the Earth's surface, which is known to cause greater destruction. Several aftershocks were reported throughout the night and into Monday morning, which could even be felt in the capital, Kabul, more than 100 miles away. "If a monster hurricane like Katrina were to strike a city like New Orleans today, experts believe the federal government would be ill-equipped to respond. "I think we're not prepared for another Katrina and we're getting less prepared every day as there's talk of disassembling FEMA," Dr. Irwin Redlener, founding director and senior advisor for the Columbia Climate School's National Center for Disaster Preparedness, told The Independent.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep1-20-years	https://www.indeed.com/	2025-09-01	Afghanistan, Earthquake, Disasters
20 years ago Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. The Trump administration couldn't handle a storm of that size, say its own employees	Climate / Governance	Photos	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep1-25-photos	https://www.yahoo.com/	2025-09-01	Trump, FEMA, Disasters
"25 photos show what life looked like for Americans 150 years ago"	Culture / History	The Soropion Crash Truck — a specially designed vehicle that includes a crumple zone to protect highway workers — was following another truck that was moving slow and painting lines on the road and shoulder.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep1-disaster-map	https://www.yahoo.com/	2025-09-01	History, Culture
"Florida man driving a special truck designed to safely absorb the impact of crashes killed after car plows into the vehicle"	Domestic News / Safety				2025-09-01	Florida, Public Safety

"DHS to offer \$110M to faith-based organizations for security upgrades after Minnesota shooting"	Domestic News / Security	The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on Friday announced it will allot \$110 million to more than 600 faith-based organizations and nonprofits for security improvements. DHS Secretary Kristi Noem's announcement follows a deadly shooting at a Catholic school in Minnesota that killed two and injured 15 others. Police say the 25-year-old shooter "expressed hate towards almost every group imaginable."	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-dhs-16	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	DHS, Security, Minnesota Shooting	
"Trump tariffs and the Fed: Fate of U.S. economy may lie with the Supreme Court"	Economy / Courts	Two of President Trump's key economic policies appear headed for the Supreme Court: high global tariffs and his unprecedented firing of a Federal Reserve board member. These cases could not only have an enormous impact on the U.S. economy, but they could also reverberate throughout the global financial system.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-trump-tariffs-2	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	Tariffs, Supreme Court	
What it could mean for the Fed to lose its independence	Economy / Federal Reserve	President Donald Trump's attempt to fire a member of the Federal Reserve's governing board has raised alarms among economists and legal experts who see it as the biggest threat to the central bank's independence in decades. The consequences could impact most Americans' everyday lives. Economists worry that if Trump gets what he wants — a loyal Fed that sharply cuts short-term interest rates — the result would likely be higher inflation and, over time, higher borrowing costs for things like mortgages, car loans and business loans.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-what-3	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	Federal Reserve, Economy, Trump	
Trump's Plan to Pack the Fed With Loyalties	Economy / Federal Reserve	That kind of power is desired by Mr. Trump, who has for months harangued the Fed to lower borrowing costs and has made little secret that he would like Jerome H. Powell, the Fed's chair, to resign. But until August, the chances that Mr. Trump could so swiftly gain a majority of support on the board seemed far-fetched. The president's first big break came when Adriana D. Kugler hastily stepped down months before her term as a governor was set to end. The president tapped Stephen I. Miran, a vocal critic of the Fed who most recently served as one of Mr. Trump's top economic advisors, to take Ms. Kugler's place. He could be confirmed by the Senate in time for the Fed's next policy meeting in September. Mr. Trump's second break could come if the courts are persuaded that he is allowed to remove Lisa Cook, a governor, over allegations that she committed mortgage fraud. The law stipulates that a president can fire a member of the board only "for cause," which is interpreted to mean professional neglect or malfeasance. Ms. Cook, who has not been charged with any crime or convicted of any wrongdoing, filed a lawsuit on Thursday against Mr. Trump seeking to retain her position. Her lawyers have argued that the allegations are not enough to meet the "for cause" test.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-trump-s-2	https://apnews.c	2025-09-01	Trump, Federal Reserve, Economy	
US labor force lost 1.2M immigrants, preliminary data shows	Economy / Immigration	As parades and other events celebrating the contributions of workers in the U.S. are held Monday for the Labor Day holiday, experts say President Donald Trump's stepped-up immigration policies are impacting the nation's labor force. More than 1.2 million immigrants disappeared from the labor force from January through the end of July, according to preliminary Census Bureau data analyzed by the Pew Research Center. That includes people who are in the country illegally as well as legal residents. Immigrants make up almost 20% of the U.S. workforce and that data shows 45% of workers in farming, fishing and forestry are immigrants, according to Pew senior researcher Stephanie Kramer. About 30% of all construction workers are immigrants and 24% of service workers are immigrants, she added.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-us-labor	https://www.nyti	2025-09-01	Immigration, Labor, Economy	
"First the great migration, now the big hold: why workers are staying put US small business The Guardian"	Economy / Labor	The tide has turned. The great migration — when the shift to remote work prompted people to quit their jobs in droves — is officially over. Now comes the big hold. According to a new survey from consulting firm Robert Half, 73% of respondents — workers at companies — said they plan to stay in their current roles through 2025. They gave reasons like having "positive company culture" and "feeling professionally fulfilled" or "being well compensated" at their current job. But there's also a fourth reason why so many are staying put: the job market isn't great and people are worried.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-great-the	https://apnews.c	2025-09-01	Labor, Economy, Jobs	
"Trump tariffs being blocked would be "end of the United States," adviser says"	Economy / Tariffs	Late Friday night, a federal appellate court upheld a lower-court ruling that Trump's sweeping global tariffs under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) were illegal. Trump quickly warned the ruling could "literally destroy the United States" and suggested a Supreme Court appeal was coming. The decision allows the IEEPA tariffs to remain in place through at least Oct. 14. It does not affect so-called "232 tariffs" (like steel and aluminum) or Section 301 national tariffs (like the levies imposed on China in Trump's first term).	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-trump-tariffs	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	Economy, Tariffs	
Trump adds scramble to defend tariffs after bombshell court ruling — and as crucial jobs report looms	Economy / Tariffs	Trump's across-the-board reciprocal tariffs are a cornerstone of his second presidency, despite the fact that many economic experts say that producers and foreign countries pass the cost of tariffs down to consumers. But the president has repeatedly pushed back on the claim. Buffett's struggle reflects a broader downturn in international tourism to the U.S. that travel analysts warn could persist well into the future. From northern border towns to major hot spots like Las Vegas and Los Angeles, popular travel destinations reported hosting fewer foreign visitors this summer.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-trump-tariffs	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	Trump, Tariffs, Economy	
A lot of foreign travelers skipped the US this summer. Visitors dropped for a 6th straight month in Las Vegas as head of tourism insists Sin City isn't dead	Economy / Tourism	The World Travel & Tourism Council projected ahead of Memorial Day that the U.S. would be the only country among the 184 it studied where foreign visitor spending would fall in 2025. The finding was "a clear indicator that the global appeal of the U.S. is slipping," the global industry association said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-foreign-travel	https://apnews.c	2025-09-01	Tourism, Economy, US	
"The 'self-inflicted injury' to US tourism that's making some Americans angry and disappointed"	Economy / Tourism	Las Vegas saw a 12% decline in visitors compared to a year ago, hosting about 3.1 million people, according to LVCCA data. The absence of Canadians has been felt acutely in the United States, especially in cities like Seattle close to the northern border. And Canadians aren't the only international travelers skipping the U.S. Some other international travelers have also named recent policies around tariffs and immigration as reasons they're staying away.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-self-inflicted	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	Las Vegas, Tourism, Economy	
Trump's attempts to lure companies away from China are backfiring	Economy / Trade	It's echoed in a survey by the U.S.-China Business Council, released in July. The group found that while the number of companies reconsidering their investment strategy has ticked up, roughly two-thirds of U.S. companies operating in China intend to maintain their planned investments in the country. "Simply put, we're trapped," said Judd King, the founder of Starlux Games, a Los Angeles-based company that specializes in glow-in-the-dark outdoor games, which require LED components that are manufactured in China. "There's no 'wait and see' anymore. It's just we have to pay [the duties]." So that's one part of the trap. Another part is, how much is the consumer willing to tolerate pricing increases?	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-trump-s-3	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	Trump, China, Trade	
"A report tied Iowa's water pollution to agriculture. Then the money to promote it mysteriously disappeared Iowa The Guardian"	Environment / Agriculture	When a team of scientists embarked two years ago on a \$1m landmark study of Iowa's persistent water-quality problems, they knew that the findings would be important to share. High cancer rates amid the state's inability to stem the tide of pollutants flowing into rivers and lakes was a growing public concern. But now, after the completed study pointed to agricultural pollution as a significant source of the key US farm state's water problems, public officials have quietly stopped funding from plans to promote the study findings, according to sources involved in the project.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-report-16	https://www.poli	2025-09-01	Trump, China, Trade	
Fish-shaped soy sauce bottles are forbidden by an Australian state in an oddly specific plastic ban	Environment / Policy	Plastic soy sauce bottles shaped like fish are tiny, cute and beloved by many sushi eaters. But in the state of South Australia, the decorative containers went into a growing net of outlawed plastics. Officials enacted an unusually specific ban on the fish-shaped bottles beginning Monday, saying they were bad for the environment than other condiment containers.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-fish-shaped	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	Agriculture, Environment, Iowa	
"US beaches hit with fecal contamination warnings ahead of Labor Day weekend US news The Guardian"	Environment / Public Health	Beaches across the US are facing swimming caution advisories during the Labor Day holiday weekend due to water quality concerns caused by elevated levels of bacteria associated with fecal waste. Beaches from Crystal River, Florida, to Ogunquit, Maine, have been under advisories this week, discouraging beachgoers from entering the water because the bacteria can cause gastrointestinal illness, rashes and nausea.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-us-beaches	https://apnews.c	2025-09-01	Environment, Australia, Plastics	
Alarm as US far-right extremists eye drones for use in domestic attacks	Far Right / Extremism	Taking their cues from modern warfare, the far-right American terrorist movement sees off-the-shelf or home-built first person viewer (FPV) drones as a critical weapon in their own future war against the US government, which has American authorities on edge. Senior White House officials believe some European leaders are publicly supporting President Trump's effort to end the war in Ukraine, while quietly trying to undo behind-the-scenes progress since the Alaska summit, Axios has learned.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-alarm-as	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	Beaches, Public Health, Environment	
"White House accuses Europe of prolonging Ukraine war"	Foreign Policy / Ukraine	White House officials are losing patience with European leaders, whom they claim are pushing Ukraine to hold out for unrealistic territorial concessions by Russia. Axios has learned that the sanctions the U.S. is urging Europe to adopt against Russia include a complete cessation of all oil and gas purchases — plus secondary tariffs from the EU on India and China, similar to those already imposed on India by the U.S.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-white-house	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	Far Right, Extremism, Drones	
11-year-old boy fatally shot in Houston after doorknob prank. Mike Johnson says 'human heart' is responsible for mass shootings	Gun Violence / Crime / Gun Violence / Politics	An 11-year-old boy was fatally shot in Houston after a prank in which he rang the doorknob of a home and ran away, police said Sunday. The boy had been ringing doorknobs as a prank late Saturday evening, the Houston Police Department said in a statement. Commonly referred to as "ding dong ditching," the prank involves ringing before someone inside the home opens the door.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-11-year	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	Ukraine, Foreign Policy	
CDC warns of COVID outbreak amid new vaccine rules and walkout chaos	Health / CDC	"COVID-19 activity is increasing in most areas of the country," a CDC spokesperson told Axios in an email Wednesday. "Emergency department visits for COVID-19 are low but increasing" for all age groups. The "recent rise" of COVID could be linked to surging variants, waning immunity from vaccination and seasonal behaviors like mass gatherings and travel, the spokesperson said. When four high-ranking CDC officials who had worked on nCoV, Ebola, COVID-19 data and the opioid crisis response resigned Wednesday, they cited Kennedy's political interference. "This administration is unlike anything we've ever seen," said Richard Besser, a longtime acting director of the CDC and now CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-mike-johnson	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	Gun Violence, Crime, Children	
"CDC chaos: How RFK Jr. and MAHA threaten scientists"	Health / CDC	He likened the resignations to a "systematic dismantling of the very top of our nation's public health system." "I fear now that Secretary Kennedy will now be even further emboldened to issue the same reckless directives that Susan Monarez rightly refused," he said.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-cdc-warns	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	CDC, COVID-19, Vaccines	
"CDC workers told to return to office on September 15, weeks after gunman attacked headquarters"	Health / CDC	Workers at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been told to return to the office September 15 — a little over a month after a gunman attacked the agency's Atlanta campus, firing almost 500 shots and killing a police officer before dying of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The push for workers to return to the office was shared in an email to staff, a Health and Human Services spokesperson confirmed. The announcement comes just weeks after the August 8 attack left CDC staff reeling, with one staffer saying employees felt like "sitting ducks" as the shooter unloaded hundreds of bullets, around 200 of which struck six CDC buildings, leaving bullet holes in windows.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-cdc-chaos	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	CDC, COVID-19, Vaccines	
"Ex-CDC Official Sounds Alarm on Major RFK Jr. 'Red Flag'"	Health / CDC	A scientist who resigned from the CDC this week is warning that Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy has shown signs he believes in "eugenics."	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-cdc-workers	https://www.abc	2025-09-01	CDC, Health, Workplace Safety	
"Only see harm coming." Top CDC official who quit over RFK Jr. policies says he fears more attacks on vaccines still to come"	Health / CDC	"I really hear the echoes of the word, 'superior genetics,' Daskalakis said. "He referred to very high members of the administration and their improving health status. And said, well, that person has superior genetics... That is eugenics. Wake up. This is a red flag."	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-ex-cdc	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	CDC, RFK Jr., Health Policy	
"RFK Jr. has never been briefed by CDC experts on measles, COVID-19 or flu, former official says"	Health / CDC	"I only see harm coming," Daskalakis said. "I may be wrong, but based on what I'm seeing, based on what I've heard with the new members of the advisory committee for Immunization Practices, or ACIP. They're really moving in an ideological direction where they want to see the undoing of vaccination."	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-only	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	CDC, RFK Jr., Vaccines	
COVID cases, hospitalizations ticking up in the US but remain lower than last year	Health / COVID-19	Dr. Demeitrie Daskalakis, the former head of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), on Thursday said Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has not been briefed by agency experts on measles, COVID-19 and the flu.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-rfk-jr-4	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	CDC, RFK Jr.	
		For the week ending Aug. 9, the COVID hospitalization rate was 1.7 per 100,000, double the rate from two months ago, according to data from the Data Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, for the week ending Aug. 23, 11.2% of weekly tests came back positive for COVID, up from 3.3% the prior two months, CDC data shows.	https://thn.tiny.us/Sep-1-covid-cases	https://abonews4	2025-09-01	COVID-19, Health, US	

		According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the conditions that put someone at a higher risk of severe Covid-19 include: Asthma Blood cancers Cerebrovascular diseases Chronic kidney disease Some chronic lung diseases Some chronic liver diseases Cystic fibrosis Type 1 and 2 diabetes Gestational diabetes Disabilities, including Down syndrome Heart conditions HIV Mood disorders, including depression and schizophrenia Dementia Parkinson's disease Obesity Physical inactivity Current or recent pregnancy Primary immunodeficiencies Current or former smoking Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant recipients Tuberculosis	https://tiny.cc/Sec1-these-ast				
"These are the conditions that make you eligible for an updated Covid-19 vaccine"	Health / COVID-19	Use of immunosuppressive drugs Americans across the political spectrum support efforts to increase food regulation, a major priority for Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. — but there's a partisan split over his views on childhood vaccines. Kennedy's push to improve Americans' food supply has significant support from voters across the political spectrum. A whopping 87% of respondents in an Axios-Ipsos survey conducted in June said the government should do more to make sure food is safe. 90% said it should be easier for the average American to understand food safety guidelines, something Kennedy has said he's working on. 63% of Democratic and Democrat-leaning voters said it's extremely or very important that parents get their kids vaccinated, and another 6% called it somewhat important. That's compared to 52% of Republican and Republican-leaning voters who said childhood vaccination is extremely or very important, though another 26% said it was somewhat important. An ultra-conservative radio host attacked Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on Thursday, saying that his sick wife is unable to receive a COVID-19 vaccination because of the policies of the secretary of health and human services. Yet some health experts believe Cassidy deserves blame for what's happening as a physician in an important leadership position who was concerned about Kennedy's vaccine views but voted to confirm him anyway. As such, Cassidy needs to do more than oversight said Dr. Thomas Farley, the former top public health official in New York City and Philadelphia. A top official at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) demanded the removal of YouTube videos of himself that were published by a physician and writer who has been critical of medical misinformation and public health officials in the Trump administration, according to a YouTube notice that was seen by the Guardian. The now-defunct channel contained about 350 videos of doctors and commentators, including Prasad, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the secretary of health and human services, and Jay Bhattacharya, the head of the National Institutes of Health, which had been collected by Howard from their social media accounts, interviews and protests. Creating the channel, Howard told Guardian in an interview, had been an attempt to "preserve" what these individuals had said during the early years of the pandemic, including comments that Howard said exaggerated the dangers of the Covid vaccine to children and — in some cases — reversed the role of Covid infection, among other issues.	https://tiny.cc/Sec1-rfk-p-2	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	COVID-19, Vaccines	
"RFK Jr. divides Americans over vaccines and food regulation"	Health / Politics		https://tiny.cc/Sec1-maga-radio	https://www.axios	2025-09-01	RFK Jr., Vaccines, Food Policy	
"MAGA Radio Host's Cancer-Stricken Wife Can't Get COVID Shot Because of 'Kook' RFK Jr."	Health / Politics		https://tiny.cc/Sec1-sen-bill	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	RFK Jr., Vaccines, Health Policy	
"Sen. Bill Cassidy wants 'oversight' of CDC. Some say he deserves blame for its turmoil."	Health / Politics		https://tiny.cc/Sec1-top-fda	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	CDC, Bill Cassidy, Health Policy	
"Top FDA official demands removal of YouTube videos in which he criticized Covid vaccines"	Health / Politics		https://tiny.cc/Sec1-health-cdc	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	FDA, Vaccines, Censorship	
With CDC in chaos, scientists and physicians piece together backups	Health / Public Health	But even before CDC Director Susan Moniz was fired, some organizations started pursuing new ways to do jobs formerly handled by the CDC. Some are working to preserve longstanding vaccination recommendations. Some are trying to release information that CDC has stopped providing. Others aim to maintain health data collections at risk of being lost. But these outside efforts don't have the federal funding, resources, legal mechanisms or platform that have been the underpinning of the nation's public health system. As noble as they are, these patchwork efforts probably won't cut it, some experts say. "My fear is that if this continues, where corporations and corporate billionaire donors have an outsized voice and directly influence our democracy, we're going to find ourselves living in an environment such as what we lived in before 1935 when the National Labor Relations Act was enacted," said Aronzo. "Working families will be dealing with lower wages, substandard working conditions, and no real channels for them to fight back."	https://tiny.cc/Sec1-how-trump	https://www.fox	2025-09-01	CDC, Health, Public Health	
How Trump and corporations have hobbled US labor watchdog	Labor / Economy	The largest federation of labor unions in the U.S. is leading the movement, along with dozens of other groups. More than 1,000 events were scheduled as of Saturday. State of Play: The protests are being organized by the AFL-CIO and groups including Bargaining for the Common Good, the National Education Association, Indivisible, Working Families Party, MoveOn, American Federation of Teachers, Public Citizen and 50201. Delta Air Lines has agreed to pay \$79 million to settle a class-action lawsuit following a 2020 incident where one of its aircraft dumped fuel over schools and residential areas near Los Angeles. The settlement addresses the January 14, 2020, event, when a Boeing 777-300, en route from Los Angeles to Shanghai, experienced engine trouble. Forced to return to Los Angeles International Airport, the jet released 15,000 gallons of fuel over densely populated neighborhoods to achieve a safe landing weight. Shortly after, teachers from Park Avenue Elementary School in Cudahy filed a lawsuit against the airline, saying they were exposed to jet fuel that drizzled down like raindrops with "overwhelming" fumes. They described feeling the fuel on their clothes, skin and eyes. Later, several county homeowners filed a class-action suit.	https://tiny.cc/Sec1-what-to	https://www.fox	2025-09-01	Labor, Trump, Economy	
"What to know about 'Workers Over Billionaires' protests on Labor Day"	Labor & Economy		https://tiny.cc/Sec1-airline-agrees	https://www.axios	2025-09-01	Labor, Protests	
Airline agrees to pay \$79M lawsuit after plane dumped fuel on schools	Legal / Corporate		https://tiny.cc/Sec1-why-misinformation	https://www.indie	2025-09-01	Delta, Lawsuit, Environment	
"Why misinformation is all over online health advice"	Media / Misinformation	Researchers at the University of Chicago tried to quantify the proliferation of health misinformation on TikTok in a recent study. They focused on #misinfo and found that nearly half (44%) of the videos about sinusitis contained false claims — most from influencers with no medical training. Zoom out: That's just one corner of the platform. From #dabolestok to #babytok to #detox, there's a rabbit hole for every health concern. And beyond TikTok, Instagram feeds, Reddit threads and Facebook groups are full of questionable advice or debunked theories.	https://tiny.cc/Sec1-trump-dies	https://www.axios	2025-09-01	Misinformation, Health	
"Trump drives out scientists, spies and soldiers in bonfire of expertise"	Political Cesspool	Centuries' worth of experience walked out of key government agencies this summer, including high-level departures from the CDC, Pentagon and intelligence community just in the past week. President Donald Trump is now fundraising off his newfound push to make it into heaven. The thrice-married Trump told Fox News he feels he is "at the bottom of the totem pole" regarding his chances, suggesting he needs all the help he can get. Apparently, he also needs all the money he can get. "So if you're with me all the way to the end, join with MILLIONS of your fellow PATRIOTS by chipping in \$15 to keep the wins rolling in," Trump's email said on Saturday. Forbes estimates Trump is worth \$6.1 billion.	https://tiny.cc/Sec1-3-jobs-gabard	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	Trump, Political Cesspool	
"Trump, 79, Fundraises Off Desperate Push to Get Into Heaven"	Political Cesspool		https://tiny.cc/Sec1-questions-around	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	Tulsi Gabbard, Gun Violence, Political Cesspool	
"Tulsi Gabbard calls Jen Psaki 'agent of darkness and hatred' for suggesting prayer alone won't solve gun crime epidemic"	Political Cesspool	Psaki responded to the onslaught on her MSNBC show, saying: "The issue I raised yesterday and I will raise again today and I will not stop raising, is that people in power — like, say, people in the White House, who are using their platforms to do anything other than call for action for sensible gun safety measures, they're doing anything else, like attacking me, which is a waste of time — they're doing anything but saying what should be done to help prevent tragedies like the shooting in Minneapolis." A new banner on display outside the Department of Labor shows President Trump's face, bringing comparisons to North Korean propaganda. Former Communications Director for Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), Michael Herdaway, and former Rep. Charlie Dent (R-Pa.) said they will share their insights on Trump's latest Cabinet meeting and an alarming opinion by California Governor Gavin Newsom. "There is a long-standing view that the consumer portion of food belongs to Democrats and the agribusiness portion belongs to the Republicans," said Steven Grossman, president of HPS Group and author of the FDA Matters blog. "But that misses the real deal: that the president and the secretary take in being populists and disrupters," Grossman said. "For Kennedy that means being the voice of the MAHA moms, who are a new consumer voice. For Trump it's a bit more nuanced — he loves the MAHA moms, but can't walk away entirely from the electoral support he received from farmers."	https://tiny.cc/Sec1-noem-speech	https://www.axios	2025-09-01	RFK Jr., Business, Republican Party	
"Noem: More cities could see federal law enforcement on streets, even in red states"	Politics / Civil Liberties	Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said Sunday that nothing is "off the table" for cities with high crime rates and that others could see federal law enforcement on their streets — including in Republican-led states. Congressional Republicans scored a massive victory this summer when they passed President Donald Trump's "big beautiful bill" of law and spending cuts without a single Democratic vote. But as they return to Washington this fall after a monthlong August recess, they will have to find a way to work with Democrats — or around them — as a government shutdown looms. The annual spending battle will dominate the September agenda, along with a possible effort by Senate Republicans to change their chamber's rules to thwart Democratic stalling tactics on nominations. The Senate is also debating whether to move forward on legislation that would slap steep tariffs on some of Russia's trading partners as the U.S. pressures Russian President Vladimir Putin on Ukraine.	https://tiny.cc/Sec1-government-shutdown	https://www.fox	2025-09-01	Trump, Elections, Congress	
Government shutdown looms as Congress returns after August recess	Politics / Congress		https://tiny.cc/Sec1-rfk-g	https://www.axios	2025-09-01	RFK Jr., Food Policy	
"He's trying to rig the midterm": Trump intervenes to protect his allies in Congress	Politics / Elections						
"RFK Jr. and MAHA fuel America's battle with food"	Politics / Food Policy	A study of more than 50,000 adults found the share eating a "poor diet" — one dominated by ultra-processed foods — fell from 49% in 1999 to 37% in 2020. The CDC says that ultra-processed food consumption declined from 2017 to 2020 for all age groups.					

		A plan for the post-war redevelopment of Gaza being considered by Donald Trump's administration would see the region's Palestinian population paid \$5,000 to leave "voluntarily," according to a report.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-trump-s				
Trump's Gaza plan involves 'voluntary' relocation of Palestinians – and giving them \$5,000 each	Politics / Foreign Policy	The Gaza Reconciliation, Economic Acceleration and Transformation Trust, otherwise known as the Great Trust, proposes that the 2 million people currently living in Gaza could be paid to be relocated to other countries or secure zones as part of a deal that would also see them receive subsidies to cover four years of rent and a year's worth of food, The Washington Post reports.	https://www.indie	2025-09-01	Trump, Gaza, Foreign Policy		
Applicants for National Weather Service jobs asked to name Trump executive orders they support	Politics / Governance	As the National Weather Service scrambles to hire up to 450 people to restore deep cuts by the Department of Government Efficiency, potential applicants are being asked to explain how they would advance President Donald Trump's agenda if hired.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-applicants-for	https://apnews.co	2025-09-01	Trump, NOAA, Weather Service	
		Some activists and observers have sounded the alarm: authoritarianism of the kind that Americans are used to condemning abroad has become increasingly normal in the United States.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-has-trump-2				
"Has Trump succeeded in normalising American autocracy? US politics The Guardian"	Politics / Government	The checklist to consolidate power, he wrote, includes efforts to control the government bureaucracy, the military, internal security, the legal system, civil society, higher education, the media and elections. The pursuit of those aims had been "systematic," he wrote.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-gavin-newson	https://nywa.beez	2025-09-01	Trump, Autocracy, Politics	
"Gavin Newsom Calls Trump A 'Leading Nationalist And Socialist' Over Deal That Riled Up MAGA"	Politics / Government	Don Moynihan, a political scientist and professor at the University of Michigan, wrote this week that "today, America is a competitive authoritarian system, with a rapidly increasing emphasis on the authoritarian part."	https://www.yahoo		2025-09-01	Gavin Newsom, Trump	
		President Donald Trump is preparing to effectively dare Democrats to shut down the government in a matter of weeks, taking a hard line against any major concessions ahead of negotiations over a must-pass funding bill.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-white-house-2				
"White House redlines and Democratic demands set up shutdown showdown"	Politics / Government	The White House plans to reject any Democratic demands that key health provisions in the GOP's domestic policy law be reversed as part of a budget package, aides said. And it will insist on retaining Trump's authority to claw back funding at will – seeking to cement an extraordinary expansion of executive power that has already riled lawmakers in both parties.		https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	Shutdown, Congress, Government	
		No one should want federal bureaucrats poring over loan documents and consistently prosecuting all falsehoods. There are, of course, some mortgage-fraud cases in which perpetrators knowingly commit a serious transgression, and the cost to lenders can be high. In a 2021 research paper, Ronel Eul of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia found that some real-estate investors use occupancy fraud—misrepresenting themselves as owner-occupants—to obtain lower mortgage rates than they otherwise could get, and that they default at a higher rate than other investors. Such fraud is "broad-based," Eul and his co-authors write. They find that these fraudulent borrowers make up one-third of the population of investors seeking mortgages. Few fraudulent borrowers are charged. In fiscal year 2024, the federal government filed fewer than 20 total cases of mortgage fraud, according to the U.S. Attorney's annual statistical report.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-show-me				
		Regularly prosecuting cases like the ones the Trump administration is grandstanding about would enmesh many unwitting wrongdoers in legal nightmares, just as the civil-libertarian attorney Harvey Silverglate warned in his 2009 book, Three Felonies a Day. In it, he distinguishes between common-law crimes such as theft, assault, and murder, which all perpetrators know to be serious transgressions, and the many federal laws that make felons out of people who don't even realize that they are doing something wrong. "Trump's pursuit of these mortgage fraud cases is precisely what I warned about," Silverglate wrote to me when I reached him by email earlier this week. "This system paves the way to tyranny—a system in which, alas, I fear we find ourselves."		https://www.theatl	2025-09-01	Trump, Justice, Politics	
Show Me the Person, and I'll Show You the Crime	Politics / Justice	A Social Security whistleblower whose complaint alleged that Department of Government Efficiency officials mishandled Americans' sensitive information says he's resigning because of actions taken against him since making the claim.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-social-security				
Social Security whistleblower who filed complaint against DOGE resigns	Politics / Oversight	Charles Borges, the agency's chief data officer, alleged that more than 300 million Americans' Social Security data was put at risk by DOGE officials who uploaded sensitive information to a cloud account not subject to oversight. His disclosure was submitted to the special counsel's office on Tuesday.	https://apnews.co	2025-09-01	Whistleblower, Social Security, Oversight		
		Borges wrote that new leadership in the technology and executive offices "created a culture of panic and dread, with minimal information sharing. Frequent discussions on employee termination, and general organizational dysfunction," the outlet reports.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-social-security-2				
Social Security whistleblower who claimed DOGE uploaded 300 million people's data to the cloud quits post	Politics / Oversight	His disclosure earlier alleged "systemic data security violations, uninhibited administrative access to highly sensitive production environments, and potential violations" of security protocols and federal privacy laws by DOGE personnel—including Edward "Big Balls" Costante, the 19-year-old at the center of a wave of controversial policies inside the federal government.	https://www.indie	2025-09-01	Whistleblower, Social Security, Data Privacy		
"Trump says he will order voter ID requirement for every vote"	Politics / Voting Rights	Earlier in August, Trump pledged to issue an executive order to end the use of mail-in ballots and voting machines ahead of the 2026 midterm elections. However, federal elections are administered at the state level and it is unclear whether the president has the constitutional power to enact such a measure.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-trump-says	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	Voting Rights, Trump	
"Trump says he plans unconstitutional executive order to mandate ID for voters"	Politics / Voting Rights	Donald Trump has said he will issue an executive order to mandate identification for all US elections, a move likely to be challenged in court as unconstitutional.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-trump-says-2	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	Voting Rights, Trump	
Pope Leo urges end to 'pandemic of arms' after Minnesota shooting	Religion / Gun Violence	Pope Leo XIV offered his prayers for the Minneapolis Catholic school shooting victims and called for an end to the "pandemic" of arms, large and small, on Sunday.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-pope-leo	https://www.abc2	2025-09-01	Pope Leo, Gun Violence, Religion	
		Making matters all the stranger, even if the borb's writing doesn't lend for a careful human reader, it seems that other instances of GPT-5 – and other chatbots, strikingly – love it.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-gpt-5				
GPT-5 Is Doing Something Absolutely Bizarre	Technology / AI	One of the most fascinating findings I've had so far is that GPT-5 is capable of ticking even the most recent Claude models into claiming that the gibberish that it produces is in fact great literature," he'll write. "That's an especially astonishing finding given that so far I have never managed to consistently produce stories – regardless of how sophisticated the algorithmic setup was – with any GPT model (GPT-4.5 was successful at some rare occasions) that could tick Claude into concluding that the text was most likely written by a human, not AI."	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-gpt-5	https://fubiz.com	2025-09-01	AI, GPT-5, Technology	
		"There's people that are aware AI isn't perfect, and then there's people that come to you angry because they didn't manage to get it done themselves with AI," Carstens said. "And you kind of have to be empathetic. You don't want them to feel like idiots. Then you have to fix it."	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-science-research				
Humans are being hired to make AI slop look less sloppy	Technology / AI	Such gigs are part of a new category of work spawned by the generative AI boom that threatened to displace creative jobs across the board. Anyone can now write blog posts, produce a graphic or code an app with a few text prompts, but AI-generated content rarely makes for a satisfactory final product on its own.	https://www.rbc2	2025-09-01	AI, Labor, Technology		
		Bluesky's growing status as the social media platform of choice for the world's scientists has been boosted by analysis suggesting research receives more engagement and original scrutiny than on Elon Musk's rival platform, X.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-science-research				
Science research gets more engagement on Bluesky than X, study finds	Technology / Media	However, the scientific community appears to have embraced Bluesky. It is understood that during August there were twice as many posts about science each day compared with July and more than triple the number from March, though the platform remains tight-lipped about the overall numbers of such posts.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says	https://www.theatl	2025-09-01	Technology, Social Media, Research	
		We highly appreciate the efforts and proposals from China and India aimed at facilitating the resolution of the Ukrainian crisis, Mr Putin told the forum. "The understandings reached at the recent Russia-US meeting in Alaska, I hope, also contribute toward this goal," he added.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2				
Putin says he and Trump came to 'understanding' about how to end Ukraine war at Alaska summit	War / Diplomacy	He said he had already detailed to Mr Xi on Sunday the outcomes of his talks with the US president Trump, and the work "already underway" to resolve the conflict. "For the Ukrainian settlement to be sustainable and long-term, the root causes of the crisis must be addressed," he said. Part of the source of the conflict, "lies in the ongoing attempts by the West to bring Ukraine into NATO," Mr Putin reiterated. He said the West's attempts to draw Ukraine into Nato pose a "direct threat to Russia's security."	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says	https://www.indie	2025-09-01	Putin, Trump, Ukraine, Diplomacy	
		A contemporary sculpture garden in Scotland has announced it will open year-round after growing demand.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2				
Jupiter Artland to open all year round for the very first time	Weird World	Set over 120 acres of meadow, woodland and gallery space, the park is home to more than 30 permanent artists, including Tracey Emin, Phyllida Barlow and Christian Boltanski.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2	https://www.indie	2025-09-01	Scotland, Arts, Culture	
New \$25 million simulator ride opens at Niagara Falls	Weird World	Park guests will be suspended in gondola-style seating on the simulated 56-kilometre flight with sensory effects, including wind and mist, and a 180-degree domed screen below their feet.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2	https://www.indie	2025-09-01	Niagara Falls, Tourism, Travel	
"Surfing in America's heartland" KCUR - Kansas City news and NPR"	Weird World	But Shoybenyan isn't the only place surfers can catch waves hundreds of miles from the East or West coasts. Great Lakes surfing takes place in Illinois, Minnesota and Michigan, while river surfing is becoming popular in Iowa. There's also river surfing at whitewater parks in Oklahoma and Nebraska, and a waterpark in the heart of Texas offers man-made waves that mimic ocean swell.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2	https://www.kcur	2025-09-01	Culture, Lifestyle, Sports	
"13 Scottish brothers set rowing record for fastest Pacific crossing : NPR"	Weird World	Three Scottish brothers set a world record Saturday for completing the fastest unsupported row across the full Pacific Ocean.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2				
"Pokémon World Championships show the game is still going strong in 2025 : NPR"	Weird World	James, Evan and Lachlan Maclean completed the journey in 139 days, arriving in Cairns, Australia. They rowed over 9,000 miles non-stop from Peru, becoming the first team to achieve the full crossing from South America to Australia.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2	https://www.npr.c	2025-09-01	Weird World, Sports	
		It was a modest setting over 20 years ago, but this past weekend, over 25,000 people gathered at the Anaheim Convention Center in California for the 2025 Pokémon World Championships.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-01	Culture, Entertainment, Games	
		Buelow, a senior restoration ecologist for MassWildlife, parks his pickup on a sandy patch of soil. He gestures to a low pile of boulders mixed with gnarled tree roots.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2				
"Massachusetts ecologists build a winter 'hotel' for snakes GBH"	Weird World	"Doesn't look like much," he said.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2	https://www.wgbz	2025-09-01	Environment, Wildlife	
		But below ground, Buelow and his team have built a snake hotel, of sorts. The hibernaculum is made of layers of salvaged concrete, cinder blocks, concrete pipes and boulders that trap heat, methodically placed to create passages that reach the bottom of the pit.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2				
		Eleven feet underground, well below the frost line, this 20-by-20-foot hibernaculum is designed to keep the reptiles warm over winter. It's new, and Buelow hopes silly customers will check in once temperatures drop. This "hotel" is just the most recent effort from state wildlife agencies to preserve and diversify this important habitat for rare plants and animals that thrive in forests that regularly burn.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2				
		Cara is one of an increasing number of girls, between ages 10 and 14, who have become pregnant in their early adolescence. Stories like hers are at the heart of a fierce debate between lawmakers, health experts and church groups over what the future of sex education should look like in this deeply Catholic country.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2				
"Mothers at 14. The fierce debate over sex education in a deeply Catholic nation"	World / Culture	CNN spoke with several Filipino girls and young women between the ages of 14 and 23, including mothers, who said they had either not had any sex education at school, or if they did, it lacked helpful information about consent or contraceptives. One of the women, Sam, 23, remembers learning about contraceptives in an 8th grade class, with a disclaimer not to use them.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-01	World, Sex Education, Religion	
		When the United Kingdom began requiring thousands of websites to verify their users' ages last month, one group saw an enormous burst of traffic: pornography sites ignoring the law.	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2				
		But tech and privacy experts have warned that the laws bring with them some unavoidable downsides, including potentially driving people to seedier corners of the web. John Scott-Railton, Source comment a researcher at the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto who studies surveillance and digital rights, called the U.K. case "a textbook illustration of the law of unintended consequences."	https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-putin-says-2				
Porn sites that ignore age-check laws are getting a flood of traffic	Technology / Regulation	The law "supersedes traffic to compliant platforms while driving users to sites without age verification," he said. "The more the government squeezes, the more they reward the very sites that scoff at their rules."	https://www.wash	2025-06-31	Porn, Technology, Regulation, Traffic		
https://tinyurl.us/Sep1-8-12-2025							
Anthropic's Dario Amodei puts AI doom at 25%	AI / Technology	Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei says there's a one-in-four chance AI could cause catastrophic outcomes.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09-17/anthropic-dario-amodei-p-ai-doom-25	2025-09-18	AI, Risk, Anthropic, Technology	20250918a01	
Google DeepMind claims 'historic' AI breakthrough in problem solving	AI / Technology	DeepMind announces major AI milestone in complex problem solving.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/sep/17/google-deepmind	2025-09-18	Google, DeepMind, AI, Breakthrough	20250918a42	
UnitedHealth sought to meet with Trump, WSJ reports	Business / Health	The company markets a boutique of security systems ranging from the license plate readers to rapid response drones, gunshot detectors and a national license plate network. It says it captures 20 billion license plates every month in 5,000 cities across 49 states.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/unitedhealth-sought-meet-trump-wsj-1	2025-09-15	unitedhealth, trump, healthcare, business	20250915unite59	
Navajo Nation may start using Flock Safety license plate readers facing criticism in other cities	Civil Rights / Surveillance	A tropical depression just formed and under the Atlantic's strange storm drought. Here's where future Gabrielle is headed	https://www.bizjournals.com/toronto-desk/2025/09-02/navajo-nation-may-star	2025-09-15	navajonation, surveillance, flock, privacy	20250915rock14	
A tropical depression just formed and under the Atlantic's strange storm drought. Here's where future Gabrielle is headed	Climate / Disasters	New tropical depression breaks unusual Atlantic storm drought, may become Gabrielle.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/tropical-depression-just-formed-e	2025-09-17	tropical storm, Atlantic, Gabrielle, weather	20250917climate31	
Maps show the forecast track of Tropical Storm Gabrielle	Climate / Disasters	New projections show Tropical Storm Gabrielle's forecasted path.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/maps-show-forecast-track-topica	2025-09-18	Tropical Storm, Gabrielle, Weather, Climate	20250918climate24	

Climate scientist discusses 'chemical' conspiracy theories	Climate / Disinformation	David Keith addresses persistent conspiracy theories linking contrails to climate manipulation. The decision to disband the CWG came as a hearing was held this week in a lawsuit that the Environmental Defense Fund and the Union of Concerned Scientists had filed against the Trump administration. An NPR reported previously, the suit alleges that Energy Secretary Chris Wright "quietly arranged for five hand-picked skeptics of the effects of climate change" to compile the government's climate report and violated the law by creating the report in secret with authors "of only one point of view."	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-david-keith-chemicals-consp-	20250916	climate, conspiracy theories, chemicals, misinformation	20250916climate03	
The Energy Department disbanded its Climate Working Group	Climate / Policy	Justice Department challenges Vermont's law holding oil firms liable for climate damage.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/17/trump-vermont-oil-	2025-09-15	climate, doe, environment, policy	20250915climate19	
Trump DOJ seeks to kill Vermont law that makes big oil pay for climate harm	Climate / Policy	Study finds people underestimate the climate impact of personal choices, misplacing priorities.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Trump, DOJ, Vermont, Oil, Climate Policy	20250918climate44	
People Dramatically Misjudge the Climate Impacts of Their Actions, Research Shows	Climate / Research	Extended heat waves show how summer is stretching deeper into fall.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	20250916	climate change, research, personal choices	20250916climate01	
Summer temperatures lingering longer across U.S.	Climate / Weather	Experts say recognizing this single warning sign can help people avoid scams.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	20250916	climate, heat waves, weather, U.S.	20250916climate02	
This Single Thing Is The Biggest Warning You're Being Scammed, And It's Information We All Need	Consumer Protection	Prosecutors announce intention to seek death penalty for Kirk's accused killer.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	Luigi Mangione, terrorism, murder, courts	20250917courts19	
Why the terror-related murder charges against Luigi Mangione fell apart	Courts	An opinion piece blames SCOTUS for ideological rulings over pragmatic wisdom.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	Charlie Kirk, death penalty, suspect, courts	20250917prosecutorstoseek45	
Prosecutors to seek death penalty for suspect in Charlie Kirk killing	Courts	Newly released FBI file offers fresh insights into the infamous D.B. Cooper hijacking.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	20250916	FBI, D.B. Cooper, cold case, history	20250916crime01	
Opinion - Rejecting King Solomon's wisdom, the Supreme Court bows to ideology	Courts / Opinion	Two men were arrested in Utah after an "incendiary" device was placed under a news media vehicle in Salt Lake City, officials said Sunday.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-15	epstein, wealth, corruption, politics	20250915epstein46	
The FBI's New D.B. Cooper File Reveals 4 Eye-Opening Details That Were Buried Until Now	Crime / Cold Cases	Adeeb Nasir, 58, and Adil Justice Ahmed Nasir, 31, were booked at Salt Lake County Jail on Sunday, records show.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-15	utah, explosive, media, extremism	20250915crime09	
Jeffrey Epstein was linked to the upper echelons of wealth and politics – but where did he get his fortune?	Crime / Corruption	They face charges including threat of terrorism, possessing weapons of mass destruction, and possessing explosive devices, according to the records.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-15	utah, explosive, media, extremism	20250915crime09	
2 men arrested in Utah over explosive device found under news vehicle	Crime / Extremism	Judge notes prosecutors dropped nearly a dozen cases tied to Trump's DC crime surge.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Trump, Crime, DC, Justice, Prosecutions	20250918crime53	
Prosecutors already have dropped nearly a dozen cases from Trump's DC crime surge, judge says	Crime / Justice	Investigation launched after inmate's decomposed body discovered in Georgia prison.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Georgia, Prison, Crime, Justice	20250918crime57	
Woman's decaying body found in Georgia prison cell sparking investigation	Crime / Justice	Three police officers killed and two more critically wounded in Pennsylvania shooting.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Gun Violence, Crime, Pennsylvania, Crime	20250918crime06	
Pennsylvania shooting kills 3 officers, injures 2 critically	Crime / Public Safety	Six leaders of the Mexico-based La Luchadora megachurch — including its current "apostle," Naasón Joaquín García, his mother and four associates — are facing federal charges of racketeering, child pornography and sex trafficking, under a recently unsealed indictment. Maximum penalties for some of the offenses include life in prison.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-15	naason, megachurch, trafficking, religion	20250915church21	
Light of the World church: Naasón Joaquín García face sex trafficking charges	Crime / Religion	Authorities reveal disturbing details uncovered after Kirk's assassination suspect identified.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Kirk, Crime, Violence, Investigation	20250918crime17	
Closest to Tyler Robinson made horrifying discoveries in hours after Charlie Kirk killing, authorities say	Crime / Violence	Authorities say a renowned chef pulled off three bank robberies in one day.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	20250916	California, crime, chef, bank robbery	20250916crime02	
Celebrated California chef, 62, robbed three banks in one day, police say	Crime / World Wide	The Black unemployment rate has long been higher than the jobs rate overall — but the gap narrows when the labor market is strong, as it was in 2019 right before the pandemic and during the strong job market of 2022 and 2023.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-15	trump, smithsonian, censorship, culture	20250915smithsonian49	
Trump's White House has flagged these 5 Smithsonian exhibits as problematic	Culture / Politics	The Black unemployment rate was 7.5% in August — a rate that would be viewed as catastrophic if it were the overall jobless number. It is up more than a point from the beginning of the year.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-15	unemployment, blackworkers, economy, fed	20250915economy11	
Black unemployment is rising. Why it's a warning sign for the economy.	Economy	That's compared with an overall unemployment rate of 4.3%, up slightly from 4% in January. The white unemployment rate (3.7%) is also up just 0.2 points over that period.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	Federal Reserve, economy, interest rates, inflation	20250917economy18	
What to expect from the most extraordinary Fed meeting yet	Economy	Markets brace for pivotal Fed meeting with high stakes for rates and inflation.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	tariffs, retail, inflation, economy	20250917economy30	
Addas, Walmart, Home Depot, and other major brands that say Trump's tariffs are pushing them to raise prices	Economy	Retail giants warn Trump tariffs are forcing them to hike consumer prices.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	Ai Gore, JP Morgan, energy transition, economy	20250917aijorgore42	
Al Gore, JP Morgan experts worried over energy transition	Economy / Finance	Fed lowers rates by 0.25%, signaling concerns about economic slowdown.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Federal Reserve, Economy, Interest Rates	20250918economy03	
Federal Reserve cuts interest rates quarter point	Economy / Finance	Markets weigh in on how the Fed's rate cut could affect mortgage costs.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Federal Reserve, Economy, Interest Rates, Mortgage	20250918economy11	
Fed Cuts Interest Rate: What Happens to Mortgage Rates Now as Markets React	Economy / Finance	Leading economist warns of strong recession risk within the next year.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-16	economy, recession, forecast	20250916economy07	
A top economist says there's an 'uncomfortably high' chance that the US is heading into a recession in the next year	Economy / Forecast	Economists warn housing data signals deepening risk of recession.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-16	Florida, insurance, property claims, arbitration	20250916insurance01	
This housing data is the 'most critical economic variable' for predicting recessions, and it's now at the lowest level since pandemic shutouts	Economy / Housing	ProPublica finds Florida's state insurer wins most claim disputes, leaving homeowners frustrated.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Bank of America, Wages, Jobs, Economy	20250918economy07	
Florida's Citizens Property Insurance Wins Most of Its Claim Disputes in Mandatory Arbitration	Economy / Insurance	Bank of America's \$25-hour minimum wage stands out in weak jobs market	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Labor, Statistics, Trump, Oversight, Economy	20250918economy41	
Bank of America \$25 an hour minimum wage stands out in weak jobs market	Economy / Labor	EX-BLS chief Erika McEntarfer warns of Trump administration meddling in economic data.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Labor, Statistics, Trump, Oversight, Economy	20250918economy41	
Labor statistics chief fired by Trump sounds alarm over White Oversight	Economy / Oversight	Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook referred to a condominium she purchased in June 2021 as a "vacation home" in a loan estimate, a characterization that could undermine claims by the Trump administration that she committed mortgage fraud.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-15	fed, isaoock, scandal, housing	20250915fedcock30	
Fed's Lisa Cook claimed second residence as 'vacation home'	Economy / Scandal	President Donald Trump has sought to fire Cook "for cause," relying on allegations that Cook claimed both the condo and another property as her primary residence simultaneously, as he looks to reshuffle the central bank to orchestrate a steep cut to interest rates. Documents obtained by The Associated Press also showed that as a second form submitted by Cook to gain a security clearance, she described the property as a "second home."	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	University of California, lawsuit, Trump administration	20250917education16	
University of California students, professors and staff sue the Trump administration	Education	UC community sues Trump administration over policies impacting students and faculty.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	Trump, advisor, college, education, vial	20250917education32	
This Trump Advisor Is Going Viral For Urging Moms To Not Send Their Kids To College	Education	Trump advisor alerts controversy by urging mothers to avoid sending kids to college.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	climate change, Europe, heat deaths, environment	20250917climate08	
Human-made global warming 'caused two in three heat deaths in Europe this summer'	Extreme heat / Research	Study finds human-driven climate change responsible for most heat-related deaths in Europe this summer.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	climate change, Europe, heat deaths, environment	20250917climate08	
Psychology researchers identify a 'burnout to extremism' pipeline	Extreme heat / Research	New findings suggest workplace burnout can drive individuals toward extremist ideologies.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	burnout, extremism, psychology, radicalization	20250918extremism01	
Kash Patel denies identifying FBI in fiery grillng by Democratic senators	FBI	Kash Patel pushes back against accusations of politicizing the FBI in a heated Senate hearing.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	Kash Patel, FBI, Senate hearing, politicization	20250917fb05	
Takeaways from FBI Director Kash Patel's Senate hearing	FBI	Highlights from Kash Patel's contentious Senate hearing over FBI politicization.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	Kash Patel, FBI, Senate hearing, takeaways	20250917fb20	
Trump's FBI Director Sparks Fury By Testifying No Evidence Exists Epstein Trafficked Victims to Others	FBI	FBI Director Patel angers public by denying evidence Epstein trafficked others.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	FBI, Kash Patel, Epstein, testimony	20250917fb25	
Kash Patel on this case as FBI director after Trump taps new 'co-deputy' amid Charlie Kirk case criticism: report	FBI	Report: Patel's role shaky after Trump appoints co-deputy amid Kirk fallout.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-15	Kash Patel, FBI, Trump, Charlie Kirk	20250915fb35	
Elon Musk's grim warning at UK far-right rally sparks controversy: 'Violence is coming, fight back, or die'	Fuck That Guy	Trump's deputy chief Kristi Noem draws outrage after recalling shooting her puppy.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-15	Musk, fairness, violence, rhetoric	20250915mus45	
Trump's New Ballroom Is Under Construction And The Pictures Are Pissing People Off	Fuck That Guy	Photos of Trump's luxury ballroom construction spark public backlash.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Trump, Luxury, Scandal, Public Reaction	20250918fuckthatguy20	
Trump Executive Order Quietly Declared That NASA Is Now a Spy Agency	Fuck That Guy	Trump order reclassifies NASA as an intelligence agency, raising alarms.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Trump, NASA, Executive Order, Intelligence	20250918fuckthatguy35	
Trump's deputy chief Kristi Noem laments loss of puppy 'Cricket' that she shot dead	Fuck That Guy	Trump's deportation czar Kristi Noem draws outrage after recalling shooting her puppy.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Trump, Kristi Noem, Immigration, Scandal	20250918fuckthatguy60	
Charlie Kirk's Shooting Shows Gun Violence is a Uniquely American Problem	Gun Violence	TIME argues the Kirk shooting underscores America's singular crisis with gun violence.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-16	Charlie Kirk, gun violence, America, shootings	20250916gunviolence01	
Florida attorney general says cops should stop enforcing open carry gun ban after court ruling	Gun / Law	Florida's AG instructs police to halt enforcement of overturned open carry ban.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-16	Florida, open carry, guns, AG ruling	20250916guns01	
RFK Jr.'s MAHA report on kid's health leaves out nicotine and smoking	Health	"I was horrified," Daniels says. "It never once mentioned substance usage. Specifically, nicotine."	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-15	rfk, maha, childrenshealth, tobacco	20250915rfkhealth18	
Opinion – An infectious disease has invaded America's public health agencies	Health	Reductions of 20,000 staff — 18 percent of the HHS's allegedly "bloated bureaucracies" — have resulted in fewer clinical trials of new drugs, fewer specialists planning for the next outbreak of a deadly virus, fewer inspections of egg farms, seafood processors, drug manufacturers and blood banks, and less monitoring and development of treatments to prevent heart disease, strokes and HIV/AIDS, maternal and infant health problems and oral hygiene issues of children whose parents can't afford to pay a dentist.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-15	publichealth, opinion, dysfunction, agencies	20250915health028	
Ex-CDC director set to tell senators that RFK Jr. required political sign-off on decisions, called for firings without cause	Health	Former CDC head claims RFK Jr. politicized agency with sign-offs and firings.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	CDC, RFK Jr., health, politics	20250917health26	
RFK Jr. links video games, antidepressants to US mass shootings	Health / RFK Jr.	RFK Jr. claims video games and antidepressants contribute to US mass shootings.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	RFK Jr., video games, antidepressants, mass shooti	20250917health39	
Ex-CDC chief Susan Monarez to be grilled in Senate hearing over RFK Jr. firing	Health / Senate	Former CDC chief Susan Monarez faces Senate scrutiny for RFK Jr. firing.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-17	CDC, Susan Monarez, RFK Jr., Senate	20250917excdchief41	
The rural health 'Hunger Games' are underway	Health / Access	Rural hospitals face fierce competition for survival, likened to 'Hunger Games'.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	rural health, hospitals, access, crisis	20250918health01	
Ex-CDC chief testifies about chaos and political pressure under RFK Jr.'s leadership	Health / CDC	Former CDC director testifies about chaos and political pressure under RFK Jr.'s leadership.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	CDC, RFK Jr., Public Health, Testimony	20250918health02	
Former CDC head says RFK Jr. told her not to air concerns to Congress	Health / CDC	Ex-CDC chief testifies RFK Jr. pressured her to stay quiet about vaccine concerns.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	CDC, RFK Jr., Vaccines, Congress	20250918health08	
Former CDC officials say Kennedy Jr. has made children less safe, politicized health	Health / CDC	Ex-CDC officials warn RFK Jr. has undermined child safety and politicized public health.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	CDC, RFK Jr., Public Health, Children	20250918health29	
RFK Jr.'s anti-vaccine fight and US fear for public health: key moments from ousted CDC director's testimony	Health / COVID	Testimony from former CDC director details RFK Jr.'s damaging role in vaccine policy.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	RFK Jr., CDC, Vaccines, Testimony	20250918health45	
Man's COVID Infection Lasted 2 Years, Setting a New Record	Health / Disability	A patient carried a COVID infection for two years straight, marking a record case.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	COVID-19, long infection, record, health	20250918covid01	
CDC stops work from home-disability-policy	Health / Disability	CDC ends policy allowing disabled employees to work remotely, sparking backlash.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	CDC, Disability, Remote Work, Policy	20250918health09	
A new Ebola outbreak has been declared. Here's what we know	Health / Outbreaks	Authorities confirm a fresh Ebola outbreak in Congo, sparking rapid response measures.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Ebola, Congo, outbreak, health crisis	20250918outbreak01	
Can Americans still get vaccinated under Trump and RFK Jr.? The answer comes down to geography	Health / Policy	RFK Jr., a vaccine skeptic, has implemented sudden regulatory changes that have divided the country along party and regional lines, leaving public health experts warning of unprecedented confusion as states stray from the Trump administration's guidelines.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-15	vaccines, trump, rfk, access	20250915vaccines37	
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The GOP cut parts of Obamacare. Now it's at the center of a funding fight.	Health / Policy	Republicans face budget disputes tied to Obamacare provisions they previously weakened.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/16/climate-change-poll-	2025-09-18	Obamacare, GOP, Healthcare, Funding	20250918health14	
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Democrats reject GOP funding plan in a no-go	Politics	Democrats reject free speech proposal funding plan ahead of shutdown deadline.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/18/schumer-rejects-gop-funding-plan-ahead-of-shutdown-deadline	2025-09-17	Democrats, GOP, funding, shutdown	20250917democratsdeadline46
Why reactions to Charlie Kirk's death pressured companies to fire workers	Politics / Business	Backlash over employee posts about Kirk's death spurred corporate firings.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/18/charlie-kirk-show-fired-death-america	20250918	Charlie Kirk, business, corporate firings, free speech	20250918politics02
House Republicans hit Democrats quash Ihan Omar censure measure	Politics / Congress	A bipartisan coalition blocks an effort to censure Rep. Ihan Omar.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/17/ihan-omar-censure-republicans-par	2025-09-18	Ihan Omar, Congress, Republicans, Democrats	20250918politics05
Government shutdown odds go up after party leaders exchange fire	Politics / Congress	Partisan clashes raise the likelihood of a looming government shutdown.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/shutdown-odds-par-2025-09-18	2025-09-18	Congress, Shutdown, Politics, Government Funding	20250918politics12
Tim Kane apologizes to ex-CDC director: 'I was wrong'	Politics / Congress	Sen. Tim Kane admits fault in his criticism of the former CDC chief.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/kane-apologizes-ex-cdc-185	2025-09-18	Tim Kane, CDC, Congress, Apology	20250918politics21
Swallow his hate back at Bond on hate speech, says she failed to prosecute MULTIPLE direct death threats against him	Politics / Congress	Rep. Swalwell accuses Bond of ignoring threats while debating hate speech.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/swallow-his-hate-back-bond-hate-17	2025-09-18	Swallow, Bond, Hate Speech, Congress	20250918politics22
GOP shuts down House Democrats' effort to subpoena banks handling Jeffrey Epstein money	Politics / Congress	Republicans block Democratic attempt to subpoena banks tied to Epstein money.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/gop-shuts-down-house-democrats-2025-09-18	2025-09-18	GOP, Democrats, Congress, Epstein	20250918politics37
White crime is down in D.C. following the deployment of the National Guard, experts note that it was already falling. Reports from the capital indicate that troops have had so much free time on their hands, they've begun asking neighborhood commissioners how they can have fun with beatification offers.	Politics / Crime	White crime is down in D.C. following the deployment of the National Guard, experts note that it was already falling. Reports from the capital indicate that troops have had so much free time on their hands, they've begun asking neighborhood commissioners how they can have fun with beatification offers.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-makes-wild-assertion-crime-2025-09-18	2025-09-15	Trump, crime, narrative, exaggeration	20250915crimeclaim09
Trump makes wild assertion about crime in U.S. cities	Politics / Crime	Trump backed graphic anti-fentanyl ads now running nationwide.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/18/trump-fentanyl-advertising	20250918	Trump, fentanyl, drug policy, ads	20250918drug01
Trump pushed for grisly anti-fentanyl ads airing now	Politics / Drug Policy	FDA backlash challenges Trump's efforts to tighten drug advertising rules.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/18/trump-fda-backlash-legal-fail	20250918	Trump, FDA, drug ads, regulation	20250918drug02
Trump's drug ad crackdown faces legal reality for Virginia voters	Politics / Economy	Energy and AI costs dominate Virginia voters' concerns ahead of elections.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/virginia-ai-energy-cost-electricity-bill-2025-09-18	20250918	AI, energy costs, electricity, Virginia voters	20250918economy01
All energy cost, electricity bills top of mind for Virginia voters	Politics / Economy	Energy and AI costs dominate Virginia voters' concerns ahead of elections.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/virginia-ai-energy-cost-electricity-bill-2025-09-18	20250918	AI, energy costs, electricity, Virginia voters	20250918economy02

Trump pick Miran confirmed to Fed ahead of rate decision	Politics / Economy	Senate confirms Trump's nominee Miran to Fed just before a key rate call.	https://www.gdcs.com/2025/09/16/trump-fed-miran-interest-rates	20250916	Trump, Federal Reserve, Miran, interest rates	20250916economy02
Who is Fed nominee Stephen Miran?	Politics / Economy	NPR profiles Trump's Fed nominee Stephen Miran ahead of key decisions.	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/15/mir-a1-5542128/stephen-miran-fed-rose	20250916	Trump, Federal Reserve, Miran, economy	20250916economy03
Why Trump wants companies to report earnings less frequently	Politics / Economy	Trump pushes for looser SEC rules by cutting back on corporate earnings reports.	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/15/mir-a1-5542137/trump-corporate-earnings	20250916	Trump, SEC, corporate earnings, economy	20250916economy04
Appeals court rejects Trump's bid to unseat Federal Reserve governor Lisa Cook ahead of rate vote	Politics / Economy	Court blocks Trump's attempt to oust Fed governor Lisa Cook before key rate decision.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/appeals-court-rejects-trumps-bid-1310	20250916	Trump, Federal Reserve, Lisa Cook, court	20250916economy05
Here are the members of Congress not running for reelection in 2026	Politics / Elections	NPR is tracking the record number of Congressional lawmakers who have announced they do not plan to run for reelection to their current seats in 2026. That number currently stands at 10 senators and 27 House members.	https://www.yahoo.com/2025/09/15/mir-a1-5534254/house-senate-relemer	2025-09-15	congress, elections2026, retirements, politics	20250915retirements12
Fact check: Trump's latest lies about California's elections and mail-in voting	Politics / Elections	Fifteen are retiring from public office with the rest running for a different office – 11 looking to become governor of their state, 10 looking to make the jump from House to Senate and one, Texas Gov. Josh Shapiro (D) — than at any point since 1986, when the nation lost the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., then Robert F. Kennedy just two months later.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/fact-check-trump-latest-lies-1310	2025-09-15	trump, california, elections, factcheck	20250915calvoles50
Special election race to fill Hartman seat reaches end	Politics / Elections	There are more Republicans signaling their desire to exit Washington (27) than Democrats (10).	https://www.mprnews.org/story/2025/09/15/minnesota-special-election	20250916	Minnesota, election, Hartman, special election	20250916elections01
Four ominous trends tearing America apart	Politics / Extremism	Four concurrent trends suggest America's volatile politics, culture and security could worsen in the months ahead. With Charlie Kirk's saying, we've witnessed more high-profile assassinations or assassination attempts in the past 14 months — including two assassination attempts on President Trump, the killing of a Democratic Minnesota lawmaker and an arson attack on the residence of Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro (D) — than at any point since 1986, when the nation lost the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., then Robert F. Kennedy just two months later. School shootings — including one near Denver about the same time that Kirk was shot — continue to surge, from fewer than a dozen annually 20 years ago to 30+ annually for the past three years. Calls for violence and civil war are spreading across social media, amplifying the worst of humanity as Americans denigrate each other for their political beliefs. An unprecedented online hunt is underway on conservative social media to name, shame and contact the employees of people who mocked or celebrated Kirk's slaying.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/15/charlie-kirk-political-violence-trends	2025-09-15	politicalviolence, extremism, polarization, trends	20250915politics01
London far-right rally draws over 100,000 with clashes breaking out	Politics / Extremism	A London march organized by far-right activist Tommy Robinson drew more than 110,000 people and became unruly on Saturday as a small group of his supporters clashed with police officers who were separating them from counterprotesters.	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/13/a1-588632/london-protest-by-far-right	2025-09-15	london, farright, extremism, protest	20250915london15
Charlie Kirk critics are being targeted online and losing jobs	Politics / Extremism	Over thirty people across the country have been fired, put on leave, investigated or faced calls to resign because of social media posts criticizing Charlie Kirk or expressing schadenfreude about the conservative influencer's assassination earlier this week, according to an analysis by NPR.	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/13/a1-5838475/charlie-kirk-jobs-target	2025-09-15	kirk, harassment, jobs, extremism	20250915kirktarget17
Trump warns left groups will be investigated after Kirk's death	Politics / Extremism	President Trump on Sunday warned that left-leaning groups will be investigated after the fatal shooting of conservative activist Charlie Kirk, though he offered no details.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-warns-left-groups-investig	2025-09-15	trump, kirk, investigation, leftgroups	20250915trumpwarn40
Suspect sent text saying he would 'take out' Charlie Kirk, FBI says as scrutiny of Patel's performance increases	Politics / Extremism	"If you look at the problem, the problem is on the left. It's not on the right, like some people like to abuse the right, the problem we have is on the left," Trump told reporters. "And when you look at the agitator, you look at the scum that speaks so badly of our country, the American flag burnings all the place, that's the left. That's not the right."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/suspect-sent-text-saying-charlie	20250916	Charlie Kirk, FBI, Patel, extremism	20250916extremism02
Inside Stephen Miller's Reign of Terror	Politics / Extremism	When questioned on whom he plans to investigate, he added, "We'll see. We'll be announcing."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/inside-stephen-miller-reign-terror	20250916	Stephen Miller, extremism, Trump, policy	20250916extremism03
Greene revives call for 'national divorce' after Kirk killing	Politics / Extremism	Profile of Stephen Miller details his outsize influence and harsh policies.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/greene-revives-call-national-divor	20250916	Greene, national divorce, Kirk, extremism	20250916extremism04
Trump administration says it will target far left groups for Kirk's assassination. Prosecutors made no such link.	Politics / Extremism	Rep. Greene renews push for 'national divorce' rhetoric following Kirk's assassination.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-administration-says-target	2025-09-18	Trump, Kirk, Extremism, White House	20250918politics13
DOJ Deletes Its Own Study From Website Showing 'Far More' Domestic Terrorism Committed by 'Far-Right Extremists'	Politics / Extremism	White House blames left-wing groups for Kirk's killing despite no evidence from prosecutors.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/doj-deletes-own-study-website-01	2025-09-18	DOJ, Extremism, Domestic Terrorism, Politics	20250918politics19
White House's Karoline Leavitt appears to connect earthquakes to Charlie Kirk's death and Biblical prophecy	Politics / Extremism	DOJ removes internal study showing far-right extremists responsible for most domestic terror.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/white-house-karoline-leavitt-appe	2025-09-18	White House, Karoline Leavitt, Kirk, Prophecy	20250918politics34
US justice department removes study finding far-right extremists commit far more violence	Politics / Extremism	White House spokesperson links earthquake and Kirk killing to Biblical prophecy.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/us-justice-department-removes-st	2025-09-18	DOJ, Extremism, Far Right, Violence	20250918politics38
Memphis mayor 'certainly not happy' about Trump's National Guard deployment	Politics / Federal Power	DOJ pulls study showing far-right extremists are responsible for more violence.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/tennessee-mayor-says	2025-09-15	trump, memphis, nationalguard, politics	20250915politics10
Trump announced the National Guard isn't going to Chicago anymore. They're headed to this "deeply troubled" blue city instead	Politics / Federal Power	Memphis Mayor Paul Young refused President Trump's claim that he was "happy" about a National Guard deployment to his city, saying in a CNN interview, "I'm certainly not happy."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-national-guard-memphis-may	2025-09-15	trump, memphis, nationalguard, politics	20250915politics10
GOP Rep Issues WW3 warning as he announces retirement	Politics / Foreign Policy	Conversations persisted through the week, he said, and he had discussed how he could obtain federal resources via the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/gop-tes-issues-ww3-warning-231	2025-09-15	trump, retirement, ww3, warning	20250915ww3warn33
Trump tells NATO 'Do as I say' in bizarre 'letter' to world	Politics / Foreign Policy	Since sending the National Guard to Los Angeles and Washington, Trump has openly mused about sending troops to some of the nation's most Democratic cities — including Chicago and Baltimore — claiming they are needed to crack down on crime.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-tells-nato-bizarre-letter-135	2025-09-15	trump, nato, foreignpolicy, letter	20250915nato42
'I wouldn't go fishing right now': JD Vance spars backlash after joking about controversial US strikes on Venezuelan boats	Politics / Foreign Policy	The 63-year-old congressman announced his retirement from the House in an appearance on ABC Sunday, during which he also condemned last week's incursion of Russian drones into Poland and argued that Vladimir Putin is "manipulating" President Donald Trump.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/jd-vance	2025-09-18	JD Vance, Venezuela, Foreign Policy, Military Strikes	20250918politics56
Republicans embrace speech limits after Charlie Kirk assassination	Politics / Free Speech	Pointing to the Russian president's increasingly audacious provocations, McCaul said, "We've never seen anything like this in recent times. And so, what I'm concerned about is that the escalation here and the temperature rising, we got to be very careful not to be on the precipice of a World War II."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/charlie-kirk-free-speech-fights-trump	20250916	Republicans, Charlie Kirk, free speech, Trump	20250916politics01
Pete Hegseth wants women in the kitchen — but his wife as his top adviser	Politics / Gender	During his Senate confirmation hearings in January, his ex-sister-in-law submitted an affidavit begging senators not to confirm him, claiming he's a misogynist who abused his second wife. She wrote that she heard him "say that women should not have the right to vote and that they should not work." Hegseth also, she said, made excuses for sexual assault, which he was accused of by a woman who attended a Republican women's conference in California in 2017, where he spoke. (He settled out of court with the alleged victim in 2020.)	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/pete-hegseth-wants-women-kitch	2025-09-15	hegseth, women, genderroles, hypocrisy	20250915hegseth30
Guided by angels, pursued by chemicals: the weird world of Florida health chief's infamously wife	Politics / Health	The Pentagon later clarified that Hegseth doesn't oppose women's suffrage. But with anyone serving in the Trump administration, it's necessary to look at what they do — not what they say. And the defense secretary's behavior strongly suggests he's at least intrigued by Wilson's opposition to the 19th Amendment.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/guided-angels-pursued-chemical	2025-09-15	Korda, healthchief, conspiracy, influence	20250915chemtrails41
The House Republican risking GOP backlash to save Obamacare subsidies	Politics / Health Policy	This all makes it very surprising — and confounding — that Hegseth's top adviser appears to be Jennifer Hegseth, his current wife and a former Fox News producer. Press coverage of this marital-power arrangement leans on euphemisms like "unorthodox" or that it "draws scrutiny," but that underplays how frankly weird it is for the defense secretary to have his wife constantly at his side, managing his affairs and advising him on military matters, even though she is not on the Pentagon payroll and she has no experience with the military. Jennifer Hegseth was even part of last spring's Signal campaign, which revealed she is looped in on top secret military meetings that are supposed to only be available to people with the highest level of security clearances.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/house-republican-risking-gop-ba	2025-09-15	gop, obamacare, subsidies, healthcare	20250915obamacare23
Meghan McCain Accused Democrats Of 'Glorifying' Death...And Then Wished Death On Someone Literally Two Hours Later	Politics / Hypocrisy	The wife of Florida surgeon general Dr. Joseph Ladapo, a leading vaccine skeptic, believes that angels have spoken to her and that "dark forces" are targeting her family with chemicals, and has claimed her husband won't work with anyone she hasn't vetted.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/meghan-mccain-accused-democr	20250916	Meghan McCain, hypocrisy, Charlie Kirk	20250916politics05
Judge slams Trump administration for 'disingenuous' plot to illegally deport Africans to Ghana	Politics / Immigration	But Kiggins, now in her second term, has decided to stick her neck out on what's shaping up to be one of the most politically explosive policy fights of the fall: the battle over extending boosted Affordable Care Act insurance subsidies that are due to expire on Dec. 31. Congressional budget forecasters are predicting major premium hikes if the subsidies sunset, which would force millions of people to drop health insurance coverage.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/judge-slams-trump-administrator	2025-09-15	trump, deportation, ghana, judge	20250915deport38
'Speak English, period': GOP bill axes interpreter loophole in citizenship exam	Politics / Immigration	A lawsuit accuses the Trump administration of illegally deporting five African immigrants to Ghana, making the 16-hour journey in "sitalkackets," in an attempt to avoid court orders that blocked them from going back to their home countries.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/speak-english-period-gop-bill-190	2025-09-15	gop, immigration, citizenship, language	20250915english47
No closures for Alligator Alcotraz: DHS rejects hoaxes and judicial pushback	Politics / Immigration	A federal judge on Saturday said it appeared the Trump administration was making an "end run" around those court orders by first sending them to Ghana — which they could send then to countries where they face torture, persecution and death.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/no-closures-alligator-alcotraz-dhs-1	2025-09-15	dhs, immigration, detention, controversy	20250915alcotraz57
The obscure visa program that could blow up Trump's alliance with Big Tech	Politics / Immigration	Protesters heckling Trump at dinner could face RICO charges, DOJ suggests.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/the-obscure-visa-program-could-blow	2025-09-15	visa, bigtech, trump, immigration	20250915visa58
Rubio: US is deporting visa holders who celebrated Kirk death	Politics / Immigration	Warren unveils legislation blocking credit checks in job applications.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/rubio-patel-never-spoken-trump-app	20250916	immigration, Rubio, visas, deportations, Charlie Kirk	20250916immigration01
DOJ says Trump protesters could face RICO charges for yelling at him while he was 'trying to enjoy dinner'	Politics / Labor	Trump deploys Guard to Memphis, hinting Chicago could be next in crackdown on crime.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/dodd-ba	2025-09-18	DOJ, Trump, Protesters, RICO	20250918politics02
Elizabeth Warren introduces bill to ban employers from running credit reports in hiring	Politics / Labor & Order	Kash Patel vowed to take on the 'deep state' at the FBI. Now he's in the hot seat as he preps testimony over Charlie Kirk investigation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/elizabeth-warren-introduces-bil	20250916	Elizabeth Warren, credit reports, hiring, labor	20250916elaboor01
Trump sending National Guard to Memphis, says Chicago 'probably next'	Politics / Justice	FBI Director Patel set to testify on Capitol Hill amid questions over his leadership.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/kash-patel-vowed-deep-state-021	20250916	Trump, National Guard, Memphis, Chicago, crime	20250916trump01
Kash Patel vowed to take on the 'deep state' at the FBI. Now he's in the hot seat as he preps testimony over Charlie Kirk investigation	Politics / Oversight	FBI Director Patel heads to Congress to face scrutiny over his handling of the bureau.	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/16/a1-589226/fbi-director-patel-testimony	20250916	FBI, Patel, Congress, testimony, leadership	20250916patel0303
FBI Director Patel set to testify on Capitol Hill amid questions over his leadership	Politics / Oversight	FBI Director Patel defends misleading social media post about Kirk investigation.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/fbi-director-patel-testimony	20250916	FBI, Patel, Kirk case, misinformation	20250916patel0304
Patel says he doesn't regret his post about Kirk case that turned out to be wrong	Politics / Oversight	FBI chief rejects claims of coordination with Trump on handling Epstein-related documents.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/fbi-director-patel-testimony	2025-09-18	FBI, Trump, Epstein, Oversight	20250918patel01
FBI director says he's never spoken to Trump about the Epstein files	Politics / Oversight	Evidence in Kirk case disputes White House narrative; CDC controversies also mount.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/fbi-director-patel-testimony	2025-09-18	Kirk, White House, CDC, Oversight	20250918politics16
Kirk evidence contrasts with White House claims over 'radical left' groups and the CDC's big week: Morning Rounddown	Politics / Oversight	FBI's Kash Patel denies credible evidence Epstein trafficked women to others.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/fbi-director-patel-testimony	2025-09-18	FBI, Epstein, Kash Patel, Oversight	20250918politics32
FBI Director Kash Patel Says There's 'No Credible Information' Jeffrey Epstein Trafficked Women to Others	Politics / Oversight	FBI chief Patel stumbles in Senate hearing, unable to identify mass shooter Dylan Roof.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/17/donald-trump-c	2025-09-18	FBI, Kash Patel, Senate, Oversight, Dylan Roof	20250918politics43
FBI director Kash Patel fails to recognize name of Charleston church shooter Dylan Roof in Senate questioning — live	Politics / Policy	Administration cuts programs aimed at fighting human trafficking and child exploitation.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/17/trump-human-traff	2025-09-18	Trump, Human Trafficking, Child Exploitation, Policy	20250918politics48
MSNBC Anchor Exposes Trump-Project 2025 Wins And Teases Alarming Next Step	Politics / Project 2025	MSNBC highlights Trump's Project 2025 successes and warns of looming plans.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/msnbc-anchor-exposes-trump-pr	20250916	Trump, Project 2025, MSNBC	20250916project202501
MAGA Senator Offers ICE Barbie Military Base to Train New Recruits	Politics / Satire	Proposal for an 'ICE Barbie Base' draws ridicule online and in media.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/maga-senator-offers-ice-barbie-2	20250916	MAGA, ICE, Barbie, satire	20250916satire01

Oklahoma prosecutor: No charges after report of explicit images on education chief's TV	Politics / Scandal	No charges filed after report of explicit images on Oklahoma school chief's TV.	https://apnews.com/article/oklahoma-school-superintendent-ryan-walters-2025-09-18	2025-09-18	Oklahoma, Ryan Walters, Scandal, Education	20250918politics51	
Trump's Harvard cuts threaten a giant in the biomedical research community: A database about the tiny fruit fly	Politics / Science	Funding cuts endanger a crucial fruit fly genetics database long relied upon by researchers. A House Democrat is introducing legislation in response to the shooting of conservative activist Charlie Kirk to have the federal government take steps towards using drones to stop similar incidents. Axios has learned.	https://www.rbcnews.com/science/science-news/trumps-harvard-cuts-20250916	20250916	Trump, Harvard, funding cuts, fruit fly, biomedical research	20250916science01	
Scoop: Kirk shooting spurs bid to protect events with drones	Politics / Security	Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-N.Y.) told Axios in a statement that he plans to introduce a bill this week directing the Department of Homeland Security to study the feasibility of deploying drones to secure public events and prevent assassination attempts.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/15/charlie-kirk-drones-congress-bill-av	2025-09-15	kirkshooting, drones, congress, security	20250915security04	
White House vows to take on left-wing 'terror' movement after Kirk killing	Politics / Security	Administration pledges crackdown on so-called left-wing terror after Kirk's death.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/white-house-vows-left-wing-2001	20250916	White House, Charlie Kirk, terrorism, left-wing	20250916security01	
Some Democrats see social media as key to reaching voters	Politics / Strategy	Ever since President Trump was reelected in 2024, the Democratic party has been agonizing over what it did wrong. Now, as Democrats prepare for next year's critical mid-term elections, they're trying to figure out not just their messaging, but how and where to reach voters. And some political analysts say Republicans are trouncing Democrats when it comes to reaching people online, especially through online videos.	https://www.rprt.org/2025/09/15/na-415494124/democrats-social-media	2025-09-15	democrats, socialmedia, influencers, elections	20250915democia13	
Democrats Are Starting To Grapple With The Biggest Sleeper Issue In Politics	Politics / Strategy	Democrats begin to face a political issue insiders call the nineteen's biggest sleeper threat.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/democrats-startling-grapple-blogs	2025-09-18	Democrats, Politics, Strategy, Sleeper Issue	20250918politics33	
CNN Data Chief Says This 9-Letter Word Is No Longer 'Dirty' For Democrats	Politics / Strategy	CNN's data chief says Democrats are reclaiming a once-taboo nine-letter word.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/cnn-data-chief-says-9-15300469	2025-09-18	CNN, Democrats, Politics, Strategy	20250918politics40	
CNN Data Chief Says This 9-Letter Word Is No Longer 'Dirty' For Democrats	Politics / Strategy	CNN's data chief says Democrats are reclaiming a once-taboo nine-letter word.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/cnn-data-chief-says-9-15300469	2025-09-18	CNN, Democrats, Politics, Strategy	20250918politics40	
Trump Threatens to Declare New National Emergency in Late-Night Meltdown	Politics / Trump	Trump hints at fresh emergency declaration in heated late-night rant.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-threatens-declare-national-20250916	20250916	Trump, national emergency, meltdown	20250916trump01	
Top Trump official shoots off her mouth over MAGA and liberal fury: 'We will never be silenced'	Politics / Trumpworld	Senior Trump appointee makes fiery MAGA speech dismissing liberal outrage.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/bp-trump-official-shoots-off-1342	2025-09-18	Trump, MAGA, Politics, Rhetoric	20250918politics30	
From Zaprunder to smartphones: Assassination footage reshapes America's view of political violence	Politics / Violence		https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/zipruder-smartphones-assassina	2025-09-15	assassination, politicalviolence, media, history	20250915zaprunder51	
Why Charlie Kirk's death hits the Trump White House so hard	Politics / White House	The president was a regular speaker at Turning Point events in recent years. Kirk was a staunch Trump supporter even after his 2020 election defeat, echoing the baseless claims of voter fraud that Trump was pushing in the wake of his loss.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/why-charlie-kirk-death-hits-1000	2025-09-15	kirk, trump, whitehouse, fallout	20250915kirkwhite22	
LA police fired over a thousand projectiles at protesters in a single day	Protests / Policing	Report finds LAPD fired over 1,000 projectiles in one day during protests.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/la-police-fired-over-thousand-000	2025-09-18	LAPD, Protests, Policing, Violence	20250918protests26	
Chimps consume equivalent of a beer a day in alcohol from fermented fruit	Science / Animals	Study finds wild chimpanzees ingest the alcohol equivalent of a beer a day from fruit.	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/sep/17/chimps-drink-beer-d	2025-09-18	Science, Chimps, Alcohol, Nature	20250918science49	
Scientists claim they've made 'pivotal step' in bringing back the dodo for first time in 300 years	Science / Genetics	Researchers report breakthrough toward reviving the extinct dodo using gene editing.	https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/sep/17/dodo-birds-gene-ed	2025-09-18	Science, Genetics, Dodo, Extinction, Gene Editing	20250918science46	
Scientists Tried to See if Gut Feelings Could Predict the Future. What They Found Was Haunting.	Science / Research	A study tested whether intuition could foresee future events, with unsettling results.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/scientists-tried-see-gut-feelings-1	20250916	science, psychology, intuition, research	20250916research02	
Engine trouble prevents Northrop Grumman space ship from reaching space station	Science / Space	Northrop Grumman cargo ship fails to reach ISS due to engine problem.	https://apnews.com/article/northrop-grumman-nasa-space-station-1dc1	2025-09-18	Northrop Grumman, NASA, ISS, Space	20250918science55	
NFL Announces Final Decision On Tom Brady Rules Violation	Sports	NFL issues its ruling on Tom Brady's violation case.	https://sports.yahoo.com/news/articles/nfl-announces-final-decision-tom-1753	2025-09-18	NFL, Tom Brady, Sports, Rules	20250918sports28	
Smart hotel rooms leave guests struggling to turn the lights on (and off)	Tech / Consumer	Guests report frustrations with confusing controls in smart hotel rooms.	https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/smart-hotels-roo	2025-09-18	Technology, Hotels, Smart Devices, Consumer	20250918tech05	
Trump on TikTok ban deadline: "We may let it die"	Tech / Regulation	President Trump indicated Sunday he could again extend this week's deadline for TikTok to be sold or banned. "I may or may not, we're negotiating TikTok right now," Trump said when asked by a reporter in Morristown, New Jersey, if he'd extend the deadline beyond Wednesday. "We may let it die, or we may, I don't know, it depends, up to China," Trump added. "It doesn't matter too much. I'd like to let it for the kids that like it."	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/15/trump-china-tiktok-ban-slate-rapid-1	2025-09-15	trump, tiktok, ban, china, regulation	20250915tech05	
Trump administration launches pilot program for air taxis	Tech / Transportation	Trump administration cuts back on programs aimed at fighting human trafficking and child exploitation.	https://www.rprt.org/2025/09/13/na-415540722/aa-air-taxi-pilot-program	2025-09-15	trump, policy, air taxi, faa, transport	20250915airtaxi16	
Revealed: Trump administration retreats on combating human trafficking and child exploitation	Trump administration	Pam Bondi sparks backlash from conservatives after pledging to go after 'hate speech' post-Kirk killing	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/17/trump-human-traff	2025-09-17	Trump, trafficking, exploitation, rollback	20250917trump01	
Pam Bondi faces fighting backlash for saying she'll target 'hate speech' after Kirk killing	Trump administration		https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/17/pam-bondi-hate-spee	2025-09-17	Pam Bondi, hate speech, Charlie Kirk, backlash	20250917trump02	
Mississippi declares infant deaths emergency as CDC program that could have helped is halted	Trump administration	Mississippi declares public health emergency over infant deaths amid halted CDC program.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/16/mississippi-infant-d	2025-09-17	Mississippi, infant deaths, CDC, Trump administrato	20250917mississippi15	
Photos show how an Indonesian motorbike mechanic became a macaw trainer	Weird World	AP captures a mechanic in Indonesia who trained macaws, blending birds with bikes.	https://apnews.com/photo-gallery/indonesia-macaw-birds-motorbike-m	20250916	Indonesia, macaws, mechanic, human interest	20250916weird01	
Tourist riding electric unicycle spotted on Dolomites hiking trail	Weird world	Signposts of a tourist on an electric unicycle spark safety concerns on Dolomites trail.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/sep/16/tourist-riding-electric-u	2025-09-17	Baby, tourism, unicycle, Dolomites	20250917baby14	
'It got Coldplayed': how the Jumbotron claimed another unwitting victim	Weird World	Concertgoer recounts being unexpectedly spotlighted by Coldplay's Jumbotron gap.	https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2025/sep/17/got-coldplayed	2025-09-18	Coldplay, Concerts, Viral, Weird World	20250918weirdworld47	
Meets on the highway: M&Ms spill after candy truck crash	Weird World	Candy chaos as M&Ms spill onto New Jersey highway after truck crash.	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/candy-new-jersey	2025-09-18	M&M, Crash, Highway, Weird World	20250918weirdworld03	
How to train your dog – and not lose your mind	Well actually	Tips and strategies for training dogs without overwhelming frustration.	https://www.theguardian.com/wellness/2025/sep/16/how-to-start-traini	2025-09-17	dogs, training, wellness, advice	20250917wellness11	
What you need to know about Covid vaccines in the US this fall	Well actually	Overview of Covid vaccine availability and recommendations in the US for fall 2025.	https://www.theguardian.com/wellness/2025/sep/02/what-to-know-covid	2025-09-17	Covid, vaccines, US, fall 2025	20250917covid12	
		Now, with consumer sentiment tanking, inflation ticking higher, the job market stagnating — and social media users speculating that short, bare nails herald economic malaise — there are other less-than-traditional measures to watch.	https://ttn.ttn.us/20250924recessionindicators				
Men's underwear, cardboard boxes, and giant skeletons: Offbeat recession indicators to watch	Business / Economy	Cardboard box demand is sometimes seen as an indicator of economic health, since the majority of what consumers purchase besides corrugated cardboard. Here's the not-so-great news. Right now, US box makers are cutting back on production, said Jordan Woolen, an economist at Virginia Tech. Box shipments are also down.	https://finance.us		Economy, Recession, Indicators	20250924recessionindicators	
		Amazon and the U.S. government are facing off in a Seattle courtroom over Prime, the company's lucrative subscription service. Amazon is fighting the government's allegations that the company "tricked" people into paying for Prime memberships that were purposefully hard to cancel.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250923amazonprime				
FTC case on Amazon Prime memberships goes to trial	Business / Economy	The Federal Trade Commission has accused Amazon of violating consumer-protection and competition laws in how it got people to sign up for Prime, the subscription service that costs \$139 a year or \$14.99 a month. Amazon denies any wrongdoing.	https://www.rprt.org	2025-09-24	Amazon, FTC, Amazon Prime	20250923amazonprime	
What even is the business of the S&P 500, and how does it make so much money?: Planet Money: NPR	Business / Economy	Blitzer was a member of, and then chair of, the committee that makes the S&P 500. It's like the Billboard Hot 100, except instead of ranking the most popular songs in America, it lists the most valuable companies. Sabrina Carpenter wants to keep releasing pop anthems that keep her on the charts. Boeing wants to keep selling enough planes to stay in the S&P 500.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250923sp500explained	2025-09-24	S&P 500, Busine	20250923sp500explained	
		Agriculture is among the largest sources of climate-warming emissions worldwide. Though tractors are a small culprit, experts believe an environmentally friendly machine would still attract buyers interested in sustainability. "There's reduced emissions, but before you get there, you have to be solving for other problems," including noise, ease of use and cost, said Derek Muller, business manager for battery electric systems at John Deere.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250923electrictractors				
Farmers test electric tractors, sparking hope for sustainable agriculture AP News	Climate / Agriculture	There are downsides — electric tractors are aimed at filling a niche, not overturning the status quo. And while battery technology has come a long way, they can't sail all day or match the massive horsepower of a diesel engine that sets giant tractors cruising through the sprawling grain and soybean operations of the Midwest.	https://apnews.com	2025-09-23	Farming, Electric	20250923electrictractors	
More shoppers look for 100% cotton and wool over polyester	Climate / Consumer Trends	Nearly three-quarters of U.S. consumers say cotton, denim and cotton blends are their favorite fabrics to wear, per a 2024 survey by Cotton Incorporated, a not-for-profit research and marketing company.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250923cottonwheat	2025-09-22	sustainability, faa	20250922naturatfiber	
Gabrielle forecast to become 2nd Atlantic hurricane of season: NPR	Climate / Disasters	The National Hurricane Center said Gabrielle is forecast to pass east of Bermuda Sunday night or Monday. Ron said Bermuda's aren't expected to get a direct hit from the storm but could see swells which could create life-threatening surf.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250922gabrielle	2025-09-22	hurricane, Gabri	20250922gabrielle	
Hurricane Gabrielle strengthens in the Atlantic, with two more possible storms brewing	Climate / Disasters	Hurricane Gabrielle is churning through the central Atlantic, feeding on warm waters but expected to stay far from land. As Gabrielle spins, there are signs the Atlantic is starting to wake up after a strange lull during the first half of September. The National Hurricane Center is tracking two more tropical waves that could bring impacts closer to shore in the days ahead.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250922gabrielleatlantic	2025-09-22	hurricane, Gabri	20250922gabrielleatlantic	
Hurricane Gabrielle tracker: Storm intensifies to category 4; see its path and the latest forecast	Climate / Disasters	Hurricane Gabrielle is still an "impressive" hurricane but appears to have "reached peak intensity," according to the latest advisory from the National Weather Service.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250923gabriellecat4	2025-09-22	Hurricane, Atlantic, Weather	20250924atlanticstorms	
Typhoon Ragasa lashes China: Taiwan, Philippines report storm deaths	Climate / Disasters	Super Typhoon Ragasa unleashed hurricane-force winds and heavy rains on Hong Kong and southern China on Wednesday morning local time, as officials in Taiwan reported 14 deaths from the strongest storm to hit the planet this year.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/typhoon-ragasa-tropical-storms-100nig	Sept 25, 2025	hurricanes, Fujiwhara, climate	20250925fujiwhara	
Camp Mystic to reopen next year after flood deaths of girls and counselors: NPR	Climate / Disasters	In an email sent Monday to the families of the victims, the camp said when it reopens, its planning and procedures will follow the "requirements of the camp safety legislation you bravely championed." About an hour later, the camp sent an email to the rest of the families announcing the decision.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250923campmystic	2025-09-24	Humberto, hurricane, climate	20250925humberto	
		A complex weather dance is underway in the central Atlantic Ocean this week as a pair of developing tropical systems try to get their act together.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250924atlanticstorms				
Hurricane forecasters see an 'utter mess' in the Atlantic	Climate / Disasters	Neither is a named storm yet, so the two systems are dubbed "Invest S3L" and "Invest S4L" by the National Hurricane Center.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/atlantic-storm-forecast-warns-d	Sept 25, 2025	hurricanes, Fujiwhara, climate	20250925fujiwhara	
Hurricane forecasters watch for rare, chaotic Fujiwhara effect	Climate / Disasters	The dance between developing storms in the Atlantic could soon evolve into one of meteorology's most unusual and rare events: The Fujiwhara effect, which occurs when two storms interact with one another.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/typhoon-ragasa-tropical-storms-100nig	Sept 25, 2025	Humberto, hurricane, climate	20250925humberto	
Tropical Storm Humberto forms, to become major hurricane off southeast US coast	Climate / Disasters	Tropical Storm Humberto formed on Wednesday afternoon, one day after AccuWeather called the area of strengthening showers and thunderstorms a tropical rainstorm to raise awareness of the growing tropical threat. Meanwhile, a tropical wave crossing the northern Caribbean is also showing signs of development, raising concerns for the Bahamas and potentially the U.S. East Coast.	https://apnews.com/article/hurricane-helene-north-carolina-river-delt	Sept 25, 2025	Humberto, hurricane, climate	20250925humberto	
		In the tie to rescue people and restore lives to some senseless of humanity, some fear the recovery efforts compounded Helene's impact on the ecosystem. Contractors tried to remove vehicles, shipping containers, shattered houses and other large debris from waterways sometimes damaged sensitive habitat.					
		"They were using the river almost as a highway in some situations," said Peter Raabe, Southeast regional director for the conservation group American Rivers.					
A year after Helene, crews are still pulling tons of debris from North Carolina waterways	Climate / Disasters	Conservationists found instances of contractors cutting down healthy trees and removing live root balls, said Jon Stamper, river cleanup coordinator for MountainTrue, the North Carolina-based nonprofit conducting the French Broad work.	https://www.rprt.org/2025/09/20/na-415554173/la-county-response-fre	2025-09-26	Hurricane Helene, North Carolina, recovery	20250925helene	
		"Those trees kind of create fish habitats," he said. "They slow the flow of water down. They're an important part of a river system, and we've seen kind of a disregard for that."	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250923offshorewind				
Deadly LA fire response slowed by lack of resources, report says	Climate / Disasters	A lack of resources and outdated policies for sending emergency alerts led to delayed evacuation warnings as flames began consuming neighborhoods during deadly Los Angeles-area wildfires in January, according to an outside review.	https://www.axios.com	2025-09-26	Los Angeles, fires, disasters, resources	20250926lafire	
Judge says construction of large offshore wind farm near Rhode Island can resume WBUR News	Climate / Energy	The report cites critical staffing shortages including a high number of sheriff's deputy vacancies and an under-resourced Office of Emergency Management. In addition, first responders and incident commanders were unable to consistently share information due to unreliable cellular connectivity, inconsistent field reporting methods, and the use of various unconnected communication platforms.	https://www.axios.com	2025-09-23	Wind Power, Off	20250923offshorewind	

How Trump's assault on US wind industry threatens jobs and power for nearly 5m homes US news The Guardian	Climate / Energy	The scale of the intervention is remarkable – a total of nine already permitted offshore wind projects that were set to provide electricity to nearly 5m households and create around 9,000 jobs in the US are under investigation or have already been paused by the Trump administration. "Windmills – we're just not gonna allow them, they are ruining the country," Trump said last month. On Tuesday, Trump told the United Nations, without evidence, that "countries are on the brink of destruction because of the green energy agenda." Iran is facing multiple resource crises brought on by climate change, sanctions, successive mistakes and neglected by government. Blackouts, planned or unexpected, occur most days in dusty Tehran, even, ironically, at the US embassy, once the nerve centre of the defeated imperialists. The president, Masoud Pezeshkian, is disarmingly open about the scale of the crisis. "There is currently a problem with water, electricity and gas. There is no water behind the dams. The wells beneath our feet are also running dry. Those who claim there is water should come and tell us where this water is ..."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250924windassault	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/24/trump-wind-jobs-energy	Trump, Wind, Jobs, Energy	20250924windassault
'We must change': how drought and overstraction of water has run Iran dry Environment The Guardian	Climate / Environment	A new analysis of nearly 1,500 river locations over more than 40 years found that the frequency, intensity and duration of heat waves is increasing in streams across the country, posing a threat to many species that are adapted to cooler temperatures. "The trend of river heat waves is actually increasing faster than the air heat waves. So, that's one thing that is very surprising," said U Li, a professor of environmental engineering at Penn State University and an author of the study.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923waterw	https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/sep/23/iran-drought-climate-change	Iran, drought, climate change	2025-09-22
U.S. rivers are experiencing unprecedented and unexpectedly intense warming	Climate / Environment	Signs of progress are mixed with still-visible scars from Helene in this town about 24 miles (39 kilometers) east of Asheville. Most of Old Fort's shops have reopened, even as workers continue clawing away at a debris pile downtown and some homes remain uninhabitable. Like other businesspeople in this tourist-dependent mountain region, bike shop owner Chad Schoenauer has been banking on a strong fall leaf-peeping season to help get him back on track after Helene. But many seem to assume Old Fort is still a wasteland.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922helene	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/22/hurricane-helene-recovery-tourism-blue-ridge	Hurricane Helene, recovery, tourism, Blue Ridge	20250922helene
Trump EPA officials order scientists at Office of Water to stop publishing research, report says	Climate / Science	Scientists at the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water, which ensures drinking water is safe, have been instructed by Trump officials to halt publishing ongoing research in an "unprecedented" move, according to a report.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922epawaterhouse	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/22/epa-trump-science	EPA, Trump, science	2025-09-22
This California house generates more energy than it uses : NPR	Climate / Solutions	You'll need to get into the power business. There's lots of research and planning. You have to be ruthlessly slick to your plan. You might have to update your plan. Don't expect everyone to follow your lead.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923kavanaughhouse	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/23/california-clean-energy-house	California, clean energy	2025-09-22
Brett Kavanaugh has a Clear Conflict in School-Prayer Case. Will He Recuse Himself?	Courts / Ethics	When he first had his trial in 1995, Brett Kavanaugh was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis. In just a few days, the Supreme Court on which he currently sits will consider whether to accept a new case that asks the justices to overturn the 2000 precedent, in which Kavanaugh absurdly argued sought "the full endorsement of private religious speech from the public schools."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923kavanaughconflict	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/09/23/us/politics/kavanaugh-supreme-court.html	Supreme Court, Brett Kavanaugh	2025-09-23
The Supreme Court Says the Constitution is Colorblind, Unless ICE is Searching You	Courts / Immigration	Against the backdrop, last week's decision in Noem v. Perdomo strikes a jarring note, with the Supreme Court seemingly singing a very different tune. In a 6-3 ruling on the shadow docket, the same exact justices who decided Students for Fair Admissions just two years ago lifted an injunction that had barred federal immigration officials in Southern California from considering race—alongside language, location, and job skills—justifying detentive suits. Justice Brett Kavanaugh's concurrence pointed to the 1975 case United States v. Brignoni-Ponce, which held that "Mexican appearance" could be a relevant factor in forming reasonable suspicion for an immigration stop.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923icecolorblind	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/09/23/us/politics/supreme-court-immigration.html	Supreme Court, ICE, colorblind	2025-09-23
Supreme Court lets Trump fire FTC official as it weighs president's powers	Courts / Power Grab	In an emergency order Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed President Trump to fire Rebecca Slaughter, the last remaining Democratic member of the Federal Trade Commission. The court's action is technically temporary, since the justices said they will hear arguments in the case in December, but every indication is that the conservative court majority will use the case to reverse a major Supreme Court precedent that dates back almost a century. Congress created the FTC and lots of other agencies to be multi-member, bipartisan regulatory agencies. And the Supreme Court in 1935 upheld those statutes ruling against then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt's claim that he could fire FTC commissioners at will. In a unanimous opinion at the time, the court said Congress acted within its powers in declaring that a commissioner could only be fired for misconduct — not for a policy disagreement.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923ftcdemocrat	https://www.abc.com/news/2025/09/23/supreme-court-ftc-trump/12756470	Supreme Court, FTC, Trump	2025-09-23
Supreme Court allows Trump to fire — for now — remaining Democrat on FTC : NPR	Courts / Power Grab	The 29-year-old gunman, who took his own life, also likely acted alone and had extensively planned Wednesday's deadly attack, according to Justice Department and FBI officials who briefed the media Thursday afternoon.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923ftcdemocrat	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/23/supreme-court-ftc-trump/	Supreme Court, FTC, Democrat	2025-09-23
Dallas shooter sought to 'terrorize' ICE workers, official says	Crime / Extremism	Since the shooting, Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem ordered the agency to increase security at ICE facilities around the country. The post also put blame on rhetoric from the "far-left."	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/25/m-1-5553470/latest-updates-dallas-shooting	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/2025/09/25/dallas-ice-shooting-extremism/	Dallas, ICE, shooting, extremism	2025-09-25
3 people shot at Dallas ICE field office: ICE official	Crime / Violence	Three detainees were shot at the Dallas Immigration and Customs Enforcement field office during a movement in the facility's Sally port on Wednesday morning, law enforcement sources told ABC News.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250924ice-shootingdallas	https://www.yahoo.com/news/3-people-shot-dallas-ice-field-office-210000099.html	Dallas, ICE, Shooting	20250924iceshootingdallas
Video shows aftermath of controversial ICE shooting, including agent originally described as critically injured	Crime / Violence	Though it only shows the aftermath, the body camera footage from Franklin Park police offers one of the only glimpses into what happened, given that the ICE agents involved in the shooting were not wearing body cameras. And while it seemingly contradicts at least in part ICE's original account, the shooting itself was not captured.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250924iceshootingvideo	https://www.yahoo.com/news/video-shows-aftermath-controversial-ice-shooting-210000099.html	ICE, Shooting, Video	20250924iceshootingvideo
Want a seat for the High Holidays? Register to vote : NPR	Culture / Society	Two and a half weeks before the start of the Jewish New Year, Congregation Shaare Zion in Brooklyn sent out a letter to its congregants with an unprecedented request. It said that in order to secure seats for High Holidays services — the holiest days of the Jewish year — you must show proof of registration to vote.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923highholidayvote	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/23/register-to-vote-high-holidays/	Religion, Voting	2025-09-24
As Trump criticizes Smithsonian, 'citizen historians' document exhibits : NPR	Culture Wars	Now, historians and citizens concerned about the Trump administration's approach to, and involvement in, the Smithsonian have come together to document how the museums look today. Their goal is to produce a record before any changes that might be made.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923smithsonian	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/23/smithsonian-citizen-historians/	Smithsonian, Trump	2025-09-23
'Tidal wave of problems': With harvest here, Trump's trade war pushes some US farmers to the brink	Economy / Agriculture	Manning said they took inspiration from "Save Our Signs," which was created in response to the Trump administration's call for visitors to report signs in National Parks that are "negative about either past or living Americans." Hundreds of visitors photographed signs to help create an archive of what the signs said before any changes were made.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923tradefarmers	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/23/trump-trade-war-farmers/	Trump, farmers, trade war	2025-09-22
The next big financial crisis may be brewing. Warning signs are already there	Economy / Analysis	Farmers across the country are issuing increasingly urgent warnings that they'll face grim consequences if they don't get help selling this year's bumper crop that many have begun harvesting. Trade deals many had hoped would quickly emerge after President Donald Trump slapped tariffs on some of the United States' biggest agricultural customers haven't come. A farm bailout is no sure thing on Capitol Hill. And farmers — many of whom voted for Trump — say time is running out.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/sep/25/us-stock-ex	https://www.yahoo.com/news/next-big-financial-crisis-may-be-brewing-210000099.html	financial crisis, economy, Wall Street, warning signs	2025-09-25
Inside the Jaguar Land Rover hack: stalled smart factories, outsourced cybersecurity and supply chain woes Jaguar Land Rover The Guardian	Economy / Cybersecurity	But traders on Wall Street are not bothered by the fact that inflation is above the target or that growth is slowing. Share prices are testing new record levels on an almost daily basis. Jerome Powell, the man Trump wants to be rid of, says stocks are "fairly highly valued," which is an understatement if ever there was one. By historical standards, stocks are extremely highly valued. There is trouble — perhaps big trouble — ahead.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922jaguar	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/sep/25/jaguar-land-rover-hack	Jaguar Land Rover, cybersecurity	2025-09-25
USDA cancels survey tracking how many Americans struggle to get enough food : NPR	Economy / Food Insecurity	Recessions happen rarely and the same goes for financial crashes. Both are predicted more often than they materialize. Leaving to one side the exceptional circumstances of the 2020 pandemic, it has been 17 years since there was a prolonged fall in share prices. Memories of the slump that followed the collapse of Lehman Brothers 17 years ago this month have dimmed. Traders in their full vigour are now no longer concerned about a so-called financial market panic being the first external signs of the chaos about to hit JLR, Britain's largest automotive employer, came on the quiet last Sunday of August. Managers at a factory in Halewood, Merseyside, told industry contacts there might have been a hack — although it was not clear then just how bad the situation was.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923usdasurvey	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/2025/09/23/usda-cancels-food-insecurity-survey/	USDA, Food Insecurity, survey	2025-09-23
Goldman Sachs drops shocking call on the economy through 2030	Economy / Forecasts	That changed quickly on the Monday morning. JLR, the maker of the Jaguar and Land Rover brands, quickly shut down systems after realising the severity of the cyber-attack. Three weeks later, the carmaker is still incapacitated, unable to produce at any of its factories across the UK, Slovakia, Brazil and India (although a Chinese joint venture is thought to be operating).	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/goldman-sachs-drops-shocking-call-220000099.html	https://www.foxnews.com/economy/2025/09/23/goldman-sachs-economy-forecast-2030/	Goldman Sachs, economy, forecast, 2030	2025-09-26
Profit margin on flipping a home is at a 17-year low due to high prices	Economy / Housing	The US's announcement comes after Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill into law this summer, which expands the work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. This, in effect, will leave an estimated 2.4 million Americans without food aid.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923homeflipping	https://www.yahoo.com/news/profit-margin-flipping-home-17-year-low-210000099.html	housing, home flipping, economy, investors	2025-09-26
Trump immigration, H-1B policies could stunt AI, manufacturing gains	Economy / Immigration	As we look ahead, the OECD pegs U.S. growth at 1.8% in 2025, comfortably below the 2.8% logged in 2024, on the back of tariffs and labor headwinds, despite AI-linked capex providing some offset.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923goldenshare	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/2025/09/23/trump-immigration-h1b-policies-ai-manufacturing/	Trump, Immigration, AI, manufacturing	2025-09-23
Trump is already wielding his 'golden share' authority at U.S. Steel, overriding the company's plans for an Illinois plant, report says	Economy / Industry	From April through June, the typical home flipped by an investor resulted in a 25.1% return on investment, before expenses. That's the lowest profit margin for such transactions since 2008, according to an analysis by Zillow.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923steelreport	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/2025/09/23/trump-steel-golden-share-illinois-plant/	Trump, U.S. Steel, golden share	2025-09-22
Goodwill CEO says he's preparing for an influx of jobless Gen Zers because of AI—and warns, a youth unemployment crisis is already happening	Economy / Labor	Gross profits — the difference between what an investor paid for a property and what it sold for — fell 13.6% in the second quarter from a year earlier to \$65,300, the firm said. Altom's analysis indicates a flipped home as a property that sells within 12 months of the last time it sold.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923genzreport	https://www.foxnews.com/politics/2025/09/23/gen-z-unemployment-crisis-ai/	AI, jobs, Gen Z, unemployment	2025-09-22

		"I've put out maybe 400 job applications in the last five months," Kowalski said. "I've only gotten a handful of interviews. I think I've interviewed with six different places. It's a really bleak situation." The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) announced on Tuesday that the US added 911,000 fewer jobs than first estimated for the year to March 2025, highlighting already heightened concerns about the health of the labor market.	https://ttn.tiny.us/20250923jobsacame		
Scams, silence, rejection: US job seekers describe 'depressing' work prospects	Economy / Labor	The news followed a lackluster August jobs report, with only 22,000 jobs added in the US. That report noted that 13,000 jobs were lost for the month of June 2025, a first negative jobs report survey since December 2020, the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. The unemployment rate increased to 4.3%, the highest rate since 2021.	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-23	Jobs, Labor, Eco 20250923jobsacame
Ray Dalio warns 'we're heading into very, very dark times' and says the solution comes from a Chinese proverb: 'A smart rabbit has 3 holes'	Economy / Markets	Legendary billionaire investor Ray Dalio has issued a stark warning about the future of the United States and the United Kingdom, stating he is not optimistic about either nation's trajectory and believes "we're heading into very, very dark times." Drawing on his own proprietary study of 500 years of history, the founder of the world's largest hedge fund, Bridgewater Associates, points to a predictable 80-year cycle that suggests an era of significant global and internal strife is upon us. A Big Wall Street executive is warning of a 1929-style crash, where the stock market will go up significantly before crashing catastrophically, just as it had at the start of the Great Depression.	https://finance.ig	2025-09-23	Ray Dalio, Econc 20250923raydalio
Top Wall Street exec warns of 1929-style crash - but only after massive gains in the short term The Independent	Economy / Markets	Sutzniggel is warning individual investors against making hasty changes to their portfolios, noting those who can't buy bail-risk protection will still make positive returns in the long run if they don't sell.	https://www.inde	2025-09-23	Wall Street, Cras 20250923wallstreetcrash
'CEO whisperer' says US business leaders are privately anxious about democracy and state of economy under Trump The Independent	Economy / Politics	The captains of American industry are privately worried that Donald Trump's "chaotic" leadership and his "Maoist" MAGA movement are hurting the U.S. economy, according to a business professor renowned as the "CEO whisperer". In an op-ed for Fortune magazine on Sunday, Yale doc Jeffrey Sonnenfeld — known for his extensive contacts and regular closed-door summits with corporate bosses — said that CEOs at his latest get-together were "near unanimous" that Trump's policies are damaging their bottom line. The Trump administration is ending the federal government's annual report on hunger in America, stating that it had become "overly politicized" and "rife with inaccuracies." The decision comes two and a half months after President Donald Trump signed legislation sharply reducing food aid to the poor. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the tax and spending cuts bill Republicans muscled through Congress in July means 3 million people would not qualify for food stamps, also known as SNAP benefits.	https://www.bizz	2025-09-23	Trump, CEOs, Ei 20250923ceowhisperer
After cuts to food stamps, Trump administration ends government's annual report on hunger in America	Economy / Social Policy	The Trump administration recently approached a coalition of U.S. investors set to take over TikTok's U.S. operations with an ask: Will the group make a payment to the federal government "in the low billions," according to a person with direct knowledge of the talks. "No a single member balked," said the person, who was not authorized to speak publicly. "They see it as something of a finders' fee."	https://www.yaho	2025-09-22	Trump, food star 20250922hungereport
Trump's TikTok deal terms called a 'shakedown' by experts	Economy / Tech Policy	Welcome to President Trump's new business agenda: extracting payments as if the federal government is brokering deals like a white-shoe consulting firm before luring Tycce for "free."	https://www.ny.og/2025/09/26/us-a1-505958tiktok-deal-trump-ocade	2025-09-26	Trump, TikTok, Oracle, shakedown 20250926tiktokdeal
Abu Dhabi royal family to take stake in TikTok US under Trump deal	Economy / Tech Policy	The Abu Dhabi royal family is to take a stake in TikTok's US business after Donald Trump signed an executive order brokering a deal valuing the social media company at \$14bn (£10.5bn). President Trump on Tuesday night threatened to start levying 100% tariffs on imported branded drugs made by companies that haven't committed to building new U.S. facilities by Oct. 1.	https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/sep/26/tiktok-abu-dhabi	2025-09-26	TikTok, Trump, Abu Dhabi, tech policy 20250926tiktokstake
Trump threatens 100% tariffs on drugmakers who aren't building US plants	Economy / Trade	Europe is one of the biggest sources of branded drugs and their ingredients for the U.S. Ireland alone accounted for about \$50 billion of U.S. pharma imports last year.	https://www.axes.com/2025/09/26/trump-pharma-tariff-threat	2025-09-26	Trump, pharma, tariffs, trade 20250926pharmatariff
Trump imposes 30% to 50% tariffs on some furniture, cabinetry	Economy / Trade	President Trump on Thursday said the U.S. would impose tariffs of 30% to 50% on some kinds of furniture and cabinetry, calling it a matter of national security. Trump previously threatened to tariff furniture in the name of reviving the domestic industry — despite opposition from that industry itself, which warned of higher costs.	https://www.axes.com/2025/09/25/trump-tariffs-furniture	2025-09-25	Trump, tariffs, economy, furniture 20250925furnituretariff
Trump to place import taxes on drugs, home furnishings and heavy trucks	Economy / Trade	The tariffs are another dose of uncertainty for the U.S. economy with a solid stock market but a weakening outlook for jobs and elevated inflation. These new taxes on imports could pass through to consumers in the form of higher prices and dampening, a process that economic data suggests is already underway.	https://www.rpr.org/2025/09/26/us-a1-5553712-trump-tariffs-drugs-hom	2025-09-26	Trump, tariffs, pharma, trade 20250926trucktariffs
Tariffs torching U.S. container imports: Analyst	Economy / Trade	Containerized imports through American ports are set to take an historic plunge in September, an analyst predicts, as President Donald Trump's China tariffs take a toll on the busiest trans-Pacific trade route.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/bc-ft-f-torching-u-s-container-imports-14	2025-09-26	tariffs, imports, economy, trade 20250926tariffimports
Schools in Oklahoma are being warned they risk 'violating the law' if they don't establish a Turning Point USA chapter on campus	Education / Culture Wars	A leading MAGA education official has announced plans to establish chapters of Turning Point USA, the conservative organization founded by slain MAGA influencer Charlie Kirk, in every high school across his state. Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction Ryan Walters unveiled the proposal on Tuesday and warned schools would be punished if they refused to take part. "For far too long, we have seen radical leftists with the teachers union dominate classrooms and push woke indoctrination on our kids," Walters said in a video posted to social media. State Superintendent Ryan Walters will resign from office with more than a year left in his term for a new position leading a conservative teacher organization, he announced Wednesday night while speaking live on FOX News.	https://www.vmbz	2025-09-24	Oklahoma, Schools, Turning Point USA 20250924oklahomaschools
Walters to resign as Oklahoma state superintendent, announces position in national teacher group	Education / Governance	His resignation means Gov. Kevin Stitt will have to appoint a candidate to lead the Oklahoma State Department of Education and the state Board of Education through the rest of Walters' term, which ends in January 2027. Stitt has not yet said who he will choose.	https://www.thn.tiny.us/20250923sepojanoff	Sept 25, 2025	Oklahoma, education, Walters 20250925waltersresign
Democrat who won 40% of votes in red Georgia district faces top GOP vote-getter in runoff AP News	Elections	The race has given national attention to the Democratic effort to flip seats amid widespread frustration with Republican President Donald Trump's policies. But with one Republican opponent instead of six, it's unlikely Shigley will win, and Democrats generally perform well in low-turnout races like the August special election. That's especially true when their party isn't in the presidency, noted Georgia Republican political strategist Brian Robinson.	https://apnews.c	2025-09-23	Georgia, Electio 20250923georgiarunoff
A state to pay attention to: Iowa politics gets yet another shakeup going into 2026	Elections	The entire state of Iowa looks to be up for grabs next November after elections up and down the ticket got yet another shake-up in the latest twist of Iowa's electoral rollercoaster. Just as Iowa's political landscape was starting to settle following Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds' surprise retirement announcement in April, Republican U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst upended things again when she confirmed she would not seek reelection in 2026.	https://www.thn.tiny.us/20250923sewaoc26	2025-09-23	Iowa, Elections, I 20250923iowae2026
FEMA's acting chief reportedly could not be reached during deadly Texas floods	Emergency Response	The US Federal Emergency Management Agency (Fema)'s acting administrator was largely unreachable after deadly flooding swept through Texas in July, according to a new report. That meant the agency could not deploy search-and-rescue resources as quickly as possible. The federal agency had already faced criticism for its slow response to the disaster in which more than 130 people died.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/25/fema-texas-flood	Sept 25, 2025	FEMA, Texas floods, disaster response 20250925femafloods
Tourism is helping Uganda's endangered mountain gorillas make a comeback AP News	Environment / Conservation	News of a sick or injured mountain gorilla can worry local residents in this mountainous area that's home to the endangered species. That's partly because most of the gorillas have been given names, allowing rangers and others to humanize the animal's suffering. But widespread interest in protecting mountain gorillas also comes from the economic benefits of tourism that have turned poachers into conservationists, married women to porters and rangers into eloquent spokespersons for the great apes.	https://apnews.c	2025-09-24	Uganda, Gorillas, Conservation 20250924gorillascomeback
Rise of the new radical internet	Extremism / Online Platforms	White promoters and headlines have traditionally zeroed in on Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, TikTok and X, young people are increasingly gathering on gaming platforms — and having conversations that are typically anonymous and largely invisible to the outside world. Mainstream social media apps focus on elevating content publicly, making them ideal for spreading ideologies, rumors or disinformation. But often of those ideas have their roots in smaller forums on gaming platforms.	https://www.ancor	2025-09-22	extremism, Discr 20250922radicalinternet
Right-wing extremist violence is more frequent and more deadly than left-wing violence - what the data shows	Extremism / Violence	Extremist groups that have been booted from mainstream platforms have found new homes in gaming and gaming-adjacent spaces. Unlike public-facing apps like Instagram and TikTok, users of these apps are much more accustomed to using pseudo-identities to connect, making it easier to share radical and taboo ideas anonymously. But policymakers and the public need reliable evidence and actual data to understand the reality of politically motivated violence. From our research on extremism, it's clear that the president's and Miller's assertions about political violence from the left are not based on actual facts. Based on our own research and a review of related work, we can confidently say that most domestic terrorists in the U.S. are politically on the right, and right-wing attacks account for the vast majority of fatalities from domestic terrorism.	https://www.thn.tiny.us/20250923extremisdata	2025-09-23	Extremism, Viol 20250923extremisdata
South Korean president says his country can't afford Trump's demands	Foreign Policy / Asia	South Korean President Lee Jae Myung said in an interview with Reuters that his country cannot afford to meet President Trump's demands that it invest \$350 billion into America in exchange for the removal of punishing tariffs. "Without a currency swap, if we were to withdraw \$350 billion in the manner that the U.S. is demanding and to invest this all in cash in the U.S., South Korea would face a situation as if it had in the 1997 'financial crisis,'" Lee told Reuters through a translator, explaining the demands would plunge the country into a financial crisis.	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-23	South Korea, Tru 20250923skorea
Exclusive-US could hit entire International Criminal Court with sanctions soon	Foreign Policy / ICC	The United Nations Security Council (UN) will hold an emergency meeting Monday to discuss Russian fighter jet intrusions into NATO member Estonia's airspace, the Estonian government and the UN said. NATO states condemned Russia's repeated violations of Polish airspace earlier this month. Days later, Moscow's drones crossed into Romanian airspace, as well.	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-23	US, ICC, Sanctio 20250923icc
Russia's "brazen" NATO airspace violations head to UN Security Council	Foreign Policy / Russia	Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk invoked the NATO Treaty's Article 4 to coordinate a response with other member nations of the defensive alliance. Russian Defense Ministry has said its drones did not intentionally trespass in foreign air space — an explanation European leaders have rejected.	https://www.ancor	2025-09-23	Russia, NATO, U 20250923russianato
Putin offers Trump one-year extension to nuclear weapons treaty	Foreign Policy / Russia	Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday offered to voluntarily maintain the limits on deployed strategic nuclear weapons set out in the last arms control treaty between the two powers once it expires next year if the U.S. does the same.	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-23	Putin, Trump, Nu 20250923nuclearextension
US bars Iran's diplomats from shopping at Costco without permission	Foreign Policy / Sanctions	The Trump administration has barred Iranian diplomats based in or visiting New York from shopping at wholesale club stores like Costco and purchasing luxury goods in the United States without specific permission from the State Department. "We will not allow the Iranian regime to allow its clerical elites to have a shopping spree in New York while the Iranian people endure poverty, crumbling infrastructure, and dire shortages of water and electricity," the department said in a statement.	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-23	US, Iran, Diplom 20250923irancostco
No one's laughing at Trump at the UN this year	Foreign Policy / UN	Many world leaders have bent over backward to flatter and appease Trump since he returned to office this year. But their outward deference masks a deep and growing concern about Trump 2.0. And for as much as the president has relished the flattery, he remains focused on imposing his will on the world, using leverage and threats to pressure and punish other countries.	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-23	Trump, UN, Fore 20250923trumpun
Netanyahu flies circuitous route to UN summit to avoid arrest in Europe	Geopolitics / Diplomacy	Benjamin Netanyahu has again taken a significantly longer flight route than necessary, saying the alleged crimes of several European countries, this time while en route to the UN in New York. The Israel prime minister, who has an international criminal arrest warrant against him for alleged crimes including starvation as a method of warfare, made a trip that flight-tracking data showed followed the Mediterranean Sea, rather than a more direct route over the continent. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth this week reportedly ordered hundreds of U.S. military generals and admirals worldwide to report to a Marine Corps base in Virginia next week, for no clear reason and with next to no notice, per a Washington Post report Thursday.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025-sep-25/netanyahu-flies-circu	2025-09-25	Netanyahu, UN, arrest fees, diplomacy 20250925netanyahuroute
Pete Hegseth Orders All Top Military Leaders Worldwide To Attend Mystery Meeting: Report	Geopolitics / Military	The bizarre directive was delivered earlier this week to virtually all of the U.S. military's top commanders around the world, the Post reported, which translates to about 800 generals and admirals. And it comes months after Hegseth directed a 20% cut out to top military leadership posts to free the military from "unnecessary bureaucratic layers."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/pete-hegseth-orders-top-military	2025-09-26	Hegseth, military, global summit, mystery 20250926hegsethmeeting

		As mysterious drones whined over Danish and Norwegian airports, the need for Europe to confront a new and alarming form of Russian air aggression became more urgent than ever. The attacks did indeed have the hallmarks of Moscow's increasingly varied hybrid war in Europe. But cancelled flights for thousands of passengers were a taste of the misery and chaos that increasingly sophisticated drone warfare could bring.				
The gaping hole in Europe's drone defenses	Geopolitics / Security	But there's one problem: Hungary, one of Russia's closest allies within the bloc, will not be taking part, meaning the hugely ambitious project could risk having a 96,000 sq km hole in the middle of it. Weeks of Russian incursions into NATO allies have pushed the U.S.-led alliance to the brink of an explosive choice: strike back or stand down. With peace talks frozen and nuclear threats flying, NATO and Russia are closer to a direct military confrontation than at any point since the Cold War.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/gaping-hole-europe-d-rone-defen-2025-09-26	2025-09-26	Europe, drones, defense, security	20250926dronedefense
Russia dares NATO to shoot	Geopolitics / War	Senate Republican foreign policy hawks praised President Trump on Tuesday for posting that he believes Ukraine can "win" the war against Russia and take back all of its lost territory. It's a notable shift from Trump on the conflict, but many traditional Republicans on the Hill have been pushing for it even as MAGA isolationist influences have grown.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-26	Russia, NATO, Ukraine, escalation	20250926natodare
Trump's stunning pivot on Ukraine thrills hawkish Republicans	Global Affairs	The Trump administration threw Argentina a financial life raft this week, and Argentina promptly responded by offering China an entitlement in the form of untaxed soybeans.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-24	Trump, Ukraine, 20250923trumpvolukraine	
The US helped Argentina, then Argentine farmers made a deal with China	Global Affairs	The Trump administration threw Argentina a financial life raft this week, and Argentina promptly responded by offering China an entitlement in the form of untaxed soybeans.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-24	Argentina, China 20250924argentinchina	
Trump's UN speech focuses on 'uncontrolled migration' : NPR	Global Affairs	President Trump warned world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly of "uncontrolled migration" and accused the U.N. of contributing to the problem. Trump is finding himself increasingly isolated at the U.N., where there is a growing push to recognize a Palestinian state.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-24	Trump, UN, Migr 20250923trumpunmigration	
'We are at our limit': Gaza's last hospitals overwhelmed as thousands flee south The Guardian	Global Affairs	The few remaining hospitals and clinics in central and southern Gaza are being overwhelmed by a "tsunami" of injured and sick patients fleeing a new Israeli offensive in the north of the devastated territory, medical aid say.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-24	Gaza, Hospitals, War	20250924gazahospitals
Trump's UN speech makes it clear: the world can no longer look to the US for strong leadership United Nations The Guardian	Global Affairs	Griffiths said the emergency department of the 90-bed field hospital where he was working in al-Mawasi had received 160 injured in a single night, with 600 people seeking treatment from its small primary health care clinic. Before Trump's extraordinary 58 minute speech on the supposed threats posed by open borders, sharia law, the UN's failings and the "climate hoax," the supporters of the UN's values already knew they faced a challenge. Now they realise the degree to which the world's superpower seems bent on the destruction of everything they believe.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-24	Trump, UN, Leadership	20250924unleadership
Five takeaways from Trump's UN speech	Global Affairs	A lecture on migration Climate change the "greatest con job" No major shift on Ukraine or Gaza – until after the speech Broken equipment – and a broken institution Veering off script	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-24	Trump, UN, Speech	20250924trumpspeech
Insiders Spill Embarrassing Truth About Trump's UN Prefatals	Global Affairs	White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt posted a tweet later, demanding an investigation into whether someone had intentionally halted the escalator. But according to someone familiar with the situation, someone in the president's own entourage accidentally tripped the emergency stop. They were able to quickly reset it and move on, but the president's UN challenges didn't stop there, a source told the Daily Beast.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-24	Trump, UN, Diplomacy	20250924trumpunprefatals
Russia vows to press offensive, rejects idea Ukraine can retake land	Global Affairs	However, a person with knowledge of the situation revealed that delegations are allowed to bring their own laptops and teleprompter operators, and the UN was not running it for Trump's speech. The Kremlin said Wednesday it would press on with its military offensive in Ukraine and rejected US President Donald Trump's claim that the U.S. army could retake territory it had seized. But was I truly guilty? Why did I blame a 14-year-old child instead of the 30-year-old man? Why did I not blame the family that left a girl alone with a man full of desire?	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-24	Russia, Ukraine, War	20250924russiastatement
When I was married at 13 I was told refusal would end in my death. Now girls in Iraq as young as nine face the same fate	Global Development / Human Rights	Today I feel the need to tell this story. My experience was not an isolated incident, but an early glimpse of what Iraq's new law legalising marriage from the age of nine may mean. It opens the door for my story to repeat itself with countless other girls – children who will be robbed of choice and pushed into unequal relationships under the cover of law. Passing such a law means nothing but legitimising violence and entrenching control over the bodies of women and girls, turning childhood into a marriage contract instead of a time for safety and growth.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	Sept 25, 2025	Iraq, child marriage, human rights	20250925childmarriage
A new strategy for U.S. global health aid after months of cuts : Goats and Soda : NPR	Global Health	Since inauguration night, President Trump has cut billions of dollars in global health aid, upending everything from HIV clinics to Ebola containment efforts. Throughout this time, one question has loomed over the Trump administration's abrupt actions: What will be the future of U.S. foreign aid? This vision largely severs the U.S.'s [CHECK] longstanding work with international aid groups and multilateral organizations, like the World Health Organization. The strategy document says global health programs "have become inefficient and wasteful" and points the finger at the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that have received the bulk of funding from Congress over the years.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-23	Global Health, Ai 20250923globalhealth	
US objects to UN's political declaration on non-communicable diseases, Kennedy says	Global Health / Policy	The declaration, which is expected to be adopted at the ongoing high-level meeting of world leaders in New York, aims to set an ambitious roadmap through 2030 and beyond for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and for promoting mental health and well-being. Kennedy said the declaration was filled with controversy and contained "provisions about everything from taxes to oppressive management" from international bodies. He also criticized the U.N.'s approach as attempting both "too little and too much" and said it was misdirected.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-26	UN, Kennedy, health, NCDs	20250926ncdobjection
Ohio landscaper shot dead in argument over grass cuttings, say cops The Independent	Gun Violence	An argument between the two men escalated quickly – and ended with Staggs shot multiple times on the sidewalk. A junior baseball game in Texas was tentatively cut short on Sunday morning when stray bullets began whizzing over the field, wounding a coach and sending the players sprinting for cover.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-23	Ohio, Crime, Sh 20250923grasscutting	
'Who builds a ballpark next to a gun range?': Coach injured by gunfire that crossed into baseball diamond The Independent	Gun Violence	The RAC is very close to the Katy Police Department's own training range. But a Sheriff's Office spokesperson told Houston Public Media that the suspected shooters were actually not on that property during the incident.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-23	Gun Violence, Bi 20250923ballparkgunfire	
New ADHD lobbying coalition launches	Health / Advocacy	ADHD researchers and clinicians have started a new coalition to lobby for evidence-based policy around the developmental condition as Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. casts doubt on ADHD drugs for kids. The Trump administration's recent report on the health of American children criticizes what it terms overdiagnosis and inappropriate prescription of ADHD medications. Big drug companies so far are responding to President Trump's demand they commit to his "most favored nation" pricing policy by raising prices abroad without cutting them in the U.S.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-26	ADHD, lobbying, health policy, advocacy	20250926adhdlobby
Trump's "most favored nation" plan: Drugmakers meet president halfway on drug prices	Health / Big Pharma	Bristol Myers Squibb became the latest company to make a pricing move on Monday, when it said it would sell its schizophrenia drug Clobenyl in the United Kingdom at the higher U.S. list price. There was no corresponding move to cut U.S. prices, though.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-24	Trump, Drug Pric 20250924drugprices	
Tylenol maker Kenvue blasts Trump administration's autism claim	Health / Corporate	Kenvue, in a statement, said "acetaminophen is the safest pain reliever option for pregnant women as needed throughout their entire pregnancy" and that "rigorous research, endorsed by leading medical professionals and global health regulators, confirms there is no credible evidence linking acetaminophen to autism." We believe independent, sound science clearly shows that taking acetaminophen does not cause autism. We strongly disagree with any suggestion otherwise and are deeply concerned with the health risk this poses for expecting mothers.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-23	Kenvue, Trump, 20250923kenvuepushback	
CDC's vaccine advisers add COVID vaccine rules in contentious meeting : Shots - Health News : NPR	Health / COVID	Ultimately, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or ACIP, backed away from its most controversial proposal that called for states to require those who want a COVID-19 vaccine to get a prescription. But the end result is that the COVID-19 vaccine could be less available than it has been the last few years. Friday's vote essentially says "this is no longer routinely recommended – it's 'shared clinical decision-making,'" says Kates. The details about what that entails and how access will play out are not immediately clear, Kates says, but what is clear is that it's a "more narrow recommendation" than it has been in past years.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-22	CDC, COVID, va 20250922covidrules	
CDC vaccine board votes come under scrutiny: Five takeaways	Health / COVID	The childhood vaccine schedule is changing. No hepatitis B vote. Inexperience and confusion are on display. COVID uncertainty. More changes coming.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-22	CDC, vaccines, 20250922vaccinevotes	
CDC advisers vote that patients must consult a health care provider for Covid-19 vaccination, but no prescription required	Health / COVID	However, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices was split on whether to recommend that a prescription for a Covid-19 vaccine should be required. That vote was 6-6. Dr. Martin Kulldorf, the chair of the committee, voted no, which broke the tie.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-22	CDC, COVID, va 20250922covidconsult	
How to get a COVID-19 shot and ensure it's covered by your insurance	Health / COVID	The trade group America's Health Insurance Plans said earlier this week that its members will continue to cover the shots at no cost to patients through 2026. That group includes every major insurer except UnitedHealthcare. And that insurer has said it will continue covering the vaccine at no cost for its standard commercial coverage, which includes plans offered for individuals and through small businesses.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-22	COVID, vaccines 20250922covidcoverage	
As the administration focuses on autism, many in the community say they need support, not a 'cure'	Health / Disability	One caveat: Large employers that offer coverage will make their own decisions on the vaccines. "Children with autism, if they have the right support, access to medical care and therapies, they can have wonderful outcomes," said Lisa Ackerman, executive director of the Autism Community in Action, a grass-roots organization that offers education and support to thousands of people with autism and their families.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-25	autism, disability rights, RFK Jr.	20250925autismsupport
RFK Jr.'s Autism "Cure" Isn't About Tylenol, It's About "Fixing" Autistic People Like Me	Health / Disability	But experts say there are thought to be multiple causes of autism — primarily genes and environmental exposures — and the science showing a connection between autism and Tylenol is not settled. Autism has historically been misunderstood, leaving our community vulnerable to violence and abuse. According to a 2024 report, evidence suggests that autistic people are more likely than the general population to experience interpersonal violence. And, advocates told NBC News that people with autism and other disabilities are vulnerable to police violence because of a fundamental misunderstanding on autistic people and our needs. Before autism was officially recognized, disabled and neurodivergent people faced severe discrimination and abuse.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	Sept 25, 2025	RFK Jr., autism, disability	20250925autismcure
Trump makes unfounded claims about Tylenol, vaccines and autism AP News	Health / Disinformation	President Donald Trump on Monday used the platform of the presidency to promote unproven and in some cases discredited ties between Tylenol, vaccines and autism as his administration announced a wide-ranging effort to study the causes of the complex brain disorder. "Don't take Tylenol," Trump instructed pregnant women around a dozen times during the unwieldy White House news conference, also urging mothers not to give their infants the drug, known by the generic name acetaminophen in the U.S. or paracetamol in most other countries. He also fueled long-debunked claims that ingredients in vaccines or timing shots close together could contribute to rising rates of autism in the U.S., without providing any medical evidence.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-23	Trump, Tylenol, 20250923tylendap	
Trump links autism to Tylenol, urges pregnant women not to take it	Health / Disinformation	Without Tylenol, don't take it, don't take it," Trump said, adding that pregnant women should limit use unless it's medically necessary and consult with their doctors about using it "if you can't bring it out."	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-23	Trump, Autism, T 20250923tylendautism	
Trump attacks Tylenol as officials unveil highly contentious conclusions on autism Trump administration The Guardian	Health / Disinformation	He also spoke about upcoming recommendations that vaccines such as the measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) shots should be given in a delayed manner or in smaller doses, despite limited evidence of the impacts. And he spoke about the hepatitis B shot, currently given to newborns as part of national vaccine standards, and possible recommendations to delay the first dose – again with limited evidence.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/russia-gabos-airspace-ukraine-war	2025-09-23	Trump, Tylenol, # 20250923tylendoguardian	

		Medical experts raising alarms after Donald Trump warned pregnant women to avoid taking Tylenol, baselessly linking the painkiller – also known as paracetamol – with a rise in autism among children.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923tylenolexperts			
Experts alarmed as Trump pushes unproven link between Tylenol and autism	Health / Disinformation	From the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine (SMFM) to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), doctors have endorsed the use of acetaminophen during pregnancy after Trump said pregnant women should “steer clear of Tylenol.” However, Trump went off-script and made a series of rambling, eyebrow-raising comments about autism, vaccines, and butchered the pronunciation of acetaminophen, best known as the brand name Tylenol. “I think I can say that there are certain groups of people that don’t take any vaccines or don’t take any pills that have no autism,” Trump declared confidently. But just moments later, he looked around at the group with him to see if what he had just claimed was actually true.	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923.html	2025-09-23	Trump, Tylenol, A 20250923tylenolexperts	
Trump, 79, Says Cuba and the Amish Have No Autism in Bonkers Speech	Health / Disinformation	“Is that a correct statement by the way?” he asked. 1. Name things that make you feel safe 2. Try this grounding exercise 3. Acknowledge your physical sensations	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923bonkerspeech	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923.html	2025-09-23	Trump, Cuba, Ar 20250923cubaamish
SOS! I'm feeling anxious — what can I do? : Life Kit : NPR	Health / Lifestyle	Among the experts' advice: Start with a little and it can turn into something big. Be consistent. Try to find people who can help you take the course.	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/24/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/24/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-24	Anxiety, Health, L 20250923anxietytips
How to overcome hurdles and start a wellness strategy	Health / Lifestyle	Klicko, who himself has autism, said in an interview with Morning Edition that the administration is talking about autism as though its “existence is some sort of plague.” He argues moves supported by the administration, including cuts to Medicaid following the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, may only make it harder for autistic people to get support they need. People with autism and other intellectual disabilities disproportionately rely on Medicaid, according to health policy research group KFF, and those who rely on a range of long-term care options and face challenges getting private health coverage could be affected by spending cuts to the program over the next decade.	https://www.wellness-journey.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	Sept 25, 2025	wellness, health, fitness 20250925wellness	
Autism community advocate on Trump's acetaminophen claim	Health / Misinformation	One of the largest measles outbreaks in the U.S. is now centered in bordering areas of southwestern Utah and Arizona. In Southwest Utah, all but one of the 23 confirmed cases are among unvaccinated, school-age kids, the Southwest Utah Public Health Department reported. In Mohave County, Arizona, which health officials believe is connected to the Utah outbreak, there have been 42 confirmed cases of the highly contagious virus.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923autismadvocate	Sept 24, 2025	Trump, autism, misinformation 20250923tylenolclaim	
Measles outbreak growing in parts of Arizona and Utah, health officials say	Health / Outbreaks	Seven US states and the nation's largest city announced this week that they have formed the Northeast Public Health Collaborative, in an effort to strengthen the region's health guidance as the national health landscape fractures. Maryland announced they would join the alliance on Friday.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923measlesoutbreak	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-23	Measles, Arizona 20250923measlesoutbreak
States rally to offset fracturing of federal healthcare agencies: 'Diseases don't see state lines' US healthcare The Guardian	Health / Policy	“I definitely see a future where there is considerable state-level variability on vaccine policy, much like we have seen in the abortion space,” said Katelyn Jelenka, an epidemiologist and former senior adviser at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Donald Trump's administration is on Monday expected to let pregnant women's use of the popular medicine Tylenol – known as paracetamol elsewhere in the world – to a risk of autism, contrary to medical guidelines, the Washington Post has reported.	https://www.theguardian.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	https://www.theguardian.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-22	healthcare, state 20250923statehealth
Trump officials reportedly set to tie Tylenol to autism risks Trump administration The Guardian	Health / Policy	Trump officials are also expected to announce an effort to explore how the cancer and anemia drug leucovorin could purportedly and potentially treat autism, according to the Post reported published Sunday, which cited four sources with knowledge of the plans who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the announcement had not been made.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923tylenolautism	https://www.theguardian.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-22	Trump, autism, T 20250923tylenolautism
Rural health clinics are closing after Trump's 'One Big Beautiful Bill', raising the legislation's political risks	Health / Policy	Exactly two months after President Donald Trump signed his policy megabill in a July 4 celebration at the White House, a Virginia health care company blamed the law for the closure of three rural clinics serving communities along the Blue Ridge Mountains. “I think you're going to find it to be amazing,” Trump told the Glendale, Arizona, crowd memorializing the conservative activist, “I think we found an answer to autism.”	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923ruralclinics	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-22	Trump, rural health 20250923ruralclinics
Trump reveals autism announcement during Charlie Kirk memorial 'We found an answer'	Health / Policy	The Trump administration is expected to announce that Tylenol use during pregnancy could contribute to the development of autism in children, according to Politico and The Washington Post. The president and his advisers are also expected to discuss a potential treatment for autism, the drug leucovorin, the news organizations reported.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923tylenolautism	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-22	Trump, autism, C 20250923autismclaim
A glimpse at Trump's false claims around pregnancy, Tylenol and autism AP News	Health / Policy	There are huge downsides to avoiding Tylenol when a pregnant woman really needs it, according to the nation's leading pregnancy doctors. Unrelated fevers, for example, can increase the risk of flu infections, premature birth and miscarriages, according to the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Meanwhile, a 2024 study largely considered the most robust on acetaminophen use during pregnancy and autism risk – which followed more than 2 million children in Sweden – concluded that there's no connection.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923tylenolpregnancy	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-22	Trump, Tylenol, Autism, Fact Check 20250923tylenolautismfactcheck
Tylenol and pregnancy: Why Trump's 'tough it out' can be harmful	Health / Policy	Choosing to forgo acetaminophen when a mom has a fever or pain isn't a no-lose proposition. Even HHS says that “maternal fever itself carries risks, including neural tube defects and preterm birth,” and acetaminophen is “the only over-the-counter medication considered safe for treating fever during pregnancy.”	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923tylenolpregnancy	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-24	Trump, Tylenol, F 20250923tylenolpregnancy
Autism expert responds to Trump acetaminophen and vaccines claim : NPR	Health / Policy	Genetics play a larger role in autism There is no link between the autism and the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine Is leucovorin a valid treatment for speech deficiencies caused by autism?	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923autismexpert	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-24	Trump, Tylenol, V 20250923autismexpert
Republican Physician Immediately Trashes Trump's Autism Claim	Health / Policy	U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy, whose support was pivotal at RFK Jr.'s confirmation as Secretary of Health and Human Services, has contradicted President Trump and Sen. Bobby J. to share their work. This week, the Trump administration announced that it was taking “bold action” to address the “epidemic” of autism spectrum disorder — starting with a new safety label on Tylenol and other acetaminophen products that suggests a link to autism. The scientific evidence for doing so is weak, researchers said.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923autismclaim	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-24	Trump, Autism, Health, Republicans 20250924gopdoctorautism
RFK Jr. wants an answer to rising autism rates. Scientists say he's ignoring some obvious ones	Health / Policy	“People haven't changed that much,” said Alan Gerber, a pediatric neuropsychologist at Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C., “but how we talk about them, how we describe them, how we categorize them has actually changed a lot over the years.” States are moving to set more rules about who's eligible for vaccines and who'll pay for them. But that isn't much help to nearly 10 million people with workplace insurance.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923rfkautism	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-24	RFK Jr., Autism, Health 20250924rfkautismrates
Vaccine rule changes throw workplace insurance into limbo	Health / Policy	Until there's more clarity, or until an independent medical authority sets generally accepted rules, many plans are queasy staying the course while acknowledging they can't tell workers whether they'll be on the hook in the future for vaccines that sometimes cost hundreds of dollars. Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) called out President Donald Trump on Monday for advising pregnant women not use Tylenol, claiming that “the preponderance of evidence shows” there are no links between the painkiller and autism.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923vaccinepolicy	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	Sept 25, 2025	vaccines, workplace, insurance 20250925vaccineimbbo
Not the Case: GOP Senator and Licensed Physician Calls Out Trump Linking Tylenol to Autism	Health / Politics	America's health system is flying blind and not prepared for the next big outbreak of infectious diseases, thanks to Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s radical views and his handpicked “toolkit” vaccine advisors, some of his former top experts have warned. Accusing the Health Secretary of pushing policies that are not grounded in evidence, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases Director Dan Jernigan said on Monday: “This administration has done a disservice to the public by not listening to the science.”	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923rfkvaccines	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-23	GOP, Senator, T 20250923gopdoctor
RFK Jr. 'Flying Blind' Into Next Outbreak With 'Rookie' Vaccine Advisors	Health / Politics	National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases' Demetree Daskalakis agreed, warning that health officials were “completely flying blind.” Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. told Republican states this week that the FDA would conduct a new review of abortion pills, a move that abortion rights advocates say could lead to significant restrictions on the most common abortion method nationwide.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923rfkautism	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-23	RFK Jr., Vaccines 20250923rfkvaccines
RFK Jr. launches FDA review of abortion pill	Reproductive Rights	Early results from a clinical trial suggest that a common diabetes drug taken with an antihistamine can partially repair damage in the nervous system that drives disability in multiple sclerosis. While the effect was too small for patients to notice a benefit after six months, tests did reveal improvements in nerve function, raising hopes that damage to the protective coatings around nerve fibres might be reversed with drugs. Before the U.S. began universally vaccinating newborns in 1991, some 18,000 children a year would be infected before the age of 10. About half of them died from mother-to-child transmission, Pavia says. Giving newborns the shot right after birth prevents the virus from taking hold. The other half of kids got infected from somewhere else. President Trump said hepatitis B is sexually transmitted — which is one means of transmission — so there's no reason to give the vaccine to a baby. But Pavia says the risks for kids are everywhere.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923rfkautism	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	Sept 25, 2025	RFK Jr., abortion pill, FDA 20250925rfkautism
'Exciting' clinical results offer hope for new class of MS therapies	Health / Science	“There have been cases of infections from shared toothbrushes and from shared razors,” he says. The virus is found in blood, saliva, semen and other bodily fluids, even tears, and it can live on surfaces for up to seven days. A child with a wound who comes into contact with that surface — even days later — could become infected, says Dr. Anika Patel, a pediatrician and pediatric critical care physician in Washington, D.C.	https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/sep/26/exciting-clinical-news	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-26	MS, therapies, clinical trials, neurology 20250926mstrial
Doctors say Trump's advice on hep B shot is wrong	Health / Vaccines	The virus is found in blood, saliva, semen and other bodily fluids, even tears, and it can live on surfaces for up to seven days. A child with a wound who comes into contact with that surface — even days later — could become infected, says Dr. Anika Patel, a pediatrician and pediatric critical care physician in Washington, D.C.	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/25/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-25	Trump, hepatitis B, vaccines, misinformation 20250925hepbshot
US health secretary Kennedy considers adding autism symptoms to vaccine injury program, Bloomberg News reports	Health / Vaccines	Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is considering adding certain symptoms of autism to an official list of side effects that can be compensated through a government vaccine injury program, Bloomberg News reported on Thursday, citing an adviser. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, which shields vaccine manufacturers from most lawsuits and provides a fund to compensate individuals who experience serious reactions to covered vaccines, has paid out about \$5 billion since its establishment in 1988, the report said.	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-26	Kennedy, vaccines, autism, injury 20250926vaccineinjury
Judge rules fed can't require states to cooperate on immigration to get disaster money	Immigration / Courts	A federal judge in Rhode Island ruled on Wednesday that it is unconstitutional to require states to cooperate on immigration enforcement actions to get funding for disasters, which is overseen by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923immigration	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-26	Immigration, disaster aid, courts, ruling 20250926immigrationaid
ICE detainees hold hunger strike at Louisiana state penitentiary Louisiana The Guardian	Immigration / Detention	Nineteen people detained at an immigration detention center that the Trump administration opened within Louisiana's infamous Angola prison were entering their fifth day on hunger strike on Sunday, according to advocacy groups. Those striking at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) processing center set up at Angola's former Camp 1 are demanding access to medical and mental health care — including prescription medications, according to the Southeast Dignity Not Detention Coalition (SENDN) and the National Immigration Project (NIPNL).	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923icehungerstrike	https://www.theguardian.com/immigration/2025/09/26/ice-detainees-hunger-strike	2025-09-22	ICE, detention, U 20250922icehungerstrike
Fruit vendor arrested by border patrol outside Gavin Newsom event speaks out after six weeks in ICE prison The Independent	Immigration / Detention	Minguela, 48, was released from Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody last week after nearly two months inside a facility he described as a “prison” with lights on at all hours of the day, no beds and only a concrete floor to sleep on. Minguela, who is undocumented, has lived in the United States for more than a decade after entering the country from Mexico on a tourist visa. He overlaid his visa after fleeing violence in the Mexican state of Coahuila, where he had been kidnapped twice and stabbed by people trying to steal money from ATMs he was servicing, according to The Times.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923icehungerstrike	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/immigration/2025/09/26/ice-detention-hunger-strike	2025-09-23	ICE, Detention, H 20250923hungerstrike
DHS says ICE won't comply with California ban on agents wearing masks	Immigration / DHS	The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said Monday it would not follow California's new law banning its agents from covering their faces during enforcement operations. He said ICE agents would no longer be “hidden from accountability,” arguing masks prevent “transparency” for citizens and hinder “oversight.” Wearing masks is rare in the history of American law enforcement, but has become routine under the Trump administration as agents reportedly racing to fulfill stringent arrest quotas round up thousands of immigrants without criminal records.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923icehungerstrike	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-23	DHS, ICE, Calif 20250923icemasks1
DHS says it will ignore California's ban on ICE agents wearing masks during immigration efforts	Immigration / DHS	“It's like a dystopian sci-fi movie — unmasked cars, people in masks, people quite literally disappearing,” Newsom said as he signed the bill. “This is a disgrace. This is an outrage, what we've allowed to happen in this country.” President Trump announced that highly-skilled workers hoping to work in America will now have to pay a \$100,000 fee to receive an H-1B visa, multiple outlets reported. H-1B visas divide Trump's MAGA coalition, with some arguing foreign employees displace American workers while business leaders like Elon Musk view them as vital to America's tech miracle.	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923icehungerstrike	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-23	DHS, ICE, Calif 20250923icemasks2
Trump seeks \$100,000 visa fee for temporary skilled workers	Immigration / Economy	Trump also signed an order to create a “Gold Card” to set U.S. residency for \$1 million. We realize this is short notice but returning soon is advisable and you should make every effort possible to clear U.S. customs before 12:10 a.m. EDT (9:00 p.m. PDT) on Sunday, September 21, 2025. Amazon wrote to employees this weekend, according to an internal memo published by Business Insider and also reported by Reuters. (Spokespeople for Amazon did not respond to NPR's requests for comment on Saturday.)	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923icehungerstrike	https://www.yahoo.com/health/tylenol-experts-20250923tylenolexperts	2025-09-22	Trump, immigrati 20250922visafee
Trump's new \$100K fee on H-1B visas will hurt tech companies NPR	Immigration / Economy	More than half a million U.S. residents are in the United States on H-1B visas, according to a U.S. government estimate in 2020. Congress allows 85,000 H-1B visas to be issued through a lottery each year, for which the U.S. currently charges a \$215 registry fee (though companies then pay thousands of dollars more in fees to file a visa application, plus lawyers fees).	https://thn.tiny.cc/20250923icehungerstrike	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/26/ice-detention-hunger-strike	2025-09-22	Trump, H-1B, tech 20250922h1bfee

Trump's new \$100,000 visa fee sets off panic and confusion	Immigration / Economy	By the time the White House clarified that existing holders of the H-1B visas for skilled workers were not affected, the chaos had already been seen. U.S. allies expressed concern and their national abandoned holidays, business trips and plans to see their families as they raced back to America before the new rules took effect Sunday. The Trump administration's move to restrict visas for foreign-born workers is pushing the U.S. closer to a "skills cliff" — where companies struggle to hire talent and may even start offshoring parts of their business.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/sapanic	https://www.yaho	2025-09-22	Trump, visas, imr	20250922vsapanic	
Trump H-1B changes, immigration policies are dragging down labor force	Immigration / Economy	ICE laid the operation on Sept. 8, drawing concern from activists and immigrant communities fearful of the large-scale arrests or aggressive tactics used in other cities targeted by the Republican president. They say there has been a noticeable uptick in immigration enforcement agents, although a military deployment to Chicago has yet to materialize. In what is reportedly one of the first instances of "checkpoint" operations between the Department of Homeland Security and a state police agency, more than two dozen people were detained within the past several days.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/25/trump-h-1b-immigration-jobs-mark	https://www.yaho	Sept 25, 2025	Trump, immigration, labor market	20250925laborforce	
ICE denies using excessive force as it broadens operation in Chicago AP News	Immigration / Enforcement	The Trump administration is systematically locking up immigrants while they contest the government's attempts to deport them, even if they've lived in the United States for decades and have no criminal record. This indiscriminate mass detention — a dramatic shift in immigration enforcement policy that began on July 6 — has been declared illegal by dozens of federal judges, who have described it as a flagrant perversion of long-standing law, policy and common sense.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/icechiago	https://apnews.c	2025-09-22	ICE, Immigration, 20250922icechiago		
Alabama conducts first state-federal checkpoint operations with ICE, detaining over 20 people	Immigration / Enforcement	The Department of Homeland Security has escalated its clash with so-called sanctuary states this week, warning California, New York, and Illinois in letters obtained by CBS News that refusal to honor immigration detainers could trigger federal legal action. An Oregon firefighter who was arrested by immigration agents while battling a wildfire last month has been released and is back home, his attorneys announced Wednesday.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/alabamacheck	https://www.yaho	2025-09-22	Alabama, ICE, cl	20250922alabamacheck	
Trump's new detention policy targets millions of immigrants. Judges keep saying it's illegal.	Immigration / Law	The Trump administration is systematically locking up immigrants while they contest the government's attempts to deport them, even if they've lived in the United States for decades and have no criminal record. This indiscriminate mass detention — a dramatic shift in immigration enforcement policy that began on July 6 — has been declared illegal by dozens of federal judges, who have described it as a flagrant perversion of long-standing law, policy and common sense.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/defdetenpolicy	https://www.yaho	2025-09-22	Trump, immigrati	20250922defdetenpolicy	
ICE threatens lawsuits if Democratic states don't hold migrants	Immigration / Law	The Department of Homeland Security has escalated its clash with so-called sanctuary states this week, warning California, New York, and Illinois in letters obtained by CBS News that refusal to honor immigration detainers could trigger federal legal action. An Oregon firefighter who was arrested by immigration agents while battling a wildfire last month has been released and is back home, his attorneys announced Wednesday.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/icelawsuits	https://www.yaho	2025-09-22	ICE, immigration, 20250922icelawsuits		
ICE releases Oregon firefighter arrested last month during Bear Gulch Fire	Immigration / Law Enforcement	Although Hernandez's legal team had been pressing his case in federal court for weeks, the release surprisingly came without an order from a judge. Instead, it came mere days after his lawyers demanded U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement free him. President Trump on Friday signed an executive order establishing his long touted "Gold Card" program to sell U.S. residency — but with a lower price than first touted, and a new tax-advantaged "Platinum Card" option added.	https://www.opb.org/article/2025/09/24/firefighter-border-patrol-wash	https://www.yaho	Sept 24, 2025	ICE, Oregon, firefighter	20250925firefighter	
Trump signs 'Gold Card' order, with lower \$1 million fee for residency	Immigration / Policy	Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick claimed the new program would raise more than \$100 billion for the Treasury. But it's unclear if existing law allows visas to be sold in this way — and it's a substantially higher price than similar "golden visa" programs that have met with limited success elsewhere.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/gold-card	https://www.axios	2025-09-22	Trump, Gold Card	20250922goldcard	
After nearly 40 years of paying taxes and raising kids in America, they're self-deporting The Independent	Immigration / Society	They are packing up almost 40 years' worth of belongings, keeping an eye on the neighborhood apps that let them know when ICE is in the area, and holding clandestine meetings with an immigration lawyer about how to self-deport safely. After spending almost their entire adult lives in America, José and Claudia plan to kiss their daughter goodbye outside their rented family home and get on a plane at LAX in less than two weeks. They know they will never be allowed to return. "The thing is, we were for so many years over here paying taxes," says José. "And working hard, working so hard ... We pay, pay, pay, and we receive nothing back. And the worst thing is [Claudia] got sick, and I got sick."	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/selfdeport	https://www.inde	2025-09-22	immigration, self-	20250922selfdeporting	
The Bougie Fallout of ICE's Crackdown in DC	Immigration / Society	However catastrophic the impact on targeted capital-area immigrants has been, the highest-profile local economic impact of the blitz so far has been on restaurants, food delivery services, home-improvement contractors, even moving companies — precisely the industries that cater to the capital's wealth. That's a consumer base unlikely to garner much political sympathy in the broader country.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/icefallout	https://www.yaho	2025-09-22	ICE, DC, immigri	20250922icefallout	
Documents offer rare insight on Ice's close relationship with Palantir The Guardian	Immigration / Surveillance	For years, little was known about how Ice uses Palantir's technology. The company has consistently described itself as a "data processor" and says it does not play an active role in any of its customers' data collection efforts or what clients do with that information. Now, a cache of internal Ice documents — including hundreds of pages of emails between Ice and Palantir, as well as training manuals, and reports on the use of Palantir products — offer some of the first real-world examples of how Ice has used Palantir in its investigations and during on-the-ground enforcement operations.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/icepalantir	https://www.thegu	2025-09-23	ICE, Palantir, Sur	20250923icepalantir	
Deadly ICE shooting comes as violence spikes amid Trump immigration crackdown	Immigration / Violence	Meanwhile, counter-narratives have described both agencies as engaging in rough and sometimes violent tactics against detainees and protesters. Agents concealing their faces behind masks have smashed car windows to arrest suspects deemed to be insufficiently cooperative. Some US citizens have been reportedly detained for no other than their appearance marked them as potentially undocumented immigrants.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/25/dallas-shooting-i	https://www.thegu	Sept 25, 2025	ICE, Dallas shooting, immigration	20250925icepike	
Cyberattack disrupts check-in systems at European airports for a second day AP News	Infrastructure / Cybersecurity	Brussels Airport, seemingly the hardest hit, said it asked airlines to cancel nearly 140 departing flights scheduled for Monday because a U.S.-based software system provider "is not yet able to deliver a new secure version of the check-in system." The airport said 25 outbound flights were canceled on Saturday and 50 on Sunday. Starting late Friday, airports in Berlin, Brussels and London were hit by disruptions to electronic systems that enabled us check-in and sent airline assistants trying options like handwriting boarding passes or using backup laptops. Many other European airports were unaffected.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/eurocyberattack	https://apnews.c	2025-09-22	cyberattack, airp	20250922eurocyberattack	
Flashable wipes and Iran: Water treatment facility adds cyberattacks to worry list NPR	Infrastructure / Cybersecurity	For one of the residents, the assistant water and wastewater operator for the towns of Cavendish and Proctorville, it's just another problem and another day on the job. This time, he's pretty sure a lightning strike disrupted the water treatment process. Other times, it's a build-up of iron in the system, a missing methanol cover, or an influx of "hushable" wipes, which he says routinely gum up the system. "I haven't had a lot of jobs, but it is by far the most interesting job that I've ever had," he told NPR during a tour of the facilities. "And so you have to ... you have to like it. You have to kind of care." Hughes is a master at fixing whatever's broken. But now, he's facing a new threat: hackers burrowing into the system and wreaking havoc. It's not a fantasy or some far-off possibility, it's already happening all over the United States.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/watersupplyhack	https://apnews.c	2025-09-22	cybersecurity, wa	20250922watersupplyhack	
Disruption continues at Heathrow, Brussels and Berlin airports after cyber-attack Airline industry The Guardian	Infrastructure / Cybersecurity	Iranian hackers infiltrated computer systems at a water treatment plant in Aitqipa, Pa., to display anti-Israel messages in November of 2023. Airlines were forced to revert to slower manual check-ins from Friday night after the attack hit Collins Aerospace, which provides check-in desk technology to various airlines.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/airportcyber	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-22	cybersecurity, wa	20250922watersupplyhack	
Trump demands Venezuela take action on one of his most outstanding claims – or face an 'incalculable' price The Independent	International / Americas	At Heathrow 90% of more than 350 flights had been delayed by 15 minutes or more, while six were canceled by 3pm on Sunday afternoon, according to the data company Flightradar24. The average delay was 34 minutes. Thirteen flights were canceled on Saturday, although the vast majority of hundreds of flights were delayed. President Donald Trump demanded the Venezuelan government accept the return of "all of the prisoners" he claims the country has forced into the U.S., or face an "incalculable" price. Critics of the president also mocked his outburst on Truth Social and suggested Trump misunderstood the definition of "asylum."	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/venezuelathreat	https://www.thegu	2025-09-22	Trump, Venezue	20250922venezuelathreat	
Palestinian state recognition sparks Republican criticism	International / Middle East	A series of voices on the left condemned the formal recognition of a Palestinian state by the UK, Canada and Australia on Sunday. The decision by the three nations has put President Trump — at odds with close U.S. allies, as several other countries, including France, are expected to recognize the State of Palestine during the upcoming U.N. General Assembly. The Palestinian president, speaking over video after the United States revoked his visa, told world leaders Thursday that his people "reject" the 2023 Hamas attack on Israel and pledged that the militant group would have no role in governing Gaza after war ends and must hand over its weapons.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/palestinianrecognition	https://www.foxb	2025-09-22	Palestine, Repub	20250922palestinianrecognition	
Palestinian president says Hamas will have no role in governing postwar Gaza	International / Middle East	Tens of thousands of Brazilians have taken to the streets to demand no amnesty be granted to their country's former president, Jair Bolsonaro after he was convicted of plotting a coup. The far-right populist was sentenced to 27 years in prison earlier this month for illegally attempting to cling to power after he lost the 2022 presidential election to his leftwing opponent, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/bolsonaroamnesty	https://www.foxb	2025-09-22	Brazil, Bolsonar	20250922bolsonaroamnesty	
Brazilians protest in their thousands against granting Bolsonaro amnesty Brazil The Guardian	International / South America	Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told "The Axios Show" that if Russia won't end the war, officials working in the Kremlin should make sure they know where the nearest bomb shelter is. Zelenskyy said he had President Trump's explicit backing to let Russian targets the energy infrastructure and arms factories. And he said that if Ukraine gets additional long-range weaponry from the U.S., "we will use it."	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/25/zelenskyy-says-its-misses-axios-sh	https://www.foxb	2025-09-22	Brazil, Bolsonar	20250922bolsonaroamnesty	
Russian officials must end war or find bomb shelters, Zelenskyy says	International / War	"It's not often associated with a bear. And there's no such thing as a paper bear. Russia is a real bear," said Pezlov, who claimed that Putin's forces had "no alternative" but to continue with their war on Ukraine. On energy, Pezlov said "the simplest thing is to force the whole world to buy more expensive American oil and more expensive American liquefied gas," adding "And without resorting to any elaborate diplomatic maneuvers, that's essentially what he is doing."	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/25/trump-says-ukraine-war-1gtr-3e	https://www.yaho	Sept 25, 2025	Zelenskyy, Russia, Ukraine war	20250925bombshelters	
Russia hits Trump on Ukraine remarks: 'No alternative' but war	International / War	Old West Street itself is unremarkable now, two blocks long, empty save for parked cars, the clang of construction at one end and a new shiny housing complex rising over the alley. But in 1956, Auburn Avenue — which I run parallel to — was dubbed "the richest Negro street in the world" home to Black-owned banks, newspapers and funeral homes until a highway cut it in two, an urban planning decision that decimated the flourishing Black community. Over a decade ago, a homeless encampment blossomed on the alley behind it, which eventually lined both of its sides with multicolored tents and was home to a rotating cast of more than two dozen people.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/23/russiahitsuscrackdown	https://www.yaho	Sept 25, 2025	Trump, Russia, Ukraine war	20250925noalternative	
He was bulldozed to death when Atlanta cleared his homeless camp. Will there ever be justice? Atlanta The Guardian	Justice / Inequality	At first, the police tried to claim in a report that Taylor was not badly injured, that he only had a "bloody nose" with no other "obvious signs of physical hurt". Instead, they speculated that he had died of a drug overdose. But Taylor was already dead by the time an ambulance arrived. The autopsy report, released 10 weeks later, found he died of blunt force trauma; his spleen and liver had been lacerated and his pelvis was cracked in half. Atlanta Mayor A. Luigi Mangione's lawyers have moved to have the murder case against him dismissed, arguing that it has become highly "politicized" and "prejudicial," citing the perp walk where the accused killer was made to look like a "monster" out of a Marvel movie.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/atlantavictimdeath	https://www.thegu	2025-09-22	Atlanta, Homelessnes	20250922atlantavictimdeath	
Luigi Mangione lawyers file motion to dismiss murder case citing 'Marvel movie' perp walk and 'politicized' death penalty ruling The Independent	Law / Courts	The 27-year-old's lawyers argue the indictment against him should be dismissed because of "false, damaging, public statements" made by Bondi and New York City Mayor Eric Adams, and arguing that the staged perp walk on December 19, "violated Mangione's right to due process such that this death penalty case should be dismissed," the motion said. "Potential jurors—grand and petit—were imprinted with a scene out of a Marvel movie, with dozens of agents needed to protect the public from the shackled monster Mangione," his lawyers wrote, referring to the heavily publicized perp walk.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/mangionecase	https://www.thegu	2025-09-22	Luigi Mangione, c	20250922mangionecase	
California bans masks meant to hide law enforcement identities NPR	Law / Policing	California Governor Gavin Newsom has signed a law banning law enforcement from wearing masks on duty except for things like riot gear, medical masks and undercover work. He said federal agents had operated for years in the state unmasked and called masking "a new construct conceived to terrorize our diverse communities."	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/calmaskban	https://www.rpr.c	2025-09-22	California, law en	20250922maskban	
California becomes first state to ban face coverings for most law enforcement California The Guardian	Law / Policing	"I thought Jon Stewart said it best: 'This is not about the pronoun police, this is about the secret police.' Newsom said before signing the bill into law. The new law prohibits neck gaiters, ski masks and other facial coverings for local and federal officers, including immigration enforcement agents, while they conduct official business. It makes exceptions for undercover agents, medical masks such as N95 respirators, or tactical gear. It does not apply to state police.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/calfacecoverings	https://www.thegu	2025-09-22	California, police,	20250922calmaskban	
YouTube reinstating creators banned for COVID-19, election content	Media / Tech	"Reflecting the Company's commitment to free expression, YouTube will provide an opportunity for all creators to regain the platform if the Company terminated their channels for repeated violations of COVID-19 and elections integrity policies that are no longer in effect," the company said in a letter to Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), chair of the House Judiciary Committee. "YouTube values conservative voices on its platform and recognizes that these creators have extensive reach and play an important role in civic discourse. The Company recognizes these creators are among those shaping today's online conversation, lending 'must-watch' relevance, giving viewers the chance to hear directly from politicians, celebrities, business leaders, and more," it added in the five-page correspondence.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/youtubereinstates	https://www.yaho	2025-09-22	YouTube, COVID, Election, Misinformation	20250924youtubereinstates	
Pentagon restricts speaking engagements alongside media crackdown	Military / Censorship	Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth in a memo this month cemented restrictions on when, where and how the military and Pentagon leaders can engage with the public, noting that past "external engagements have tended to cancel out certain types of institutions." The Pentagon is clamping down on press access while simultaneously restricting where, when and how the military and civilian officials engage with the public. It's a double whammy that could damage not only the public's understanding of national security matters and how taxpayer money is being spent, but also the department's own ability to drive narratives and wage information warfare.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/22/pentagonbanbuilder	https://www.axios	2025-09-23	Pentagon, Media	20250923pentagonclamp	
The Pentagon's bunker mentality	Military / Defense	This is the Pentagon's bunker mentality.	https://www.axios	https://www.axios	2025-09-24	Pentagon, Press,	20250924pentagonbunker	

Hegseth axes panel that encourages women to enter military	Military / Defense	The closure of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services — one of dozens of study groups that offer guidance to the secretary — is Hegseth's latest effort to rid the Pentagon of efforts that don't fit into his "warrior ethos" vision for the department and service academies. The former Fox News host, who has previously questioned the role of women in combat, has also shut down a program that boasts the number of women in peace building conflict prevention efforts, calling it "woke" and "divisive."	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/092/hegsethpanel	https://www.yahoo.com/news/hegseth-pentagon-women-military-20250924/hegsethpanel	2025-09-24	
Germany tries to attract thousands of new military recruits AP News	Military / Europe	Germany suspended conscription for men in 2011 and subsequently struggled to attract large numbers of short-term volunteers. In recent years, the number of military personnel has hovered just above 180,000 — compared with 300,000, more than a third conscripts, in 2001. Now the government wants to raise it to 200,000 over the next decade, and says it will also need around 20,000 reservists, more than double the current figure.	https://apnews.com/article/germany-military-20250923	https://www.yahoo.com/news/germany-military-20250923/germanymilitary	2025-09-23	
Russian surveillance plane tracked by air force jets from Germany and Sweden AP News	Military / Foreign Policy	Air force fighter jets from Germany and Sweden were scrambled Sunday to intercept and track a Russian surveillance plane that was flying unidentified over the Baltic Sea, military officials said. Two Swedish Gripen jets and two German Eurofighter jets deployed in international airspace to monitor and photograph the Russian IL-20 reconnaissance aircraft. It had been flying without providing a flight path or radio contact that could signal its presence, Swedish and German air force officials said.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0922/russianplane	https://apnews.com/article/russia-nato-si-20250922/russianplane	2025-09-22	
U.S. conducts fourth strike against vessel transferring drugs, Trump says	Military / Foreign Policy	The U.S. military conducted a strike on Friday against a vessel that was allegedly transferring drugs, President Trump said.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0922/drugstrike	https://apnews.com/article/trump-military-20250922/drugstrike	2025-09-22	
Trump says 'bad things' will happen if Afghanistan does not return Bagram air base	Military / Foreign Policy	Axios Marc Caputo wrote that even close Trump advisers aren't entirely sure whether the gunboat diplomacy is a drug trafficking operation with undertones of regime change, or a Caracas coup operation masquerading as drug enforcement.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0922/bagramthreat	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-afghanistan-20250922/bagramthreat	2025-09-22	
The Pentagon is considering using Turning Point USA chapters for recruitment efforts, report says The Independent	Military / Politics	U.S. President Donald Trump on Saturday threatened "bad things" would happen to Afghanistan if it does not give back control of the Bagram air base to the United States, and declined to rule out sending in troops to retake it.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0922/pusarecruit	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pentagon-turnir-20250922/pusarecruit	2025-09-22	
Lockheed's Skunk Works unveils Vectis, a stealthy drone wingman	Military / Technology	Lockheed Martin's dandiest Skunk Works division is developing a drone wingman known as Vectis, designed for surveillance, electronic warfare, precision strikes and aerial combat. Public officials from such a secretive group are rare.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0922/stealthdrone	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lockheed-martin-20250922/stealthdrone	2025-09-22	
Opinion There are two different rules of law in Trump's America	Opinion / Analysis	In recent months, the president has claimed that blue-state cities run by Democratic mayors are lawless hellscapes, so much so that he has called in the National Guard to patrol the streets of Los Angeles and the District of Columbia. This despite the fact that one of the first acts of the second Trump presidency was to pardon more than 1,500 Jan. 6 rioters, that is, a band who literally made the U.S. Capitol itself a scene of unprovoked violence and bloodshed, where over 140 law enforcement officers were wounded, with five of them dying since the fateful events of that day.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0922/twodifferentrules	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-justice-opinion-20250924/twodrules	2025-09-24	
Trump says Virginia prosecutor fired after gaining Democratic support	Political / Ceespool	President Trump claimed the U.S. attorney in Virginia who didn't pursue a case against New York's attorney general Letitia James was fired following earlier reports he resigned.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0922/vaprosecutor	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-virginia-120250922/vaprosecutor	2025-09-22	
DOJ ended probe of Tom Homan for allegedly accepting \$50K in FBI sting: Sources	Political / Ceespool	Trump wrote in a Truth Social post late Friday that he withdrew Sebel's nomination when he "was informed that he received the UNUSUALLY STRONG support" of the two Democratic senators from Virginia.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0922/homanprobe	https://www.yahoo.com/news/doj-20250922/homanprobe	2025-09-22	
Keystone Kashi's Bonkers Self-Help Notes Captured on Camera	Political / Ceespool	The Department of Justice shut down an investigation involving President Donald Trump's "border czar," Tom Homan, in which he had been recorded allegedly accepting cash from FBI agents posing as business executives, multiple sources familiar with the matter told ABC News.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0922/kashnotes	https://www.yahoo.com/news/keystone-kashi-20250922/kashnotes	2025-09-22	
Massive banners with Trump's face are adorning some federal buildings in D.C. Democrats are crying foul	Political / Ceespool	The sting operation, which stemmed from a broader public corruption probe that did not initially target Homan, led agents to an encounter in which they recorded Homan allegedly accepting a bag containing \$50,000 in cash while agreeing to potentially help the men obtain government contracts in the event Trump won the 2024 election, the sources said.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0922/trumpbanners	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-federal-b-20250922/trumpbanners	2025-09-22	
Charlie Kirk Day: Trump "wouldn't oppose" national holiday, WH says	Political / Ceespool	The photo reveals the FBI Director praising himself for various clashes with lawmakers during the hearing, and that he also wrote himself reminders to do his best. The four lines read, "Good fight w/ Swalwell," "Hold the line," "Blush off their attacks" and "Rise above next line of [illegible] attacks." It appears the illegible word could be "Partisan."	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0923/kirkholiday	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-charlie-k-20250923/kirkholiday	2025-09-23	
Trump claims he ended a war - between countries that are 4,000 miles apart The Independent	Political / Ceespool	Democrats on Capitol Hill are raising alarm over large banners with President Donald Trump's face that can be seen on three federal buildings, claiming they carry authoritarian undertones in the wake of a report from California Democrats Sen. Adam Schiff.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0923/endedwar	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-america-20250923/endedwar	2025-09-23	
Leavitt Twists Himself to Explain Why Trump's OK to 'Halt'	Political / Ceespool	President Trump likely "wouldn't oppose" Congress creating a national holiday honoring Charlie Kirk, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said Monday.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0923/trumphalt	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-leavitt-h-20250923/trumphalt	2025-09-23	
White House says Tom Homan did 'nothing wrong' following reports he accepted a bag of cash	Political / Ceespool	If you think most of the American-Cambodian conflict, that's okay, because neither has anyone else — other than President Donald Trump, who claims to have ended the supposedly brewing clash.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0923/homanbag	https://www.yahoo.com/news/white-house-tor-20250923/homanbag	2025-09-23	
The White House Shared A Picture Of Donald Trump From The Charlie Kirk Memorial, And People Are... Noticing Some Things	Political / Ceespool	One of the wars he mentioned ending was a conflict between "Cambodia and Armenia."	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0923/trumphotopost	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-white-ho-20250923/trumphotopost	2025-09-23	
MAGA conspiracy machine steers Trump team's Kirk investigation	Political / Ceespool	The president did not elaborate on what allegedly set leaders in capitals Phnom Penh and Yerevan — which are 4,150 miles apart — against each other, but he assured the crowd that was "was just starting, and I was a bad one."	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0924/magaconspiracies	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-maga-c-20250924/magaconspiracies	2025-09-24	
Trump slams Kimmel's return: "We're going to test ABC out on this"	Political / Ceespool	"No side in American politics has a monopoly on disturbed or misguided people, but there's one part of our political community which believes they have a monopoly on truth, goodness and virtue," Trump said, adding that Kirk's death was "the eventual consequence of that kind of thinking."	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0924/trumphair	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-kimmel-120250924/trumphair	2025-09-24	
Own goal: How Gabbard damaged the Trump admin's probe into ex-spy chief	Political / Ceespool	Less than three months after President Donald Trump complained that Americans have "too many non-working holidays," the White House says he would not oppose adding one more — in honor of slain counter-espionage activist Charlie Kirk.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0924/gabbardprobe	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-gabbard-20250924/gabbardprobe	2025-09-24	
The world according to Trump: You're all 'going to hell' — and I'm your only hope The Independent	Political / Ceespool	White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt offered a forceful defense of border czar Tom Homan in the wake of reports that he accepted a bag of cash from undercover FBI agents, insisting on Monday that he "did absolutely nothing wrong."	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0924/trumphellspeech	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-un-speech-20250924/trumphellspeech	2025-09-24	
New statue on National Mall celebrates 'long-lasting bond' between Trump and Epstein Donald Trump The Guardian	Political / Ceespool	This isn't the first time that people have suggested a link between this administration's policies and imagery and Nazi propaganda. Previously, folks have mentioned an event at the White House featuring Tesla, biased migrant detention centers to concentration camps, compared ICE to the Gestapo, and referenced this political rally held at Madison Square Garden prior to the election last year.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0924/trumphellstatue	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-epstein-statue-20250924/trumphellstatue	2025-09-24	
Bannon Goes Nuclear on Trump's Most Fawning Cabinet Member	Political / Ceespool	MAGA activists are demanding real-world retribution for Charlie Kirk's assassination, dragging their allies in government down a rabbit hole of online conspiracy theories.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0924/bannonvsappointee	https://www.yahoo.com/news/bannon-trump-cabinet-20250924/bannonvsappointee	2025-09-24	
Fox News Demands Donors Revenge For Trump's Escalator Fall	Political / Ceespool	MAGA is hungry for a crackdown — but its enemy is ill-defined, and its definition of success is wholly unclear. A lack of answers from the Trump administration could leave vast swathes of the base deeply disappointed.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0924/foxrevenge	https://www.yahoo.com/news/fox-news-trump-escalator-20250924/foxrevenge	2025-09-24	
Nintendo Alerted After DHS Uses Pokemon To Promote ICE Raids	Political / Ceespool	The Trump administration is unusually responsive to pressure from the MAGA ecosystem, with conspiracy-fueled narratives and personnel flowing freely between the movement and the government.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0924/nintendopokemon	https://www.yahoo.com/news/nintendo-ice-dhs-culture-20250924/pokemonnintendo	2025-09-24	
Stephen Miller's Hypocrisy Is Right There in His Speech	Political / Ceespool	As a result, theories about sprawling "telnet" networks, accomplices at the scene of Kirk's slaying in Utah, or overseas involvement are being treated as live leads — even in the absence of hard evidence.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0924/millerspeech	https://www.yahoo.com/news/stephen-miller-politics-hypocrisy-20250924/millerspeech	2025-09-24	
Trump: Secret Service probing UN escalator, teleprompter, audio "sabotage"	Political / Ceespool	"I think we're going to test ABC out on this. Let's see how we do. Last time I went after them, they gave me \$16 Million," Trump said in reference to the network setting his lawsuit over comments made by anchor George Stephanopoulos.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0924/trumpsabotage	https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-un-sabotage-claims-20250925/trumpsabotage	2025-09-25	
Keystone Kashi Faces Backlash Over ICE Bullet Sharpe Plot	Political / Ceespool	"This one sounds even more lucrative. A blue bunch of losers?" he added. Representatives for ABC and parent company Disney did not immediately respond to Axios' Tuesday night request for comment.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0924/kashbacklash	https://www.yahoo.com/news/kash-patel-ice-backlash-20250925/kashbacklash	2025-09-25	
Comey says he's "innocent" of indictment charges	Political / Ceespool	The Justice Department's criminal probe of ex-spy chief John Brennan hit a big roadblock after Director of National Intelligence Tami Gabbard withdrew the security clearances of potential witnesses who could have testified against him, four Trump administration officials told Axios.	https://thn.lnky.us/2025/0925/comeyinnocent	https://www.yahoo.com/news/comey-indictment-fbi-denial-20250926/comeyinnocent	2025-09-26	

Trump wears MAGA down with Ukraine reversal	Politics / Foreign Policy	President Trump's stunning reversal on Ukraine has barely registered in MAGA circles, underscoring how his fatigue and indifference have set in over the months of failure to end the war. The Trump administration, in its latest challenge to Congress's authority over federal spending, intends to shift almost \$2 billion in U.S. foreign aid toward a slate of priorities aimed largely at advancing the president's "America First" agenda. The plan, which has not been reported previously, was outlined for lawmakers in a document the State Department sent to Capitol Hill on Sept. 12 and later reviewed by The Washington Post. It represents a dramatic retreating of Washington's approach to foreign assistance after the Trump administration's dismantling of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) this year.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/24/trump-ukraine-maga-response-ax https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-administration-eyes-us-aid	Sept 24, 2025	Trump, Ukraine, MAGA	20250925magadown	
Trump administration eyes USAID money to advance America First goals	Politics / Foreign Policy	Kronz is well-acquainted with the ways political strongmen rely on women's labor at the family level to implement state ideology. Her 1980 book, Mothers in the Fatherland, describes how the ordinary women of Nazi Germany "operated at its very center", incubating ideals of white supremacy, female subordination and sacrifice at home. A woman's "most glorious duty is to give children to her people and nation, children who can continue the line of generations and who guarantee the immortality of the nation", Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi propagandist, told an audience of women in 1933. Racially selective population growth was core to the agenda of such nationalist, fascist regimes as Nazi Germany and Benito Mussolini's Italy. The only path to honor for most women was birthing children, formalized through financial rewards and medals for prolific mothers. Similarly, the Trump administration touts pronatalist rewards, such as a \$1,000 government-funded investment account for new babies, and has discussed others, including a "National Medal of Motherhood" for women with six children. While vice president JD Vance cried: "I want more babies in the United States of America!" at an anti-abortion rally in early 2025, Republicans in Congress plotted eliminating federal tax credits for daycare and other supports that enable women's workforce participation — an effort to control women's social roles.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250925magadown	Sept 25, 2025	Trump, USAID, America First	20250925usaaidmoney	
From Nazi Germany to Trump's America: why strongmen rely on women at home Women The Guardian	Politics / Gender	Republicans find themselves in a delicate position, lacking the president even as they voice concerns over the politicization of institutions traditionally seen as nonpartisan after President Donald Trump openly urged the Justice Department to pursue investigations into his political rivals. President Trump on Tuesday said he was canceling a meeting with top congressional Democrats scheduled for later this week to negotiate on government funding. The two sides are locked in a stalling contest, and without concessions from Trump, Democrats have insisted they will withhold their votes, an impasse that would spark the first government shutdown since 2019.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250925gopwds https://www.theco	2025-09-22	Trump, gender, nc	20250922radwives	
Republicans walk tightrope in defending Trump, condemning weaponization of DOJ	Politics / GOP	A sense of fear has enveloped staffers in the Department of Homeland Security who are reportedly forced to face Secretary Kristi Noem's right-hand man, Corey Lewandowski, whenever things go wrong. Lewandowski, a former Trump campaign official with a reputation for being gregarious, serves as a special government employee advising Noem. But he's reportedly amassed enough power in his role that he can fire people and veto \$100,000 contracts.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250923hushowmeeting https://www.axios	2025-09-23	Republicans, Tru	20250923gopdoj	
Trump cancels meeting with top Democrats as shutdown looms	Politics / Governance	After rerouting the details of the administration's demands being made by the Minority Radical Left Democrats in return for their Votes to keep our thriving Country open, I have decided that no meeting with their Congressional Leaders could possibly be productive, the president wrote. Nearly 20 government employees received emails this month informing them that they are being let go. NPR has learned, adding to the over 80 judges that have already been cut by President Trump so far this year.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250924noemstffaffair https://www.india	2025-09-24	Trump, Shutdown	20250923shutdownmeeting	
'People are scared s--less': Noem's right-hand man sows fear among DHS staffers after exploding over press reports in meeting The Independent	Politics / Governance	At least 14 immigration judges learned last Friday that they would be put on leave and that their employment would terminate as soon as Wednesday in some cases, according to two people familiar with the firings and a confirmation from the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), a union that represents immigration judges. The two people spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals. Courts in Florida, New York, Maryland, California and Washington state are among those affected.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250923hushowrisk https://www.npr.o	2025-09-24	Trump, Shutdown	20250923hushdownrisk	
Trump cancels meeting with Democrats as prospects for shutdown increase : NPR	Politics / Governance	Hundreds of federal employees who lost their jobs in Elon Musk's cost-cutting blitz are being asked to return to work. The General Services Administration has given the employees — who managed government workplaces — until the end of the week to accept or decline reinstatement, according to an internal memo obtained by The Associated Press. Those who accept must report for duty on Oct. 6 after what amounts to a seven-month paid vacation, during which time the GSA in some cases racked up high costs — passed along to taxpayers — to stay in dozens of properties whose leases it had slated for termination or were allowed to expire.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250923immigrationjudges https://www.npr.c	2025-09-24	Trump, Immigrati	20250923immigrationjudges	
Trump administration fires more immigration judges : NPR	Politics / Governance	It's part of a growing trend to consolidate election dates — adding local races to the ballot during presidential and midterm elections. Proponents of the effort say it counters persistently low turnout for local elections, despite concerns about local issues and candidates getting overshadowed.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250924nycelections https://www.npr.c	2025-09-24	NYC, Elections, 1	20250924nycelections	
NYC may consolidate its elections, joining a growing trend : NPR	Politics / Governance	Thousands of federal employees who lost their jobs in Elon Musk's cost-cutting blitz are being asked to return to work. The General Services Administration has given the employees — who managed government workplaces — until the end of the week to accept or decline reinstatement, according to an internal memo obtained by The Associated Press. Those who accept must report for duty on Oct. 6 after what amounts to a seven-month paid vacation, during which time the GSA in some cases racked up high costs — passed along to taxpayers — to stay in dozens of properties whose leases it had slated for termination or were allowed to expire.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250924trumprehires https://www.yaho	2025-09-24	Trump, Government, Jobs	20250924trumprehires	
After cost-cutting blitz, Trump administration rehires hundreds of laid-off employees	Politics / Governance	The two sides are so far apart that even getting together in the same room to discuss a possible solution is off the table. On Tuesday, President Trump canceled a meeting with Democratic leaders that had been planned for later this week, arguing there was no way that such a meeting could be productive given their "unserious and ridiculous demands."	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250924hushdownweekout https://www.yaho	2025-09-24	Shutdown, Congress, Politics	20250924hushdownweekout	
The government shutdown deadline is a week away. Neither party is backing down.	Politics / Governance	The White House is threatening to use a potential short-term spending lapse to make long-term changes to the federal workforce. Thousands of government employees could permanently lose their jobs if Congress doesn't reach an agreement to fund the government by Oct. 1.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/25/trump-white-house-government-s https://www.yaho	Sept 25, 2025	Trump, shutdown, federal jobs	20250925maasfirings	
Trump White House signals mass firings if government shuts down	Politics / Governance	House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) drew a clear line in the sand Wednesday on what a government shutdown must look like, telling reporters he will not accept any type of unwritten agreement.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/2025/09/25/ny-1-5543417/federal-probationary https://www.npr.org/2025/09/25/ny-1-5543417/federal-probationary	Sept 24, 2025	Jeffries, shutdown, Trump, Congress	20250925jeffriesdeal	
Jeffries rules out handshake deal with Republicans to avert shutdown	Politics / Governance	In a 38-page order, Alsup wrote that the terminations, dating back to February, were unlawful. But he stopped short of requiring the government to reinstate the workers. It clear to him, he explained, that the Supreme Court would overrule such relief given recent decisions the court had issued on related matters. He also wrote that too much time had passed.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250925supremecourt https://www.yaho	Sept 25, 2025	federal workers, Supreme Court, firings	20250925foolate	
Judge says federal workers' firing was illegal but it's too late now	Politics / Governance	Through multiple decisions issued on its shadow docket, the conservative majority on the Supreme Court has made clear it believes the Constitution gives the president expansive powers over the executive branch, including the power to hire and fire as he sees fit, despite federal law granting civil servants, including probationary employees, some job protections.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-gop-white-house-allies-24 https://www.yaho	Sept 25, 2025	Trump, GOP, Trump, Epstein	20250925sepsavote	
Top GOP and White House allies working behind the scenes to prevent Epstein vote on House floor	Politics / Governance	The intensifying effort to halt that floor vote comes as Reps. Thomas Massie, a Kentucky Republican, and Ro Khanna, a California Democrat, declared on Wednesday they have the 218 votes needed to compel one when Congress returns. That final signature on their petition to force the vote will come from Rep.-elect Adella Grisham, who won a special election in Arizona Tuesday night, once she is formally sworn in.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250925sepsavote https://www.yaho	Sept 25, 2025	GOP, Trump, Epstein	20250925sepsavote	
Trump administration launches investigation into FEMA workers who warned disaster agency was at risk	Politics / Governance	The Trump administration has launched an internal investigation into FEMA employees who signed a public letter to Congress warning that the administration's overhaul of the disaster relief agency is undermining emergency response and endangering the public. As part of the probe, the agency has ordered the employees — who were placed on leave in August — to sign non-disclosure agreements and schedule interviews with investigators, according to five sources and internal emails reviewed by CNN.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250925femainvestigation https://www.yaho	Sept 25, 2025	Trump, FEMA, retaliation	20250925femainvestigation	
Trump refuses to meet with 'Radical Left Democrats' Schumer and Jeffries. Republicans need to avert a shutdown	Politics / Governance	Congress is currently out of session in observation of the Jewish high holidays. But the House and Senate will not return until September 29, one day before the government is set to run out of money. Republicans — including Trump — want to pass a "clean" continuing resolution, known as a "CR." Many Democrats want to include an extension of expanded subsidies for the Affordable Care Act's health care marketplaces. The subsidies were initially expanded during the Covid-19 pandemic and then extended in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act that Joe Biden signed.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250925refusameet https://www.yaho	Sept 25, 2025	Trump, shutdown, Schumer, Jeffries	20250925refusameet	
Lawmakers say only Trump can avert government shutdown	Politics / Government	Republican and Democratic lawmakers on Capitol Hill say Washington is headed for a government shutdown next week unless President Trump intervenes to cut a deal with Democrats. Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) has said repeatedly he does not want to sit down with Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (N.Y.) to negotiate a deal to keep the government open past Sept. 30, repeatedly telling reporters he wants the stopgap funding measure to move by "regular order."	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250922hushdowngamble https://www.yaho	2025-09-22	Trump, governm	20250922hushdown	
It's a new world with Trump: Inside Democrats' shutdown gamble	Politics / Government	Under the Senate rules, that means 60 votes will be required to move the measure under regular order, and Democratic votes will be needed. Still locked out of power in Washington, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and his party are seizing on a fresh battle with President Donald Trump: a high-stakes gamble over this month's government funding deadline. With a shutdown on the line, Schumer and other Democrats in Congress are willing to play hardball against Trump. One of the party's biggest demands: They want Republican leaders to commit to billions of dollars in enhanced Obamacare subsidies that would otherwise expire at the end of the year.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250922hushdowngamble https://www.yaho	2025-09-22	Trump, Democr	20250922hushdowngamble	
How RFX Jr. Could Eliminate Vaccines Without Banning Them - The Atlantic	Politics / Health	But since the start of this year, when Robert F. Kennedy Jr.—one of the nation's most prominent anti-vaccine activists—took charge of the Department of Health and Human Services, the federal government has signaled that it is no longer a reliable partner in the business of vaccines. The Trump administration has fired vaccine experts, tightened vaccine regulatory policies, restricted vaccine recommendations, and spread misinformation about vaccines' harms. It has halted its funding of Gavi. It has canceled hundreds of contracts for vaccine research across multiple agencies. Even before the change in policies that are being implemented now, vaccines were a difficult business, Andrew W. Lo, an economist at MIT, told me. "It's just become that much harder."	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250922rfvaccineban https://www.theatl	2025-09-22	RFX Jr., vaccine	20250922rfvaccineban	
RFX Jr.'s vaccine advisers leave his critics and supporters dazed, confused	Politics / Health	The guidance left doctors and public health experts confused — it's not clear whether it means younger, healthy people will need prescriptions for Covid shots — and — seeking clarity, it left Kennedy's anti-vaccine allies pledging to ramp up their lobbying to convince the government to go further. On Capitol Hill, it left the tense standoff between Democrats' rate about Kennedy's policies and Republicans divided over them in a holding pattern.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250922rfvaccine https://www.yaho	2025-09-22	RFX Jr., vaccine	20250922rfvaccine	
GOP senators alarmed over Kennedy's impact on Trump's unorthodox health recommendations	Politics / Health	Republican senators are growing increasingly uncomfortable over President Trump's unconventional foray into health policy, specifically the president's support for Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and his attempts to rewrite the children's vaccination schedule despite strong skepticism from the medical community. "HHS should release the new data that it has to support this claim. The preponderance of evidence shows that this is not the case. The concern is that women will be left with no options to manage pain in pregnancy," Cassidy wrote on social media.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250922rfvaccine https://www.yaho	Sept 25, 2025	GOP, RFX Jr., Trump health	20250925rfimpact	
Trump's Tylenol claims echo old misconceptions about autism	Politics / Health Disinfo	We really have a long history of blaming mothers in this country, and we're seeing that reinforced through the narratives around autism's causes right now, said Marissa Lupton, a sociology professor at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, who has studied how autism science and advocacy have affected families. In the 1940s, not long after autism was recognized as a distinct condition, blame quickly fell on mothers — specifically those with careers or college degrees.	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/25/ny-1-5551164/pregnant-women-tyleno https://www.yaho	2025-09-26	Trump, Tylenol, autism, misinformation	20250926tylenolclaim	
RFX Jr. sets off new abortion alarms with FDA study claims	Politics / Health Policy	On the other hand, President Trump repeatedly pledged during the campaign last year that he would reverse abortion policy to the states, to push back against Democratic charges that he would seek a nationwide ban. Republican senators on Friday passed an amendment to the constitution that recognizes only two sexes, along with other measures that critics say might breach the country's international obligations and undermine the protection of human rights.	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250926rfk-abortion-ills-fda-study-trump https://www.axios.com/2025/09/26/rfk-abortion-ills-fda-study-trump	2025-09-26	RFX Jr., abortion, FDA, disinformation	20250926rfkabortion	
Slovakia passes constitutional amendment to recognize only 2 sexes	Politics / Human Rights	The amended constitution now recognizes only two sexes, male and female, and states that Slovakia retains sovereignty in matters of "national identity," which is not specifically defined, especially in "fundamental cultural-ethical questions." The amendment also makes it almost impossible for anyone other than married couples to adopt children. The constitution had already defined marriage as "a unique union between a man and a woman."	https://tfn.tiny.cc/20250926rfk-abortion-ills-fda-study-trump https://www.yaho	2025-09-26	Slovakia, gender, constitution, human rights	20250926slovakia2sexes	
These immigrants served in the US military. Now they fear being deported The Independent	Politics / Immigration	Tones is not alone. There are well over 100,000 military veterans living in the US who do not have citizenship, according to estimates in recent years by the Congressional Research Service. Despite military recruiters frequently describing service as a fast track to citizenship for soldiers and their family members, the Trump administration's immigration agenda is putting them at renewed risk of deportation.	https://www.india	2025-09-26	Immigrants, Veterans, Deportation	20250924immigrantvets	

	Portland authorities are in a standoff with Donald Trump's administration over an ice detention facility in the Oregon city after an investigation found the administration is using the facility for overnight detentions, in violation of its city-issued permits.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250924portlandice			
Portland threatens to evict Ice from Oregon facility over permit violations Portland The Guardian	Politics / Immigration	The city office that oversees land use and zoning notified the owner of the building that ice leases on 18 September that the federal agency had violated a conditional use permit approved in 2011. The permit limits the number of detainees ice can hold at the facility each day to fewer than 15, and the duration for which they can be held, to less than 12 hours. The permit also bars the agency from "housing" anyone overnight.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/24/portland-ice	KCE, Portland, Immigration	20250924portlandice
Newly appointed US attorney will attempt to charge James Comey. Sources	Politics / Justice	Donald Trump's handpicked U.S. attorney in Virginia is planning to ask a grand jury in the coming days to indict former FBI Director James Comey for allegedly lying to Congress, despite prosecutors and investigators determining there was insufficient evidence to charge him, sources with direct knowledge of the probe told ABC News.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/newly-appointed-us-attorney-attempt-charge-james-comey-180000000	Trump, James Comey, DOJ	20250925comeycharges
Trump DOJ risks losing death penalty for Luigi Mangione if officials don't stop talking about his 'guilt': judge	Politics / Justice	A federal judge in New York warned officials in the Department of Justice, on Wednesday, that continuing to comment on Luigi Mangione's case publicly could result in sanctions against the prosecution or relief for Mangione — such as losing the death penalty.	https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/luigi-mangione-death-penalty-20250925	Trump DOJ, Luigi Mangione, death penalty	20250925mangione
Former special counsel Jack Smith warns that rule of law is 'under attack'	Politics / Justice	In his first public remarks since leaving the Justice Department, former special counsel Jack Smith said he's sad and angry about the dismissals of career public servants and the loss of credibility the DOJ has suffered this year.	https://www.rtr.gr/en/2025/09/25/jack-smith-20250925-former-special-counsel	Jack Smith, rule of law, DOJ, democracy	20250925ruleoflaw
US Justice Department official ordered to drop inquiry into Sandy Hook lawsuit against Alex Jones	Politics / Justice	Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche has ordered a senior U.S. Justice Department official to drop an inquiry into a retired FBI agent's involvement in a defamation lawsuit involving Alex Jones' conspiracy theories about the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, a person familiar with the matter said Wednesday.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/us-justice-department-official-ordered-to-drop-inquiry-into-sandy-hook-lawsuit-against-alex-jones-180000000	DOJ, Sandy Hook, Alex Jones, interference	20250926sandyhookdoj
House Judiciary Democrats launch probe of Virginia U.S. attorney's ouster	Politics / Justice	Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee are launching a review Friday of the ouster of federal prosecutor Erik Seibert, a week after he resigned as U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and a day after Seibert's replacement signed an indictment of former FBI Director James Comey. Prosecutors had expressed concern about Seibert's possible ouster over his failure to bring a case against another Trump adviser, New York Attorney General Letitia James.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/house-judiciary-democrats-launch-probe-of-virginia-us-attorneys-ouster-180000000	House Judiciary, DOJ, Virginia, probe	20250926virginiaouster
George Soros foundation hits back at Trump after report that DoJ plans to target group	Politics / Justice	The Open Society Foundations (OSF), the major philanthropic group funded by George Soros, has criticized the Trump administration for "politically motivated attacks on civil society" after a report that the justice department had instructed federal prosecutors to come up with plans to investigate the charity.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/sep/25/george-soros-foundation	Soros, DOJ, Trump, foundation	20250925soroslash
Trump's Rose Garden Club is a lavish new hangout	Politics / Lifestyle	The New York Times reported on Thursday that a lawyer in the office of Todd Blanche, the deputy attorney general, sent a memo to several federal prosecutors in attorney's offices in California, New York, Washington DC, Chicago and Detroit, offering a range of charges to consider against the group. Those charges included racketeering, arson, wire fraud and material support for terrorism, the newspaper reported.	https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/sep/25/george-soros-foundation	Trump, Rose Garden, White House	20250925rosegarden
Defense Secretary Hegseth requires new 'pledge' for Pentagon reporters : NPR	Politics / Media	The Pentagon will drastically change its rules for journalists who cover the Department of Defense, two U.S. officials who are not authorized to speak publicly confirmed to NPR Friday. The move drew sharp criticism from news organizations, who said it violated the bedrock of a free press. Going forward, journalists must sign a pledge not to gather any information, including unclassified reports, that hasn't been authorized for release.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922hagsethpledge	Trump, Pentagon	20250922hagsethpledge
'Nothing stops reporters': Trump talks down Pentagon restrictions on journalists Donald Trump The Guardian	Politics / Media	The president faced questions about the directive as he departed the White House for Charlie Kirk's memorial service on Sunday. Asked whether the Pentagon should be in charge of deciding what reporters can report on, Trump said: "No, I don't think so."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922trumpstopsreports	Trump, Pentagon	20250922trumpstopsreports
Pete Hegseth says Wounded Knee soldiers to keep Medals of Honor	Politics / Military	Hegseth's predecessor, Lloyd Austin, ordered the review of the awards in 2024 after a Congressional recommendation in the 2022 defense bill — itself a reflection of efforts by some lawmakers to rescind the awards for those who participated in the bloody massacre on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation near Wounded Knee Creek. While the events of that day are sometimes described as a battle, historical records show that the U.S. Army, which was in the midst of amid a campaign to repress the tribes in the area, killed an estimated 250 Native Americans, including women and children, of the Lakota Sioux tribe, while attempting to disarm Native American fighters who had already surrendered at their camp.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/wounded-knee-hegseth-soldiers-medal-of-honor-180000000	Hegseth, Wounded Knee, Medals of Honor, military	20250926woundedknee
Osoff, Warnock want information on immigration detention deaths : NPR	Politics / Oversight	Georgia's Democratic senators are asking Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem to provide more information on recent deaths in immigration detention centers, including the conditions of detainees.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923raccollezione	Immigration, Detl	20250923immigrationdeaths
US border patrol collected DNA from thousands of US citizens for years, data shows Technology The Guardian	Politics / Oversight	The 25-year-old is one of about 2,000 US citizens whose DNA was collected between 2020 and 2024 by the Department of Homeland Security and shared with the FBI, researchers from Georgetown's Center on Privacy and Technology found in an analysis of recently released data from US Customs and Border Protection (CBP). CBP officers took genetic material from some citizens as young as 14, according to the report.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250924googlecongress	Border Patrol, DNA, Privacy	20250923dnacollection
Google Admits to Censor the Biden Administration 'Pressed' YouTube to Censor COVID 'Misinformation'	Politics / Oversight	Google admitted President Joe Biden's administration "pressed" the tech giant and YouTube to censor content the administration felt was COVID-19 "misinformation." Now, YouTube and Google are calling for conservative voices to "rejoin" if they were booted for violating now-scrapped rules on what users could say about COVID-19 and election integrity.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/hagseth-accuses-lawmakers-face-jury-180000000	Google, YouTube, Biden, COVID, Censorship	20250924googlecongress
Johnson and Thune's new dilemma: A GOP fight over abortion	Politics / Reproductive Rights	Revelous leaders on Capitol Hill were already looking at a messy political battle over the looming expiration of billions of dollars in Obamacare subsidies. Then the anti-abortion advocates showed up. But now prominent anti-abortion groups are wading into the debate, pounding the halls of Congress to make their case that the enhanced tax credits for ACA insurance premiums function as an indirect subsidy for services designed to end pregnancies. The argument could make conservative Republicans who already loathed the policy dig in further against greenlighting an extension.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922bondbondpressure	Trump, Bondl, Scl	20250922bondbondpressure
Congress locked in game of shutdown chicken as funding deadline nears	Politics / Shutdown	It's setting the stage for a major internal GOP power struggle that could pit hard-liners against moderates in more competitive districts, while also complicating the ability of Speaker Mike Johnson and Senate Majority Leader John Thune to allow a bipartisan deal to go through.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250923shutdowchicken	Congress, Shudl	20250923shutdowchicken
Trump's pressure on Bondi represents 'path to a dictatorship': Schumer	Politics / Trump	Congress is cruising at a steady clip toward a government shutdown at the end of the month, with both parties — and both chambers — pointing fingers at the other while refusing to blink. Lawmakers from both chambers are in their home states this week after the House passed a GOP-crafted government funding bill that was swiftly rejected by the Senate, along with a competing proposal to keep the government open. Senators aren't expected to return until Sept. 25, and House lawmakers not until October.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922bondbondpressure	Trump, Bondl, Scl	20250922bondbondpressure
Charlie Kirk memorial: Trump says he 'hates' his opponents at event attended by tens of thousands	Politics / Trump	Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) argued on CNN's "State of the Union" Sunday that Trump is turning the DOJ "into an instrument that goes after his enemies, whether they're guilty or not" and "that helps his friends."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922gabdrogue	Trump, Tuli Gabl	20250922gabdrogue
Trump Aides Fume After Tuli Gabard Goes Totally Rogue With Online Post	Politics / Trump	Schumer warned: "This is the path to a dictatorship."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922gabdrogue	Trump, politics, a 20250922trumpfine	20250922trumpfine
Trump Might Be Losing His Race Against Time	Politics / Trump	"He did not hate his opponents, he wanted the best for them," Trump said, before breaking from his prepared remarks to add: "That's where I disagreed with Charlie. I hate my opponents, and I don't want the best for them, I'm sorry."	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/utah-redistricting-fight-180000000	Utah, redistricting, voting rights	20250925utahmap
Utah's tense redistricting fight didn't start with Trump	Politics / Voting Rights	The president's aides are claiming the 44-year-old blindsided them when she publicly stripped 37 current and former officials of their security clearances last month, the Guardian reported.	https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/trump-administration-sues-jocelyn-benson-180000000	Trump, Jocelyn Benson, voter data, lawsuit	20250926voterdata
Trump administration sues Jocelyn Benson, Michigan for not turning over voter data	Politics / Voting Rights	Autocannas are headed by one man but require the cooperation of many others. Some collaborators may sincerely share the autocannas' goals, but opportunists provide a crucial margin of support. In the United States, such people now have to make a difficult calculation: Do the present benefits of submitting to Trump's will outweigh the future hazards?	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922gabdrogue	prairie dogs, plag	20250922prairiedogs
Saving Utah prairie dogs from the Black Death with peanut butter and flea meds KUER	Science / Environment	As Bondi makes her daily decisions about whether to abuse her powers to please Trump, she has to begin with one big political assessment: Will Trump ultimately retain the power to reward and punish her? It's not just about keeping her present job. On the one hand, people in Trump's favor can make a lot of money from their proximity to power. On the other, Richard Nixon's attorney general, John Mitchell, served 19 months in prison for his crimes during Watergate. If Trump's hold on power loosens, Bondi could share Mitchell's fate.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922gabdrogue	AI, Law, Regulat	20250922aiaworkshop
California lawyer's ChatGPT use is why courts want AI regulation	Tech / AI	Unlike other Republican-led states redistricting this year, Utah's new map is expected to give Democrats more of a chance at winning at least one of the state's four congressional districts, which could help Democrats in the race to control the U.S. House. State lawmakers were ordered to draw the new districts after a Utah judge ruled they had acted unconstitutionally in creating the map used in 2022.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922gabdrogue	AI, Cognition, Abt	20250908aiabrain
AI 'workshop' is crushing workplace efficiency, study finds	Tech / AI	The Legislature's Republican supermajority has made it clear they are not happy they had to go back to the drawing board and are complying under protest. The map must be approved by lawmakers and the court by Nov. 10 to be used in the 2026 midterms, according to Lt. Gov. Deirdre Henderson's office.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922gabdrogue	AI, Workplace, El	20250924aiworkshop
How AI slop is clogging your brain : It's Been A Minute : NPR	Tech / AI	The team is trying to capture prairie dogs in peanut butter-baited live traps to give them a check-up. The same thing has happened in prairie dog towns nationwide over the last few decades. So, scientists want to see if the medicine can prevent it by killing the insect carriers.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922gabdrogue	AI, Nvidia, OpenAI, economy	20250925aispend
OpenAI and Nvidia's AI spending spree — a risky bet?	Tech / Economy	In the Middle Ages, the bacterial disease that causes the plague spread through flea-bitten rodents. The same thing has happened in prairie dog towns nationwide over the last few decades. So, scientists want to see if the medicine can prevent it by killing the insect carriers.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250922gabdrogue	TikTok, Tech Policy, Restrictions	20250924tiktokfate

Security from what? The unanswered questions about how Trump's TikTok deal will work	Tech / Policy	One, this new American joint venture needs to decide how it will be organized. Two, it has to show how it will overcome sizable technical challenges. These, it has to make a physical Congress. And on top of that, China has to offer its final approval at a time when TikTok is likely to remain an ongoing topic in trade talks.	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/security-from-what-the-unanswered-25-sep-2025.html	Sept 25, 2025	Trump, TikTok, security	20250925tiktokdeal
United Airlines briefly grounds all flights across U.S. and Canada	Transportation / Economy	All United Airlines flights departing in the U.S. and Canada were briefly suspended Tuesday night, as the airline asked the Federal Aviation Administration to issue a ground stop over an unspecified technological issue. United, which grounded its flights for about half an hour, said it had "experienced a brief connectivity issue just before midnight Central time on Tuesday, but has since resumed normal operations".	https://www.yahoo.com/news/airlines/united-airlines-briefly-grounds-25-sep-2025.html	Sept 25, 2025	United Airlines, flights, travel	20250925unitedgrounds
Dallas ICE shooting: Top Trump officials slam anti-opp rhetoric without motive	Violence / Law Enforcement	The rush to point fingers before local police confirmed a motive or the identity of the victims mirrors the rush to assign blame following Charlie Kirk's death, and reflects the fears of rising political violence in the U.S.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/24/dallas-ice-shooting-blame-demonstrators-25-sep-2025	Sept 24, 2025	ICE, Dallas, shooting, Trump admin	20250925iceshooting
Dallas ICE facility shooting being investigated as a "targeted" act, FBI says	Violence / Law Enforcement	The FBI is investigating Wednesday morning's shooting at a Dallas Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility as "targeted violence" potentially driven by ideology based on early evidence.	https://www.axios.com/2025/09/24/dallas-ice-facility-targeted-fbi-25-sep-2025	Sept 24, 2025	ICE, Dallas, FBI, targeted attack	20250925targetedice
Fat Bear Week 2025 gets an early start due to big salmon run : NPR	Weird world	In the immediate aftermath of the shooting, top Trump administration officials and MAGA-world personalities blamed the shooting on anti-law enforcement rhetoric, with some more directly blaming Democrats, despite a motive having not yet been named.	https://npr.org/2025/09/25/fatbear/	2025-09-22	Fat Bear Week, Fat Bear Week, Fat Bear Week	20250922fatbear
Earlybirds Club is a dance party from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., started by two friends. : NPR	Weird world	Fat Bear Week, when people get to pick their favorite Alaskan brown bear basking up for hibernation, is coming early this year. The annual online competition that normally starts in early October will instead start on Sept. 23. Katmai National Park and Preserve officials say the bears are magnificently plump ahead of the tournament.	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/25/earlybirds-club/	2025-09-22	dance party, Mes 20250922earlybirdsclub	20250922earlybirdsclub
Massive monster: See the longest snake caught in the 2025 Florida Python Challenge	Weird World	"This year's salmon run was extraordinary, with salmon numbers surpassing anything seen in recent memory," Matt Johnson, the park's interpretation program manager, told NPR via email. "As a result, the brown bears of Katmai are well-nourished and looking for other things to do besides scrapping with each other for food."	https://www.npr.org/2025/09/25/florida-python/	2025-09-23	snake party, Mes 20250923floridapython	20250923floridapython
Scientists uncover new dinosaur from Argentina with powerful claws AP News	Weird World	It's officially fall in the Northern Hemisphere, which means bright, beautiful foliage isn't far behind. That honor belongs to Michael Maroukay. He was competing in the Novice category and a python he caught was officially measured 15 feet, 11 inches. For the accomplishment, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission awarded Maroukay with \$1,000.	https://www.fox.com/2025/09/25/florida-python/	2025-09-23	Florida, Snake, P 20250923floridaspine	20250923floridaspine
Love pumpkin spice lattes? Learn some of its spicy history : NPR	Weird world	Scientists have discovered a new dinosaur from Argentina with powerful claws, feasting on an ancient crocodile bone.	https://www.fox.com/2025/09/25/florida-python/	2025-09-23	Dinosaur, Argentina, Science	20250923argentinadino
Assistant teacher arrested after being accused of repeatedly using poop-smelling spray to stink up school The Independent	Weird World	According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the earliest evidence for "spicy" is from 1562, in the writings of William Turner, a naturalist and religious controversialist.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	Pumpkin Spice, 20250924pumpkinspice	20250924pumpkinspice
Delivery driver foils Texas hostage situation after alerting police to alarming order details Texas The Guardian	Weird World	Alexander Paul Roberts Lewis, 32, had purchased the pungent liquid, which is designed to smell like fecal matter, online, according to local authorities.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	Weird, School, Crime	20250924teacherspray
Boy, 13, Survives 620-Mile Flight While Hiding in an Aircraft's Landing Gear	Weird World	Students at West Florence High School, around 80 miles east of the state capital, Columbia, had been complaining about a bizarre odor since August 25, with many reporting that it was making them feel unwell.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	Texas, Hostage, Crime	20250924texashostage
Polar bears take over abandoned research station in Russia	Weird World	A 13-year-old boy survived an entire flight while hiding in the landing gear of an airplane traveling from Afghanistan to India.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	Airplane, Survival, Weird	20250924airplanegear
Aggressive squirrel seeking food sends at least two people to ER in California	Weird World	History is full of countless predictions like this, none of them fulfilled thus far. For whatever reason, some of these have captured the public imagination in a major way. In one famous example, the Baptist lay preacher William Miller declared that by his scriptural calculations, the Second Advent of Christ would occur at some point in 1843 or 1844 — a belief that exploded in popularity across the U.S. as those years drew near. The Millerites, as Miller's followers came to be called, were inevitably dismayed when the window came and went without biblical incident, a collective reaction known as the Great Disappointment.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Merriam-Webster overhauls 'Collegiate' dictionary with over 6,000 new words	Weird World	A group of polar bears that have taken over an abandoned polar research station of Russia's far eastern coast have been initially captured in drone footage by Russian traveler and photographer Vadim Malchov.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Terrorifying moment cruise passenger gets stuck dangling in waterside hanging over the ocean	Weird World	Residents of a San Francisco Bay Area city are on the lookout for an aggressive squirrel that has sent at least two people to the emergency room for medical treatment.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
National Coffee Day: Uniquely popular coffee creamers by state	Weird World	Word went red! Merriam-Webster announced Thursday it has taken the rare step of fully reviving and reimaging one of its most popular dictionaries with a fresh edition that adds over 5,000 new reimagined "helpful" "helpful" "helpful" and "ghost" words.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
'We were obedient our entire lives': the nuns who broke back into their convent	Weird World	The shocking moment a cruise ship passenger gets stuck in a waterside overhanging the water has been captured on video, and it's filling claustrophobes — and poor swimmers — with cold sweat.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
This 'poorly drawn pets' fundraiser exceeded expectations — and these drawings show why LAist	Weird World / Fundraising	New iTunes test for determining where someone lives: Does coconut coffee creamer sound good or gross?	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Venice police fine parents of children who played football in public square Italy The Guardian	Weird World / Law	Sisters Bernadette, 88, Regina, 86, and Rita, almost 82, are still recovering from the shock of having run away on 4 September from a nearby retirement home where they had been placed — they say against their will — and broken back into their former convent, the imposing Schloss Golden, in Disibodenberg, just outside Salsburg.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Rome's airport opens dog hotel with pampering services AP News	Weird World / Travel	Owners across the country submitted photos of their cats, dogs, birds, turtles, hamsters and horses on Facebook with a small donation to be turned into works of art by a team of shelter staff and volunteers.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Death toll climbs to 40 after stampede at political rally in southern India	Global / Disasters	Prasanna Humane assured people they're a lot better at caring for animals than they are at drawing them. Some of the animals were done by extremely talented artists. The others ... tried their best.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Trump seeks expedited Supreme Court review of birthright citizenship executive order	Courts / Immigration	Italy might be a football-loving country but that did not stop police in Venice from pursuing a group of unlikely targets: 14 children who fell foul for playing the game in a public square, leading to fines presented to their parents, in a move that has sparked a debate about the rights of young people to play outdoors.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Arizona flooding kills 4, causes 1,000 propane tanks to wash away in hazard concern	Climate / Disasters	The children, aged between 12 and 13, were playing football earlier this month in Pino Signoretto square in Murano, an island of about 4,500 inhabitants in the Venetian lagoon, when a resident, annoyed by the noise they were making, reported them to the police.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Climate change results in rare hybrid bird between green jay and blue jay: Study	Climate / Science	Basic rooms at the dog hotel cost about 640 (\$47) and feature temperature-controlled floors and private gardens. More timid or solitary dogs can be placed in kennels at the edge of the facility, where they interact with staff rather than other dogs in the common grassy park. At night, ambient music that has a frequency with a low, soft tone — 432 hertz — designed for relaxation is piped in through the room's speakers.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
The Taliban release a US citizen from Afghan prison	Global / Diplomacy	The death toll following a stampede at a political rally for a popular Indian actor and politician in the southern state of Tamil Nadu has climbed to 40, the state's health minister said Sunday, as medics treated at least 124 injured in hospitals.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
States struggle with AI therapy app rules amid mental health needs	Tech / Regulation	President Donald Trump praised the U.S. Supreme Court in June for a "monumental victory" when it rolled back nationwide injunctions against his executive order attempting to end birthright citizenship.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Former World War II weapons dump provides a home for sea life	Environment	In filings, reviewed by ABC News Sunday but not yet on the Supreme Court's public docket, Solicitor General John Seuer urges the justices to give expedited consideration to Trump's appeal and a decision by next summer.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
At's energy demand draws investment firms to local utilities	Tech / Energy	At least four people have been confirmed dead and two remain unaccounted for amid intense flooding in parts of Arizona, local officials said Saturday.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Housing still a problem for many people hoping to attend UN climate talks in Brazil	Climate / COP30	The flooding caused about 1,000 propane tanks to wash away from a distribution facility, creating a serious hazard concern in the area of downtown Globe, Arizona, according to Globe County Emergency Management.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Guinea sets Dec. 28 for presidential election	Global / Elections	Warning: temperatures have prompted a rare hybridization of a blue jay and green jay, according to researchers at the University of Texas who studied the striking bird's genealogy.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Iran hangs alleged spy for Israel in wave of executions	Global / Human Rights	Once researchers got in contact with the homeowner, they were able to catch the bird and take blood samples for genetic work. Before Stokes saw the bird in person, he thought it could be an "odd" genetic mutation of a blue jay.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Māori-named kārearea crowned bird of the year in New Zealand poll	Weird World	But once the genome sequencing was complete, it was clear that the bird's parents were from two different species.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture
Lufthansa to cut 4,000 jobs by 2030	Economy / Labor	The Taliban on Sunday freed a U.S. citizen from an Afghan prison, weeks after they said they had reached an agreement with U.S. envoys on a prisoner exchange as part of an effort to normalize relations.	https://www.rptv.com/2025/09/25/teacher-spray/	2025-09-24	TikTok, Religion, Rapture, Weird	20250924tiktokrapture

Why taping your mouth shut for better sleep is a nightmare of an idea	Health / Wellness	"The studies behind mouth tape are small, the benefits are modest and the potential risks are there," said Dr. Kimberly Huthhorn, a neurologist and sleep medicine expert at Oregon Health & Science University. Some of those risks include making sleep disorders like sleep apnea worse, or even causing suffocation.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929mouhtaping		
Ex-superintendents urge closing national parks in case of shutdown	Politics / Shutdown	A group of former national park superintendents is calling on the Trump administration to close the parks to visitors in case of a government shutdown. A shutdown now could be even worse as parks are already under strain from a 24% reduction in staff and severe budget cuts, the former park officials said in their letter Thursday. A Secretarial order by Burgum directing parks to remain open has led parks to neglect trash collection and other routine maintenance work, the ex-officials said.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929parksshutdown	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929parksshutdown	2025-09-29 sleep, wellness, r 20250929mouhtaping
Government shutdown draws closer as congressional leaders head to White House	Politics / Shutdown	Democratic and Republican congressional leaders are heading to the White House for a meeting with President Donald Trump on Monday in a late effort to avoid a government shutdown, but both sides have shown hardly any willingness to budge from their entrenched positions.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 shutdown, nation 20250929parksdclosure
Hurricane Humberto and Tropical Storm Imelda threaten Bermuda and Bahamas	Climate / Disasters	Imelda had maximum sustained winds of 50 mph (85 kph) and was moving north at 9 mph (15 kph). It was forecast to become a hurricane on Tuesday and spin out to open ocean, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. A tropical storm warning was in effect for parts of the northwestern Bahamas, including Eleuthera, the Abaco, Grand Bahama Island and the surrounding keys. Power outages were reported in some areas, with authorities closing government offices on affected islands.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 Trump, shutdown 20250929shutdowndraft
Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in Ukraine runs on emergency generators for fifth day	Global / War	Ukraine's Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant entered its fifth day running on emergency generators Saturday, prompting mounting safety concerns.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 Humberto, Imeld 20250929humbertoimelda
Trump deploys National Guard to Portland, Oregon, while federal agents patrol Chicago, in photos	Authoritarianism / Protest	President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, meanwhile, announced a \$90 billion arms agreement with the United States and criticized Hungary for carrying out "dangerous" intelligence-gathering drone activities over Ukraine.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 Ukraine, Russia, 20250929zaporizhzhia
City of Atlanta and Hartsfield-Jackson Airport Lose \$37M From Trump Administration for DEI Policies	Politics / DEI	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport has forfeited more than \$37 million in federal grant funding after city officials declined to accept updated requirements tied to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 Trump, Portland, 20250929deploymentphotos
Americans have more money in stocks than ever before. Economists say that's a bright red flag	Economy / Markets	Americans have more money in stocks than ever before. But while the market's climb may be inflating their accounts, they are more exposed than ever to a potential market slump.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 Atlanta, airport, C 20250929atlairportdei
Under Trump, US cedes its share of China's beef market to Australia	Economy / Trade	The record-high stock ownership raises red flags about whether a market downturn could hit Americans' personal finances — especially in an economy with an increasingly fragile labor market and stubborn inflation.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 stocks, economy 20250929stockbubble
Trump Troop Deployment in U.S. Climbs to 35,000 Boots on the Ground	Authoritarianism / Protest	Australian beef has replaced U.S. supply in China since President Donald Trump returned to the White House, funneling hundreds of millions of dollars that have in previous years gone to the U.S. cattle industry into Australian pockets.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 Trump, beef, Chi 20250929beefmarket
Trump Wants to Label Antifa a Terror Group, His Real Target Might Be Bigger.	Authoritarianism / Policy	U.S. shipments to China, worth around \$120 million a month, collapsed after Beijing in March allowed permits to expire at hundreds of American meat facilities and as Trump unleashed a tit-for-tat beef war.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 Trump, troop dep 20250929troopdeployment
Kimmel Agonize: Brendan Carr Is Trump Enforcer at FCC	Political Censorship	While there's no legal mechanism allowing the Trump administration to directly label a domestic terror group, experts warn that the Trump administration could still try to find creative ways to put American activists in court or under financial pressure by lying them to foreign groups.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 Trump, Antifa, ter 20250929antifalabel
DHS Aims to Deport Green Card Holder With Brain Tumor on Mystery Forgery Claim	Immigration / Human Rights	There is a kind of paradox. Because on the one hand, it is so vague that how could they make a law designating antifa as a terrorist organization? It's a broad policy, it's not a specific organization," Bray said. "On the other hand, the broadness and the lack of a concrete, overarching organization could allow the Trump administration or judges or prosecutors to label as antifa anyone on the left, particularly the radical left."	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportation 20250929greencarddeport
The Global Economy Has a Boomer Problem	Economy / Demographics	It's not hard to see the extraordinary depth of Carr's dedication to Trump: While many officials wear American flag pins on their lapels to show loyalty to the country, Carr has proudly posted photos of himself wearing a gold Trump ball.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, Carr 20250929ccenfencer
Trump directs troops to Portland with "full force" directive	Authoritarianism / Protest	The government's argument to deport Singh appears to be built on sloppy research. The Department of Homeland Security misclassified him, his lawyer argues, as "subject to removal," dug up his 25-year-old theft conviction, and, when an immigration judge found that Singh had done his time, pointed to a forgery case — which doesn't seem to exist.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
Trump's boldest claims on drugs, trade and deaths don't match reality	Politics / Fact Check	Even polle India is experiencing massive strikes and angry marches. Government approval rates are plummeting everywhere on the Continent. Europe is rich, yet no one can explain why German trains are not on time anymore, or why there is no way to avoid faces floating in Britain's rivers. America, after years of leading on tech and economic growth, is cutting itself off from global trade to protect manufacturing jobs few actually want to do. Restrictive zoning laws mean young workers are priced out of the housing market.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
Trump's government shutdown mass firings don't "have to happen," Thune says	Politics / Shutdown	But few dare to mention the elephant in the room: an unfair Gerontopia.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
Michigan church shooting: 2 dead, 8 injured, suspect named by police	Gun Violence / Domestic Terror	The indictment of former FBI Director James Comey has delivered President Trump and the MAGA movement their first real taste of legal retribution — and likely not their last.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
Tropical Storm Imelda to become hurricane off US East Coast, impact Carolinas	Climate / Disasters	At the request of Secretary of Homeland Security, Kristi Noem, I am directing Secretary of War, Pete Hegseth, to provide all necessary troops to protect War waged Portland, and any of our ICE facilities under siege from attack by Antifa, and other domestic terrorists, Trump said on Truth Social.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
3 titanic shifts hitting America at once	Analysis / Society	"I am also authorizing Full Force, if necessary." What they're saying: Portland Mayor Keith Wilson said in a news release responding to Trump's order on Saturday, "The number of necessary troops is zero, in Portland and any other American city."	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
Trump suggests ex-FBI chief Wray under DOJ investigation	Political Censorship	Some of Trump's sweeping boasts collapse under scrutiny, making it tricky for the public, business owners and world leaders to rely on the president's statements for accurate information.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
Smart Dust is Already Everywhere: Microscopic Spy Sensors Track Your Location While Tech Companies Hide The Surveillance Revolution Forever	Tech / Surveillance	Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) said that the White House's threatened firings if a government shutdown proceeds don't "have to happen" if Democrats sign onto a GOP plan to keep the government open.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
The super-polluters on your doorstep: New interactive map shows just how pollution is blanketing your city	Environment / Climate	"Schumer, also appearing on NBC, shrugged off the threat of shedding more workers, saying, "They're doing it anyway."	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
Elon Musk labels the ADL a hate group after Turning Point USA is named as an extremist group	Fuck That Guy	He continued, "There's no shutdown, they're laying off all these people." By the end of the year, some 300,000 federal workers will have left their posts, either through voluntary or forced departures. Office of Personnel Management Director Scott Kuper predicted to multiple outlets last month.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		At least 10 people were shot, and four killed, after a shooting and fire at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Grand Blanc, Michigan, authorities confirmed Sunday.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		Grand Blanc Township Police Chief William Renye said at a midday news conference that he expects more victims to be found at the scene, but couldn't say if they expected their injuries to be from the shooting, the fire, or both.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		Tropical Storm Imelda formed Sunday, joining the monster Hurricane Humberto in the Atlantic, and forecasters issued 15 daily firing heavy rains to the Carolinas.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		A growing number of Democratic officials are embracing tough-on-crime strategies in ways not seen since the 1990s, seeking to counter President Trump's focus on high violent crime rates in Democrat-led cities.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		From New Jersey to New Mexico, Democrats are calling for more police officers, tougher bail guidelines for repeat offenders, fewer early releases from jails and prisons, and more patrols in targeted areas.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		They want more action against crime in America's subway systems, on Native American reservations — and in rural communities, where Black and Latino residents are feeling the brunt of violent crime.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		These Democrats' ideas are alarming some progressives, who in recent years embraced police reforms (including increased spending on police-backed community programs), and who note that crime rates across the nation are at or near historic lows.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		Farmers will need government relief this year after the trade war choked off access to key markets, Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) said Sunday.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		"There are markets right now that aren't open to some of our commodities," Thune said on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday. "As a consequence of that, there are — we've got a big harvest coming in here in South Dakota, corn and soybeans, and no place to go with it."	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		Three times tectonic plates are shifting at once: our technology, our governing and our reality-shaping. Washington, D.C. is the epicenter of all three.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		1. A once-in-a-century shift in politics and governance. President Trump reinvented, in substantial and lasting ways, the Republican Party ... then American politics ... then American governance. We just waltz about 15 ways Trump is stretching the imperial presidency to unprecedented lengths. That's but a small sampling of how he reordered politics, top to bottom.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		2. A once-in-a-generation shift in how our realities are formed. Stop thinking about news as a way to understand the world. Instead, look in on the ways information inputs — the shards of glass — shape our individual realities. The very act of writing about individual-based realities would have seemed nonsensical a decade ago. Today, it's not even debatable.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		3. A once-in-a-generation (and maybe lifetime) technology shift. AI has the promise (and high likelihood) of upending society at a scale greater than the internet, and possibly as profoundly as fire or electricity. We've explained in great detail our obsession with AI, and our reporting on the good, bad and very ugly that might unfold.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		Three days after another Trump foe and former FBI Director James Comey was indicted, the president during an interview with NBC accused Wray of "inappropriate" behavior and said he "would think" that the DOJ is investigating him.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		The concept of "smart dust" might sound like something from a science fiction tale, but it's gradually becoming an integral part of modern technology. Originating as a theoretical proposal for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), smart dust has evolved into a promising tool for various industries. From environmental monitoring to intelligence gathering, these microscopic sensors offer a wide range of applications. As they continue to develop, the potential to revolutionize data collection and interaction with our environments becomes increasingly apparent. This article delves into the origins, current developments, and future implications of smart dust technology.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		The groundbreaking interactive map, launched this week, allows residents of cities around the world to track their exposure to dangerous air pollution and pinpoint their area's biggest offenders.	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport
		Elon Musk has branded the Anti-Defamation League, a legal group founded to combat antisemitism, as a "hate group."	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	https://tln.tiny.us/2025/0929shutdowndraft	2025-09-29 DHS, deportatio 20250929greencarddeport

'I do not work for you': MTG speaks out on growing rift with Trump's White House over Epstein files	Politics / GOP Infighting	"I told them, 'You didn't get me elected. I do not work for you. I work for my district,'" the Georgia Republican representative recently told The New York Times. The right-wing representative says she called a top West Wing aide to push back against that threat, telling the Times, "We aren't supposed to just be whipping on our votes because they're letting us do all this with this scary threat or saying, 'Well, primary you, or that we won't get invited to the White House events.'"	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/mtgspeaksout	https://www.indie	2025-09-29	MTG, Trump, Epr 2025/09/29mtgspeaksout
	Political Cesspool	Residents of Portland, Oregon, have mocked Donald Trump's description of the city as "War raged": by posting pictures online of their wholesome and peaceful weekends.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/portlandmock	https://www.indie	2025-09-29	Portland, Trump, 2025/09/29portlandmock
Trump to attend Hegseth's "warrior ethos" speech dragging generals in from around the globe: report	Political Cesspool	Donald Trump will attend a speech given by his Secretary of War "Pat" Hegseth this week to the nation's top brass, who are flying in from all over the world to hear the former Fox host talk critically about the military's mentality.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/hegsethspeech	https://www.indie	2025-09-29	Trump, Hegseth, 2025/09/29hegsethspeech
Trump demanded federal Troops go to Portland to protect ICE facility. Arrests outside it have been dropping for months	Authoritarianism / Protest	President Donald Trump has demanded that federal troops be deployed to Portland, Oregon, to protect immigration facilities from protesters — even though the number of arrests outside the facility has been dropping now for months.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/icearrests	https://www.indie	2025-09-29	Trump, ICE, Port 2025/09/29icearrests
JD Vance says 'certainly gonna be more indictments' coming against Trump enemies over rest of president's term	Political Cesspool	Vice President JD Vance has promised that more political retribution against Donald Trump's enemies is coming.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/vanceindictments	https://www.indie	2025-09-29	JD Vance, Trump 2025/09/29vanceindictments
Record-breaking donkey stands at an enormous 167cm tall	Weird World	MacCaullum noted that one of the targets of Trump's intended retribution was Adam Schiff, a Democratic senator from California, whose reason for incurring Trump's ire stems from his participation in the first impeachment of the president in 2020, when he served as an impeachment manager.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/167cmindonkey	https://www.indie	2025-09-29	donkey, world rec 2025/09/29167cmindonkey
Brazilian skater breaks world record with drop down 22-storey ramp	Weird World	Rastodie Donkey Sanctuary resident Dynamic Derrick (aka Derrick) measured 167 cm (5 ft 5 in), verified on 24 February. His stablemate, Bambou, was confirmed to have the longest ears on a living donkey at 35cm (1ft 1in) on the same date.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/brazilianskater	https://www.indie	2025-09-29	skater, brazil 2025/09/29brazilianskater
Even as Trump puts immigration first, DACA remains uncertain	Immigration	The 55-year-old skater dropped in from the Centro Administrativo Fernando Ferrari building in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on Thursday (25 September), breaking the record for the tallest drop into a temporary quarter pipe and the fastest speed on a temporary quarter pipe.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/dacacertain	https://www.indie	2025-09-29	Trump, DACA, in 2025/09/29dacacertain
Maine's food pantries stare down volunteer shortage while anticipating cuts	Economy / Inequality	Congressional Republicans are waiting on President Trump to signal he is ready to negotiate a permanent solution for recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/mainepantries	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	Maine, food insee 2025/09/29mainepantries
Suspect held in waterfront bar shooting that left 3 dead in North Carolina	Gun Violence	As Trump expands the reach of his mass deportation effort bolstered by record funding from Congress, immigration advocates and Democrats are raising concern that those on DACA may get caught in the crosshairs. Nearly 23 DACA recipients have been detained by immigration officials this year, according to the immigrant rights group Home is Here. But Republican lawmakers open to a similar offer, deferring to the executive branch to broker a deal.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/ncbarshooting	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	North Carolina, s 2025/09/29ncbarshooting
Jumping spiders make the leap from pest to pet	Weird World	Maine has long been one of the most food insecure states in New England. Directors of food pantries say the task of making sure people are fed is getting harder because of diminishing food supplies, increasing demand and an overwhelming reliance on volunteers, many of whom are retirees with ages up into their 80s.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/spiderpets	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	jumping spiders, 2025/09/29spiderpets
Grape glut: Too much wine across the world leaves tons of US grapes rotting this crush season	Economy / Agriculture	Those spiders were the gateway bugs into the booming community of jumping spider pet owners. And thanks to social media videos of their head-bobbing, leg wagging antics, these web-stingers are in high demand.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/grapeglut	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	agriculture, wine, 2025/09/29grapeglut
'I'm From Here': U.S. Citizens Are Ending Up In Trump's Detainment	Immigration / Human Rights	These could-be pests have made the leap to hugely popular pets, particularly with women, sellers say, noting some women get interested as they try to overcome their fear of spiders, while others are simply enchanted by their unexpected cuteness. As a result, breeders are being flooded with requests online as videos rack up millions of views.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/iamfromhere	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	immigration, U.S. 2025/09/29iamfromhere
Energy Dept. adds 'climate change' and 'emissions' to banned words list	Political Cesspool	But with the world wine market sluggish the last few years, many in the U.S. industry say they're so backed up to grow old wine that they're dropping grapes to the ground or not harvesting them at all. Some say it's the worst year the wine industry has seen in decades.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/energydept	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	DOE, climate ch 2025/09/29doebannedwords
How the FBI's Andrew Bailey Helped Lead Missouri Into the Culture Wars	Politics / Culture Wars	While many of those detained have immediately declared their U.S. citizenship to officers, they have routinely been ignored, according to interviews with the men, their lawyers and court documents. In some cases they have been handcuffed, kept in holding cells and immigration facilities overnight, and in at least two cases held without access to a lawyer or even a phone call.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/baileyculture	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	Missouri, Andrew 2025/09/29baileyculture
Georgia's Medicaid Work Requirement Program Spent Twice as Much on Administrative Costs as on Health Care, GAO Says	Health / Policy	How many U.S. citizens have been swept up in the Trump administration's immigration sweeps is difficult to say. No comprehensive log of such encounters is available from the federal government, and immigration agents are not required to document stops of citizens.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/georgiamedicaid	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	Georgia, Medical 2025/09/29georgiamedicaid
Gun Industry Group Violated Firearm Owners' Rights, Lawsuit Alleges	Courts / Gun Policy	The Energy Department has added "climate change," "green" and "decarbonization" to its growing list of words to avoid at its Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, according to an email leaked and obtained by POLITICO.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/gunindustry	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	gun rights, lawsu 2025/09/29gunlawsuit
Doctors tested a common drug on COVID. The results are stunning	Health / COVID	The legal skirmish was the kind of publicity-getting move that defined Bailey's two years and eight months as Missouri's attorney general before his surprise selection last month by President Donald Trump as a co-deputy director of the FBI, according to experts who study the work of attorneys general.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/coviddrug	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	COVID, drug test 2025/09/29coviddrug
The best ways to stay on top of mental health this winter, according to GPs	Health / Wellness	As Missouri's top law enforcement officer, Bailey repeatedly waded into fights over diversity, gender, abortion and other hot-button issues, while casting conservatives and Christians as under siege by the "woke" left.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/mentalhealth	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	mental health, wi 2025/09/29mentalhealthtips
Pfizer sued in US over contraceptive that women say caused brain tumours	Health / Lawsuits	Some effects, like his letter to the Hazelwood School District, amounted to little more than a press release. Others ended in defeat, with judges calling his arguments unpersuasive or "absurd" or, in one case, dismissing them without comment. One lawsuit, against China, ended in a judgment against the country that experts said will likely never be enforced.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/pfizerlawsuit	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	Pfizer, lawsu, ct 2025/09/29pfizerlawsuit
Trump fires US attorney who told border agents to follow law on immigration raids	Immigration / Law	Most of the tax dollars used to launch and implement the nation's only Medicaid work requirement program have gone toward paying administrative costs rather than covering health care for Georgians, according to a new report by the Government Accountability Office, the nonpartisan agency that monitors federal programs and spending.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/trumpfiresatt	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	Trump, immigrat 2025/09/29trumpfiresatt
Children left short of clean water and sleep amid 'prolonged' detention by ICE, watchdog groups allege	Immigration / Human Rights	Two major law firms accused the National Shooting Sports Foundation this week of violating the privacy rights of millions of gun owners by running a decades-long program that sent their information to political operatives without consent.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/icechildren	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	ICE, children, del 2025/09/29icedetention
Oregon sues to block 'illegal' deployment of 200 national guard troops to Portland	Authoritarianism / Protest	ProPhatica identified at least 10 gun industry businesses, including Clark, Smith & Wesson and Remington, that handed over hundreds of thousands of names and addresses, along with other private data, to the NSSF. The lobbying group then entered the details into what would become a massive database, which was used to rally gun owners' electoral support for the industry's preferred candidates running for the White House and Congress.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/oregonng	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	Oregon, Trump, f 2025/09/29oregonng
Trump to meet with US congressional leaders in last-ditch effort to avoid shutdown	Politics / Shutdown	Inhabited hepatitis significantly lowers the risk of death and ventilation in COVID-19 patients while also showing potential against other respiratory infections. With its unique triple-action benefits, it could serve as a powerful and accessible treatment worldwide.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/trumpcongress	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	Trump, shutdown 2025/09/29shutdowntalks
Ex-Trump lawyer says president using Comey indictment to conceal being 'criminal'	Political Cesspool	Unfortunately, we can't fast-forward to spring, but little changes can help bolster wellbeing and mental health. "There's so much talk about mental health, and diagnoses are really important, but what is under-talked about is the importance of the simple things," says Ward. "If somebody is getting outside, sleeping well, eating well, doing some exercise, moderating their alcohol and getting social interaction with other people, whether that's in the workplace, their personal life, or doing some volunteering, those things all have such a key role in keeping your mental health in a good place."	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/extrump	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	Trump, Comey, T 2025/09/29cobcomney
'Free speech for me, not for thee': how Trump's censorship blitz is spitting the right	Politics / Censorship	Don't hide indoors Watch your energy levels Don't completely sink into comfort food Keep an eye on booze intake Try not to be overwhelmed by family stress When to seek help	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/trumpcensorship	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	Trump, censorship 2025/09/29trumpcensorship
Far-right Facebook groups are engine of radicalisation in UK, data investigation suggests	Extremism / Social Media	The drugmaker Pfizer faces a US lawsuit brought on behalf of women who developed brain tumours, which they say are linked to their use of the company's contraceptive injection Depo-Provera.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/farright	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	far right, UK, Fac 2025/09/29ukfarright
Swiss voters back electronic identity cards in close vote	Global / Tech Policy	Children, including the very young, have been spending weeks or months in an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facility in a remote part of Texas where outside monitors have heard accounts of shortages of clean drinking water, chronic sleep-deprivation and kids struggling for hygiene supplies and prompt medical attention, as revealed in a stark new court filing.	https://tiny.tiny.us/2025/09/29/swissvote	https://www.rpt.c	2025-09-29	Switzerland, e-ID 2025/09/29swissidvote

US private prisons operator to be paid \$700m to hold 100 people on Nauru in quiet expansion of contract	Immigration / Detention	A US private prisons operator will receive \$157m a year to run Australia's offshore processing regime in Nauru – over 100 people – after the government quietly expanded its contract by more than \$350m to three-quarters-of-a-billion dollars.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/nauprison	https://www.thnqg	2025-09-29	Nauru, private pri	20250929nauprison
We tried Carnival's sunset ice cream. Some of us even liked it.	Weird World	"Right off the bat, it's a tsunami of coconut," wrote one taster. Another described "basted coconut omelet." Some deleted banners (and some didn't) but wished they did. Several of us noticed some tang – notes of lime or other citrus – while one didn't get tropical vibes at all.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/sunscreenicecream	https://www.west	2025-09-29	Carnival, ice crea	20250929sunscreenicecream
How Hurricane Humberto will pull Tropical Storm. Inside away from U.S.	Climate / Disasters	And what could have been a week of catastrophic flooding in the Southeast is now expected to be a few days of rain, big waves and rip currents from eastern Florida to southern Virginia, with adverse impacts expected to be localized rather than widespread.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/stormtrack	https://www.west	2025-09-29	Humberto, Imeld	20250929stormtrack
Born in the US? You might not be a citizen soon	Courts / Immigration	The Trump Administration asked the Supreme Court to reveal their decision on the 14th Amendment and birthright citizenship. If the Supreme Court rules against birthright citizenship, the automatic right to U.S. citizenship for children born on American soil would end.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/birthright	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Trump, birthright	20250929birthright
Camp Pendleton is an oasis from SoCal urban sprawl. Feds now consider unprecedented development	Environment / Development	Without birthright citizenship, children born to noncitizen parents could be denied citizenship at birth. They might instead have to go through naturalization processes later in life, potentially leaving them in legal limbo or limiting access to social services, healthcare, and even public education.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/camppendleton	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Camp Pendleton	20250929camppendleton
Clarence Thomas Gives Bonkers Reason for SCOTUS to Tear Up Settled Laws	Courts / SCOTUS	He reasoned that some precedents were simply "something somebody dreamt up and others went along with."	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/thomasbonkers	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Clarence Thomas	20250929thomasbonkers
The Cynical Truth About Trump's Latest Million Dollar Gift: Attorney	Political Cesspool	Donald Trump's system for handing out pardons "is the definition of corruption," according to the U. S. Pavilion Attorney he fired in March.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/trumpgift	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Trump, gift, fund	20250929trumpgift
Elon Musk and Prince Andrew named in new Epstein files	Fuck That Guy	"It was reported that pardon seekers are paying in many cases \$1 million or more for high-priced lawyers and lobbyists with connections to Donald Trump to try to get their applications to the front of the line," she continued. "This is creating really sort of a feeding frenzy around pardons. The pardon process has become a complete financial, transactional process, not something that is rooted in principles of law or justice."	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/muskandrew	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Musk, Prince Anr	20250929muskandrew
Generals and admirals scrambling to make plans to attend Hegseth's unusual meeting	Political Cesspool	In addition to Musk and Prince Andrew, the files released publicly also contain the names of other prominent figures including internet entrepreneur Peter Thiel and Steve Bannon, a former adviser to US President Donald Trump.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/hegsethmeeting	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Hegseth, military	20250929hegsethmeeting
Hegseth Mocked for Generals' Meet: 'Could've Been an Email'	Political Cesspool	The meeting is considered highly unusual for its size and timing, and for the fact that Hegseth has ordered his entire senior officer corps to Washington on short notice and without telling them the meeting's purpose, and it has raised alarms within the military and on Capitol Hill as a result.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/hegsethemail	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Hegseth, military	20250929hegsethemail
'Hell on earth': immigrants held in new California detention facility beg for help	Immigration / Human Rights	People with knowledge of plans for that event revealed to The Washington Post that the former Fox News personality intends to make a video of his brief address, which will focus on military standards and culture, and that he asked for top brass because "guys with the stars on their shoulders make for a better audience from an optics standpoint."	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/californiahell	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Immigration, Cali	20250929californiahell
'A hot mess': Florida open-carry gun ruling leads to chaos and confusion	Gun Violence / Law	"Definitely a meeting that could have been an email," one user wrote on Bluesky. "Caligula's putting on a little show," another added, in reference to the insane and brutally tyrannical Roman emperor of that name, which in Latin means "little boof" and refers to his childhood growing up on military campaigns.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/floridagunmess	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Florida, gun laws	20250929floridagunmess
How House Republicans plan to rewrite history of Jan. 6	Politics / Revisionism	Immigrants locked up in California's newest federal detention center have described the facility as a "torture chamber", "a zoo" and "hell on earth", saying they were confined in filthy cells and suffered medical crises without help.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/jan6rewrite	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Republicans, Jan	20250929jan6rewrite
ICE fires anti-crowd projectiles at Chicagoans aiming to shut down Trump's Midway Blitz	Authoritarianism / Protest	The detainees, who are fighting deportation, said they have struggled to access hygiene and cleaning supplies, and lack adequate food and medications, and that officers have threatened solitary confinement and physical force over minor issues or after they spoke up.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/icechicago	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	ICE, protest, Chi	20250929icechicago
Judge rules 'Pillow Guy' Mike Lindell defamed Smartmatic with false claims on voting machines	Courts / Defamation	But several of them also joined gun control activists to point out that the issue is not clear out. Other gun laws still on Florida's books prohibit weapons in a variety of places. They include schools, hospitals, courthouses, city and county commissions, and bars, while businesses and private property owners retain the right to ban anyone from their premises with a gun, concealed or otherwise.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/lindelldefamed	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Mike Lindell, Smi	20250929lindelldefamed
Keystone Kash Orders Friday Night Massacre of 'Woke' Agents	Political Cesspool	It's the latest sign that the deadly riot remains a wound on Congress that might never fully heal and ferocious partisan sparring. Retribution, not reconciliation, appears to be the prime motivation behind the new probe, with the Republicans behind it still bitter over the work of the panel's previous leader, which was largely led by Democrats and concluded President Donald Trump was primarily to blame for the violence inflicted by his supporters.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/kashpale	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Kash Patel, purg	20250929kashpale
Mormon church gunman was 'Marine' who supported Trump	Gun Violence / Extremism	Around 200 Chicago-area protesters rallying against immigration enforcement endured a barrage of chemical agents and projectiles fired by federal agents on Sept. 28 outside the site at the heart of President Donald Trump's crackdown.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/mormonshooter	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Mormon, shooter	20250929mormonshooter
NJ governor's race jolted after Sheriff's unredacted military records released	Elections / Scandal	MyPillow founder Mike Lindell defamed the election technology company Smartmatic with false statements that its voting machines helped rig the 2020 presidential election, a federal judge in Minnesota ruled Friday.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/njsheriffsrecords	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	New Jersey, govt	20250929njsheriffsrecords
Pam Bondi Claims 'Weaponization Has Ended' As She Lists Trump Opponents She Will Crush In Same Breath	Political Cesspool	But U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Bryan deferred until future proceedings the question of whether Lindell — one of the country's most prominent propagators of false claims that the 2020 election was a fraud — acted with the "actual malice" that Smartmatic still needs to prove to collect any damages.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/bondiweapons	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Pam Bondi, Trum	20250929bondiweapons
Six key questions about the dismantled network capable of crippling New York's cell system	National Security	FBI Director Kash Patel has fired agents who were photographed kneeling during a Black Lives Matter protest for George Floyd in 2020, the Associated Press reports.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/cellnetwork	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	New York, cyber	20250929cellnetwork
Trump's Bizarre Claim That 274 FBI Agents Were Planted 'Prior to' Jan. 6 Riot Gets Torpedoed By His Own FBI Director Kash Patel	Politics / Disinfo	Three people familiar with the matter confirmed the dismissals to the AP. Although they were unable to state the exact number of employees fired, two people said roughly 20 employees were fired. Several agents had previously been reassigned last spring.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/fbiagents	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Trump, FBI, Jan.	20250929fbiagents
Trump Posts and Deletes AI-Generated Fox News Report of Himself Touting Magic, Disease-Curing 'Medbeds'	Political Cesspool	The gunman who rammed his truck into a Mormon church and opened fire on worshippers was an Iraq war veteran who had previously shown support for Donald Trump.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/foxnewsgrab	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Trump, AI, medbo	20250929medbeds
Trump's moves to consolidate power, punish enemies draw comparisons to places where democracy faded	Authoritarianism / Democracy	New Jersey's closely-watched gubernatorial race was jolted Thursday after the National Archives blamed a technician's mistake for the release of Congressman and New Jersey gubernatorial candidate Mike Sherrill's unredacted military records.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/trumpdemocracypowergrab	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-29	Trump, democrac	20250929trumpdemocracypowergrab
Internet blackout hits Afghanistan	Global / Digital Crackdown	Sherill and some Democratic allies are calling for an investigation, saying the release was no mistake but an extension of President Donald Trump's effort to weaponize the federal government against his political opponents.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/29/afghanistanblackout	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-30	Afghanistan, Tali	20250930afghanistanblackout
Seattle bakers donate homemade bread to help fight hunger	Human Interest	Attorney General Pam Bondi told Fox News host Sean Hannity that "weaponization has ended" — in the same breath as she listed Trump opponents she intends to target for investigation and potential prosecution.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/30/seattlebread	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-30	Seattle, bakers	20250930seattlebread
'I think we're headed to a shutdown': What a government stoppage could look like	Politics / Shutdown Standoff	What we are witnessing is a blend of hostile actors with different groups using the same system for their own ends. On one side, you have organized crime groups and their fraud syndicates that monetize scale through phishing, account takeovers, bank payment fraud, and spam. For them, a "sift farm" is infrastructure, one that is cheap to run and efficient for moving money or making activity. Then there are the criminal "service providers" and resellers, the middlemen who build the boxes, lease still points, and sell anonymously to anyone willing to pay. Transnational organized crime with both financial and tactical goals may also use these systems to run command-and-control and move communications across borders. Finally, nation-state actors or proxies who piggyback on the same infrastructure for espionage or influence operations. Leveraging the network for covert communications, always keeping plausible deniability.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/30/shutdownlook	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-30	shutdown, govt	20250930shutdownlook
FOMO? We take you inside the sold-out Cake Picnic in Santa Monica	Weird World	But Trump claims that the FBI agents were in the crowd "prior to" the riot was contradicted by current FBI Director Kash Patel. The director made a comment to Fox News Digital on Saturday night for a piece authored by Brie Simson.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/30/santamonica	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-30	Santa Monica, ca	20250930santamonica
Democratic anger erupts over proposed shutdown fix: 'Open mutiny'	Politics / Shutdown Standoff	"While the agents were on hand, they were sent in after the riot had begun to try to control the unruly crowd," officials told Fox News Digital. That is not the proper role of FBI agents, and they was not forthcoming about what happened when he testified numerous times on Capitol Hill, Director Kash Patel said.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/30/democracymutiny	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-30	government shut	20250930democracymutiny
Netanyahu endorses Trump plan to end Gaza war	Global / Middle East	"Agents were sent into a crowd control mission after the riot was declared by Metro Police — something that goes against FBI standards," Patel told Fox News Digital.	https://thn.tiny.us/2025/09/30/netanyahu	https://www.yahoo	2025-09-30	Netanyahu, Trum	20250930netanyahu

		Speaker Mike Johnson plans to keep his members out of Washington this week, with a simple request: No fundraisers. Johnson is convinced that House Republicans have the moral and tactical high ground in the negotiations over how to fund the government. But he doesn't want to give Democrats any reason to attack Republicans for having priorities other than averting a shutdown. That means no political events, as Johnson told lawmakers earlier Monday.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930nofundraising			
Mike Johnson's no-fundraiser rule for House GOP	Politics / Congress		https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Mike Johnson, R-Idaho, 20250930nofundraising	
Democrats turn up the heat on Mike Johnson over Epstein files vote delay	Politics / Accountability	House Democratic leadership is growing increasingly vocal in accusing Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) of refusing to swear in their newest member in order to delay a vote on releasing the Jeffrey Epstein files.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930epsteinfiles	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Mike Johnson, R-Idaho, 20250930epsteinfiles
Marshall sketches possible ACA subsidy compromise	Politics / Health Policy	Extending the subsidies is Democrats' top demand in exchange for avoiding — or ending — a government shutdown. GOP leadership has said now is not the time, but the matter will have to be decided on by year's end. "I would prefer for [the subsidies] to end like it was planned — that would be my first choice," Marshall (R-Kan.) told Axios on Monday in a sit-down interview. But at a minimum, he wants to return to an income cap of 400% of the poverty level, arguing that "50% to 60% of these enhanced premiums are going to people making over 400% of poverty level — that's \$120,000 for a family of four."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930acaassubidy	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	ACA, subsidies, 20250930acaassubidy
Social Security raise reveal may have to wait a government shutdown	Economy / Public Impact	The Bureau of Labor Statistics would stop operating in the event of a government shutdown — all active data collection would cease, the Department of Labor, which oversees the BLS, said Monday in a release. That could delay some important reports, like the monthly unemployment numbers and, notably, a crucial October release used to establish the raises America's seniors get on their monthly Social Security checks.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930socialsecuritydelay	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Social Security, 20250930socialsecuritydelay
Government shutdown: Markets, economy consequences won't be dire	Economy	In the past, at least, government shutdowns have been a micro story, not a macro story. That is, they have caused plenty of annoyance and disruption to the work of individual agencies but haven't had any meaningful impact on headline numbers like GDP or unemployment.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930marketimpact	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	shutdown, econo, 20250930marketimpact
Trump, Democrats leave meeting without deal to avoid government shutdown	Politics / Shutdown Standoff	Congressional leaders on Monday left a White House meeting with President Trump without a deal to avoid a government shutdown before government funding lapses in a little more than 24 hours. Both Republicans and Democrats remain dug in on their positions. Barring a last-minute breakthrough, a shutdown is increasingly likely.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930hukescutalemate	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	government shu, 20250930shutdownstalemate
Trump, Hegseth to meet military leaders at Quantico: What to know	Military / Power Moves	The Post reported that the order directed "all general officers in command in grade O-7 through O-10 and their general officer senior enlisted advisers" to attend but did not apply to top officers who hold staff positions.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930quanticomeeting	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Trump, Hegseth, 20250930quanticoeeting
Google to pay Trump \$22 million to settle YouTube lawsuit	Political Censorship	YouTube has agreed to pay President Trump \$22 million to settle his 2021 lawsuit, which he filed after the company suspended his account following the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot. "YouTube has been acquiescing to the Trump admin more broadly as well. The Trump admin has recently had its knives out for YouTube TV, with FCC Chair Brendan Carr pressuring the service to resolve its dispute with Fox, which it eventually did. YouTube also announced this month that it will launch a process to reinstate accounts of content creators who have been banned for spreading misinformation about COVID-19 and the 2020 election."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930youtubesettlement	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Trump, Google, 20250930youtubesettlement
QAnon shaman sues Trump for \$40 trillion in rambling lawsuit	Political Censorship	The QAnon shaman has sued Donald Trump for \$40 trillion in a rambling lawsuit that targets Elon Musk, T-Mobile, and Warner Bros. Jacob Chanley, infamous for wearing a horned warrior outfit while storming the U.S. Capitol on January 6, has claimed that he is the rightful commander-in-chief. In his 26-page complaint, he has claimed that an elite group has launched a conspiracy to violate the Constitution. The entire complaint, which is more akin to a manifesto than a formal legal document, is presented in a single paragraph.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930qanonlawsuit	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	QAnon shaman, 20250930qanonlawsuit
Trump Organization seeks \$1B deal to build 'Central Park-inspired' complex in Jeddah	Politics / Business Ties	The Trump family's presence in the Middle East continues to grow with the announcement of a huge new complex bearing the president's name, to be built in Saudi Arabia. On Monday Dar Global announced plans to launch a "Central Park Inspired" complex of "premium" residential and office buildings and parkland along the Red Sea coast to be named the "Trump Plaza Jeddah".	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930trumpjeddah	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Trump Organizat, 20250930trumpjeddah
Trump sued for sending National Guard to Portland	Politics / Civil Rights	Donald Trump's deployment of National Guard troops to Portland, Oregon is "wholly pretextual" and designed to stir up unrest to justify suspending the military and federal law enforcement into the city, according to a federal lawsuit from Oregon officials.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930portlandguard	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Trump, Portland, 20250930portlandguard
World's highest bridge unveiled at more than 2,000ft above ground	Weird World	The world's tallest bridge, which stands at more than 2,000ft above ground, has officially opened in China.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930highestbridge	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	China, bridge, inf, 20250930highestbridge
The cases swing, not me: Ex-Justice Kennedy reflects on a changing Supreme Court	Politics / Judiciary	We live in an era where reasoned, thoughtful, rational, respectful discourse has been replaced by antagonistic, confrontational conversation, he said, adding that "Democracy is not guaranteed to survive."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930supremecourt	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Supreme Court, 20250930kennedycourt
George Soros' foundation responds to Trump investigation threat	Political Censorship	President Trump said Thursday that Soros was "a likely candidate" for prosecution, though it wasn't clear what the charge would be. Soros, a billionaire financier, makes personal donations to Democrats and also founded the Open Society Foundations (OSF), which have donated to causes around the world. The OSF insists its activities are peaceful and legal, but it is unclear that this would matter. Last week the government procured an indictment of former FBI director James Comey despite questions about the strength of the case from the top federal prosecutor in Northern Virginia, among others. Trump installed his personal lawyer as an interim U.S. attorney to have Comey prosecuted on charges of lying to Congress. Attorney General Pam Bondi went along with the president, who had urged her in a social media post to prosecute Comey — contradicting her own testimony before Congress that she would act independently. The resulting indictment lacked the supporting evidence that is commonly included in such documents.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930sorosprosecute	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Trump, Soros, 20250930sorosprosecute
Fully MAGA-fied Christianity	Religion / Politics	Within this world exists a subculture that includes the so-called Theodolites, men who often identify as Christian nationalists who see themselves as theological warriors. In this subculture, compassion is viewed as a weakness, bullying and abusive language, snide putdowns, misogyny, and "owning the libs" are fashionable. They're the Christian version of shock jocks. Many of the leaders within the Christian-MAGA movement are autocratic, arrogant, and controlling; they lack accountability, demand unquestioned loyalty, and try to intimidate their critics, especially those within their church or denomination. The grievances and resentment they feel are impossible to overstate; they are suffering from a persecution complex. Fully MAGA-fied Christians view Trump as the "ultimate fighting machine," in the words of the historian Kristin Kobes Du Mez, and they love him for it. The most militant and fanatical Trump supporters refer to our era as a "Biblicofied moment." (The phrase is meant to draw parallels between the "woke left" in America and Nazism.) Hard-core MAGA Christians hardly make up the whole of American evangelicalism and fundamentalism, but they do constitute a large part of it, and they are on the ascendancy.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930democracyrace	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Christian national, 20250930magachristianity
The Race to Save America's Democracy	Politics / Democracy	Donald Trump likes to say he doesn't actually lose elections—only the "rigged" ones. Such comments are not mere bluster, like the president's boasts about golf. They are threats to democracy, which is more fragile than many Americans may realize. Although Trump himself may operate on instinct, his more disciplined advisers are masterminding a steady accumulation of power. The very bedrock of American democracy—free and fair elections—is under threat. Already there is talk of redrawing district maps, banning mail-in ballots and electronic-voting machines, and rewriting voting rules. If the administration is allowed to continue on this path, Americans should not take the integrity of next year's midterms for granted. But rangers say the real crisis is happening beyond the trails and campgrounds, where visitors can't see it. Park employees' experiences, which several people described to me and dozens more have shared publicly, suggest that the Department of the Interior sacrificed long-term stewardship of American lands to maintain a veneer of normalcy for this summer's crowds. "We are really pulling out all the stops to make sure that the impacts are being hidden," an emergency-services ranger in the western United States told me. (She and other park employees I spoke with for this story requested anonymity, out of fear of losing their job.)	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930democracyrace	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Trump, Putin, de, 20250930democracyrace
Trump Is Setting the National Parks Up to Fail	Environment / Policy	Louisiana issued a warrant for a California-based doctor accused of mailing abortion pills to the red state, court records filed earlier this month show.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930abortionwarrant	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	national parks, 20250930parkfail
Louisiana issues warrant for California doctor accused of mailing abortion pills	Politics / Reproductive Rights	More than 100,000 federal workers are to formally resign on Tuesday, the largest such mass event in US history, as part of a Trump administration program designed to make sweeping cuts to the federal workforce.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930massresignation	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Louisiana, Califo, 20250930abortionwarrant
Trump news at a glance: 100,000+ federal workers to quit Tuesday in largest mass resignation ever	Politics / Trump Administration	Two attorneys in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) anti-discrimination division said they were fired on Monday, a week after going public with a whistleblower report alleging that the Trump administration had dismantled efforts to combat residential segregation.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930hudwhistleblowers	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Trump, federal w, 20250930massresignation
US whistleblowers say they were fired for raising fair housing concerns	Politics / Accountability	After clashes with law enforcement at an ICE facility in suburban Chicago over the weekend, four protesters are facing federal charges, including one who threatened to kill an agent, according to the criminal complaints. Dozens of federal law enforcement officers in tactical gear deployed non-lethal munitions while pushing back a crowd of protesters outside the facility Saturday evening. For weeks, protesters have gathered at that location, about 10 miles west of Chicago, to protest ramped-up ICE enforcement and aggressive tactics. In recent days, agents stationed at that facility on the ground and from the roof have used pepper balls, rubber bullets, and tear gas to clear out protesters.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930iceprotesters	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Trump, HUD, whi, 20250930hudwhistleblowers
4 Illinois ICE facility protesters face federal charges	Crime / Immigration	Earlier this month, the Supreme Court rendered obsolete the 4th Amendment's prohibition on suspicious seizures by the police. When the court stayed the district court's decision in Noem vs. Vasquez-Pineda, it green-lighted an era of policing in which people can be stopped and seized for little more than how they look, the job they work or the language they speak.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930ilceprosecution	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	ICE, protesters, 20250930iceprotesters
Contributor: The 4th Amendment will no longer protect you	Civil Liberties	Now, police no longer need race-neutral person-specific suspicion (pretextual or real) to seize someone. Appearing "Latino" — itself an indeterminate descriptor because it is an ethnicity, not defined by shared physical traits — along with speaking Spanish and appearing to work a low-wage job is enough, even if you have done nothing to raise suspicion.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930fourthamendment	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Fourth Amendme, 20250930fourthamendment
Democrats question 'contingency plans' for meeting of top US military leaders	Politics / Military Oversight	Democratic Sens. Tammy Duckworth (Ill.) and Mazie Hirono (Hawaii) in a Saturday letter to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth called for transparency regarding the meeting he will hold Tuesday with top military leaders. Duckworth and Hirono, both members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said in their letter that the meeting "raises profound concerns about security, cost and operational impacts." They said that the meeting endangers the personal security of those in attendance and the national security of the country.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930militaryplans	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Democrats, milit, 20250930militaryplans
Here's what is so different about the brewing government shutdown	Politics / Shutdown Standoff	The clash between President Donald Trump and congressional Democrats comes against the backdrop of the most aggressive attempt by a president to impose unfettered power in modern times. So the shutdown brinkmanship will take on a wider narrative of whether a rampant president can be slowed or stopped on any issue.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930shutdownunique	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	shutdown, Trump, 20250930shutdownunique
Federal drug prosecutions fall to lowest level in decades as Trump shifts focus to deportations	Politics / Justice	The number of people charged with breaking federal drug laws dropped to the lowest level in decades this year after the Trump administration ordered enforcement agencies to focus on deporting immigrants, a Reuters review of nearly 2 million federal court records found.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930drugprosecutions	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	drug prosecutions, 20250930drugprosecutions
FBI boss Kash Patel gave New Zealand officials 3D-printed guns illegal to possess	Politics / International Scandal	On a visit to New Zealand, FBI Director Kash Patel gave the country's police and spy bosses gifts of inoperable pistols that were illegal to possess under local gun laws and had to be destroyed, New Zealand law enforcement agencies told The Associated Press. It wasn't clear what permissions Patel had sought to bring the weapons into the country. A spokesperson for Patel told the AP Tuesday that the FBI would not comment.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930patelguns	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Kash Patel, FBI, 20250930patelguns
Government shutdown could leave military top brass stranded	Military / Shutdown Impact	More than 800 general-level officers have been invited to the meeting, held a day before a government shutdown is expected to come into force, which would see federal funding halted. If government spending is stopped, federal workers, including some pilots, may be furloughed and flights into military bases cut back. It means four-star generals could face difficulty returning to their posts.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930militaryshutdown	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	shutdown, militar, 20250930militarystranded
Judge in Charlie Kirk shooter case appears to warn Trump	Politics / Judiciary	Let me be clear: I will not put my finger on the scale of justice," Graf said. He later added: Counsel, regardless of who is watching, whether it is the nation or a single individual, we must fulfill our roles with integrity, civility, and diligence."	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930kirkjudge	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Charlie Kirk, shoo, 20250930kirkjudge
Pennsylvania families fight Trump Justice Department subpoenas for their trans kids' private medical records	Politics / Civil Rights	A federal judge in New York warned Department of Justice officials last week that endorsing Trump's claim that Luigi Mangione is guilty of fatally shooting UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson ahead of trial, could result in sanctions against the prosecution — or relief for the accused. In Pennsylvania, two federal judges appointed by President Barack Obama are now at the center of a fight over whether the U.S. government can seize the private medical records of transgender youth. The battle, two legal cases unfolding in both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, pits families and hospitals against the Department of Justice and raises fundamental questions about constitutional privacy, federal power, and the future of gender-affirming health care in the United States.	https://thn.tiny.us/20250930transrecords	https://www.abc2.com	2025-09-30	Trump, DOJ, Per, 20250930transrecords

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[3] making the most dangerous jobs more dangerous